

MAISON D'HAÏTI



Over 40 years of service
to the community



STATUS, HISTORY, MISSION, APPROACH, VALUES

- Maison d'Haïti is a non-profit organization founded in 1972 by a group of young Haitian students. It is dedicated to the education and integration of people and immigrant families and the creation and development of strong bonds with Quebec society.



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- *" Maison d'Haïti's work is a testimony of the dynamic life of the Haitian community in Quebec and is an example of its involvement in sensitive and controversial issues for Haitians as well as Quebec society. "*

Since its foundation, Maison d'Haïti has been a part of the community movement in Quebec. It has contributed to the creation of many associations and coalitions and addressed many important socio-political issues: literacy campaign, popular education and social integration of people from cultural communities, women movements, access to employment, human rights, family dynamics and youth social integration. Not to forget struggles against all forms of discrimination and racism which is one of the main axes of mobilization and intervention of Maison d'Haïti.

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- All the centre's interventions are based on a civic participation approach. Its main goal is to provide tools to help participants voice their concerns and act upon them.
- A civic approach focusing on the ability of citizens to understand their environment, to [control it] and to make choices collectively.
- An intercultural approach which involves citizens freely organizing for collective action based on their interests.



FEW EXAMPLES OF CIVIC EDUCATION AND PARTICIPATION ACTIVITIES

- Information sessions (awareness of their environment and Quebec society, Commission des droits de la personne, SPVM...) /targeted groups : new commers and other participants new commers and other participants, literacy groups, « café-rencontres »);
- « Mois d'activités féminisme »/Women International Day (targeted groups : public – multi-générationnel);
- Leadership and human rights activities in partnership wiht *Girls Action Foundation* and *Equitas*;
- Meeting with the district representative of Villeray/St-Michel, Parc-Extension on « The role of a district representative : the reality of a woman in politics » (targeted groups : new commers and other participants);
- Participation in city council meeting (new commers and other participants);
- Other activities of Maison d'Haïti and neiborhood (General assembly, outings , community meetigs « Rendez-vous citoyens », event launches, awereness programs- health. ie.: high blood pressure, diabetes, breast cancer. etc);
- Up coming local elections (emphasis on exercising their vote, how to vote, canadien political system, volunteering/groupes cible : (targeted groups : new commers and other participants).

Libérez la Reine en vous !

**Un mois d'activités féministes
du 8 mars au 6 avril 2013**

**Le Dossier Femmes de la Maison d'Haïti
vous invite à 2 événements dans le cadre
de son Mois d'activités féministes**

Sous le patronage de la Grande Anacaona,
Reine d'Ayiti Kiskeya Boyo (14...1534)

**Le féminisme, plus actuel que jamais !
Pour des lendemains égalitaires,
Libérez la Reine en vous !**



Journée internationale des femmes

Lancement: 8 mars de 18h00 à 20h00

Au programme

Conférence
Prestations artistiques
Projection
Interventions...

Journée Nationale du Mouvement des Femmes Haïtiennes

Clôture: 6 avril de 16h00 à 20h00

Au programme

Conférence
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Animation : Maguy Métellus

Lieu:

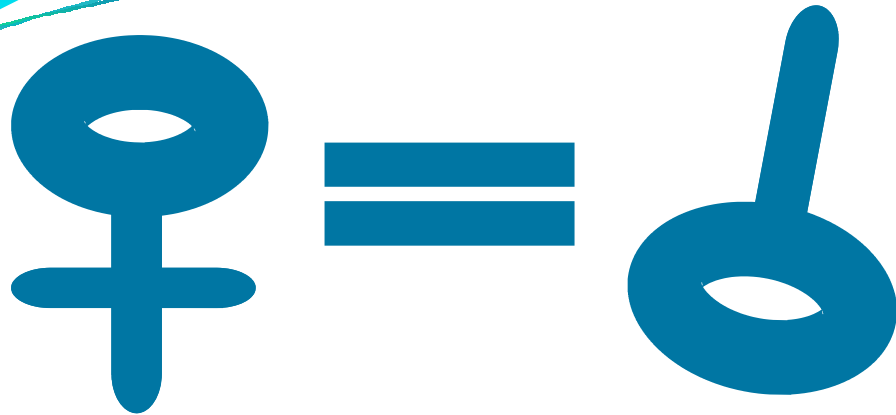
7501, rue François-Perrault,
Montréal, Qc, H2A 1M1

Métro Saint-Michel / Places de stationnement disponibles

Pour informations ?contacter la Maison d'Haïti: 514-326-3022 poste 225 ou 221



FEMINISM, MORE CURRENT THAN EVER!



