

The Dialogue + Initiative in Action aims to create spaces for intercultural dialogue and to mobilize young people!

Sherbrooke, September 18, 2020 – Actions interculturelles is pleased to announce financial assistance of \$ 108,717 for the realization of its Dialogue + in action project, granted by the Ministère de l'Immigration, de la Francisation et de l'Intégration (MIFI) as part of its programme Mobilisation-Diversité.

The Dialogue + in action project aims to strengthen social and intercultural dialogue in society and promote the establishment of winning conditions generated by young people in order to foster harmonious living together. This initiative addresses cultural diversity as an asset through an awareness campaign. The project will also call on the collaboration of local partners such as the University of Sherbrooke, the City of Sherbrooke, community organizations, businesses and community stakeholders who will carry out public interventions to raise awareness of positive intercultural dialogue. The project will also allow the relaunch of the "On se ressemble plus qu'on pense" campaign, which when aired in the fall of 2018 had generated significant impact in the community.

The project has an important component that will allow young Dialogue + leaders to get involved and rally together for a more inclusive society. They will be able to further develop their leadership by being supported by the project team to organize activities such as spaces for dialogue and public interventions with targeted actors.

"Giving a voice to young people, promoting community involvement and contributing to the integration of people with an immigrant background through exchanges; this unifying project remains in direct line with the orientations of the Ministry. We are therefore proud to provide financial support for this initiative, which will have a positive impact on the entire Sherbrooke community. "

Nadine Girault, Minister of Immigration, Francization and Integration and Minister of International Relations and La Francophonie

"It emerges through the interplay between cultures common interests that come together and generate enriching exchanges. And who is best positioned than young people to value positive intercultural dialogue and allow the promotion of values and actions that promote harmonious relationships? I congratulate Actions interculturelles and its partners for this great initiative of concrete actions to live better together in our pluralist society. "

Geneviève Hébert, Member of Parliament for Saint-François and Deputy Government Whip

"One of the major strengths of the project is to position young people as agents of change and to promote their involvement in the community. This project gives them the tools to develop their



leadership, to speak in the media and in the authorities of the region to propose innovative solutions to prevent discrimination and to highlight elements shared by the various communities ”, indicates the two co-presidents of the project, Mrs. Annie Godbout, municipal councilor at the City of Sherbrooke and president of the intercultural relations and diversity committee as well as Mr. David Morin, professor at the University of Sherbrooke, co-holder of the UNESCO Chair in the prevention of radicalization and the violent extremist.

“The strength of this project is the contribution of young leaders and community partners. I thank them warmly for their involvement ”said Mr. Mohamed Soulami, Executive Director of Actions interculturelles.

Young people aged 15 to 30 who wish to get involved in the project will be able to do so in different ways and according to their interests. They will be able to work as much on the organization of spaces for dialogue as on participation in intercultural activities or speaking during public interventions. The activities will run until March 2021. Those interested in participating in any of the activities provided for in this project can contact 819 822-4180 or by email at aide@aide.org. All activities will be organized taking into account the health and safety measures put in place by the government, in the context of COVID-19.

Programme Mobilisation-Diversité

The programme Mobilisation-Diversité of the Ministère de l'Immigration, de la Francisation et de l'Intégration aims to promote the full participation in French of immigrants in society and to bring together the conditions conducive to attraction and sustainable establishment in the regions of Quebec.

About Actions interculturelles

Actions interculturelles is a non-profit organization whose mission is to promote the contribution of cultural diversity to our society by promoting sharing between the different communities here and elsewhere. Its varied projects reach diverse audiences for the purpose of education, awareness of pluralism and collaboration in multicultural events.

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