A tomorrow

... with justice for all

Conference subject: *How can feminism help women of African descent allow the « queen » to blossom?*

- Participation of our spiritual native sisters : Maria Camps, metis Tayino, Karayib, Arawak from South-America and Mediterranean people; Carmène Michaud, metis Huronne; Anne Saint-Denis, femme spirituelle.





Notre histoire, Notre avenir

Échange intergénérationnel

Présence de la Maire d'arrondissement de Villeray, St-Michel, Parc-Extension et d'autres leaders

Tu es âgé(e)s entre 12 et 30 ans et tu aimerais vivre une expérience enrichissante sur le leadership? Viens te joindre à nous.

Quand: Samedi 20 avril 2013

Où: Maison du citoyen, 7501, rue François-Perrault, Montréal, H2A 1M1

Un repas chaud sera servi/Service de halte-garderie offert

Ateliers énergisants (zumba, boot camp)

Atelier de respiration consciente et de techniques de libération de tensions

Démonstration de gumboots



Ce forum vous apportera:

- une meilleure connaissance de votre communauté
- un échange interculturel
- une connaissance de l'histoire des femmes leaders
- des outils pour développer vos propres capacités de leader (atelier de respiration en conscience)
- la possibilité de créer des liens avec d'autres jeunes et des leaders

Invitez une personne de votre famille ou votre entourage qui est un leader selon vous (qui a fait bouger les choses) ou pensez à quelqu'un et partager-le avec nous.

Organisé par Maison d'Haïti, 514-326-3022
poste 227, www.mhaiti.org



LEADERSHIP AND HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVITIES

equitas

Centre international d'éducation aux droits humains
International Centre for Human Rights Education

www.equitas.org

Young Women, Young Leaders

Stand up. Lead. Change.

Are you a young woman looking to build leadership skills and find new ways to participate?

Do you want to put your ideas together with other young women to create change in your community?

We can't wait to meet you!

Young Women, Young Leaders project creates spaces for young women, ages **15 to 25**, to:

- Get together and meet new people!
- ★ Discuss and address issues that most affect them in their daily lives.
- ★ Build their confidence and leadership skills, because knowledge is power!
- ★ Use their creativity to act for change in their community.

To learn more about the **Young Women, Young Leaders** project contact:

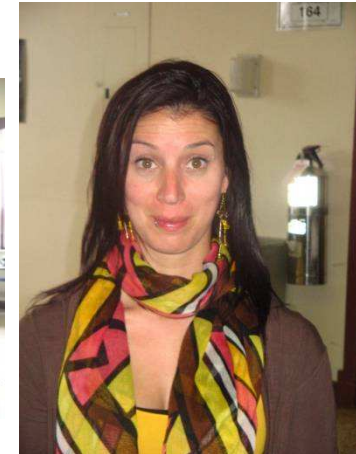
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OTHER ACTIVITIES (MAISON D'HAÏTI AND NEIBORHOOD)



OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH PARTNERS

(Candidates, local leaders, other organizations, schools, volunteers, artists, SPVM, schools, media, etc.)

- Participation in many of our activities and programs.
- Financial support.



OBSTACLES TO MOBILIZATION AND CIVIC PARTICIPATION

- Language barriers;
- Legal status;
- Fear of going out unaccompanied; (Lack of initiative)
- Social and economic status (limited access to transportation due to financial hardship, preoccupation with their basic needs, single parenthood, babysitting needs, etc);
- Availability (working hours);
- Lack of interest (do not feel concerned).



STRATEGIES TO OVERCOME THOSE OBSTACLES

- Inform and educate;
- Generate their interest;
- Accompany;
- Integrate certain activities to their program schedule (ie. : french literacy , Young Parents Network, Just For Her);
- Frequent solicitation (generate awareness: repeated phone calls, announcements in classrooms);
- Get participants involved in the planning of certain activities (eg.: meal preparation, room decoration, special presentations);
- Bus tickets (depending on financial resources);
- Free drop-in daycare. (Autres photos à venir)

