



COMMUNITY CONNECT NEWSLETTER

October 2021

West Island Community Sector:
**Rooted in Unity,
Empowering Community**

Welcome to the October edition of Community Connect. Our goal for this newsletter is to create a space to share news of interest to community group teams. We welcome your feedback! [Click here](#) to share your thoughts.

NEW INITIATIVES

Le Spot Cafe

On Rock Community Services has opened a new pay-what-you-can diner and café. [Find out more!](#)

Motiv-Action with a new vision!

Projet Communautaire de Pierrefonds (PCP), tutoring program for 6 to 12 year olds, is back with a new vision and a revisited curriculum. Motiv-Action offers academic support and new group activities to help navigate subjects such as social skills, mental health, and serve as a resource of emotional support for the children. [Learn more here.](#)

COMMUNITY QUESTION

Does your organization have employees who are interested in improving their French language skills?

[Click here](#) and let us know.

Thank you for taking the time to share your comments, they are important to us!

CELEBRATE

Friends for Mental Health is celebrating its many accomplishments over the last **40 years**. Join their virtual anniversary gala on October 8th. [Details here.](#)

Register: 514-636-6885 or info@asmfmh.org

LGBTQ2+ West Island is celebrating **10 years** of advocacy and support, and providing essential LGBTQ2+ specific services to the West Island community! [Read more here.](#)

DID YOU KNOW...

- **The West Island YMCA** offers a confidential, voluntary and free community mediation service. [Click here for more information.](#)
- **AJOI's** free workshops are back! Offered to schools, and community and institutional settings. Topics examples; sexuality education, mental health, prevention of sexual exploitation, the reality of homelessness, substance abuse and many others. [Details here.](#)
- **Alzheimer Group Inc:** AGI Activity Centre - Resuming in-person soon! If you are interested in AGI's in-person activity centre call 514-485-7233.
- **Carrefour jeunesse-emploi de l'Ouest de l'Île** is moving to a new office! The new location is 52 Boul. [52 Boul. Hymus](#). Pointe-Claire.
- **CIMOI** can provide your organization with unpaid professional internships with insurance coverage available October 4 to 29, 2021. [More details here.](#)
- **Literacy Unlimited** offers free, confidential, online (and limited in-person) tutoring for English-speaking adults in the West Island. For info: 514-694-000 or info@literacyunlimited.ca
- Next month, **the CRC** will be launching a new website to help Connect, Promote and Support the West Island Community Sector! Including; a new community calendar and job listing page, as well as feature pages for West Island Not for Profit organizations with video capsules, printable program pages and more!

EVENTS

October 7, 14 & 22

Director Meet-Ups

An online space for directors of community organizations to meet, chat, ask a question or share an idea. Hosted by the CRC. [Join us when you can!](#)

October 11 to 17

Quebec Youth Centre Week

More than 200 activities for teens and communities across Quebec, organized by RMJQ member youth centres. [Details here.](#)

October 27

Community Team Member Meet-Up

An online space for community team members to meet, chat, and exchange ideas.

[Sign up with the CRC.](#)

October 28th

Director Discussion

A monthly event for Directors to exchange ideas, share challenges, discuss strategies on a specific topic. Hosted by the CRC.

October topic: How does your organization communicate with the community?

WELCOME & FAREWELL

In the West Island, many of us feel that we are part of a bigger collaborative team - the WI Community Sector. We welcome new team members and wish all the best to those leaving. Please share your team updates: news@crcinfo.ca

The West Island Black Community Association's Board of Directors is pleased to welcome **Ms. Joan Lee** in her new role as President. [Details here.](#)

OMEGA Community Resources would like to announce the nomination of **Dawn Bostock** to the position of Director of Operations. [Details here.](#)

VOBOC's Board of Directors is pleased to announce the appointment of **Véronique Synnott** as Executive Director. [Click for the announcement.](#)

TRAININGS

October 5

Background and Criminal Record Checks

for Candidates and Volunteers: Guidance for Nonprofits and Charities

CharityVillage is offering a free webinar about Criminal Record Checks for candidates, volunteers, and employees. [Register here.](#)

October 13

Community Sector Virtual Orientation

Orientation session for community team members, offered by the CRC. Learn more about West Island's Community Resources and network including the tables and committees of the territory.

[Register here.](#)

October 15

Exploring the Basics of Dementia

Offered by West Island Citizen Advocacy. The seminar will focus on the different types of dementia, how to distinguish normal memory loss associated with aging and dementia. [Register here.](#)

October 29

Know your Tablet: A Beginner's Guide

Bring your tablet and join West Island Citizen Advocacy to discover new ways to enjoy your tablet. [More info.](#)

FUNDRAISERS

October 24

Spaghetti Dinner

Support ABOVAS and join them at Mundo Trattoria between 12pm and 6:30pm. There are 5 seatings and take-out options! [Details here.](#)

October 30

Haunted House

West Island Citizen Advocacy invites you to one of the biggest outdoor haunted houses! From 4 to 9pm at 580 Pine Beach, Dorval. Entrance is free, but an optional donation can be made.

JOB POSTINGS

Housekeeper

West-Nette [More info](#)

Program Coordinator

LOVE QC [More info](#)

Bilingual Liaison Coordinator

VOBOC [More info](#)

Bilingual Program Coordinator

VOBOC [More info](#)

Family Support Worker

PCP [More info](#)

Street Outreach Worker

AJOI [More info](#)

CONNECT

November 18th

Deadline to submit content for the November edition

Does your organization have: news to share? An event, fundraiser, or training of interest to community group team members? A new program or milestone to celebrate? Send your information to news@crcinfo.ca

Join Our Mailing List!

If you are interested in being on our Community Connect mailing list please [sign-up here](#)

VOLUNTEERISM

In person volunteering is becoming possible again for some nonprofit organizations.

Volunteer West Island would like to know what your organization's volunteer needs are. [Watch this video clip](#) to see how they can help your team recruit volunteers and complete [this form](#) to share your needs.

Volunteer West Island would like to thank their partners in the media and the non-profit organizations for publicizing the volunteer needs for their Meals on Wheels Kitchen.

Over 60 volunteers have come forward to join this crucial service team!

VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT

Literacy Unlimited is currently recruiting volunteer tutors. [Learn more.](#)

Big Brother Big Sister West Island continues the search for 25 male mentors. [Apply here.](#)

YMCA West Island is looking for volunteers for Teen Zone to help youth ages 12-17 that are struggling in specific subjects academically. [Details here.](#)

L'Équipe Entreprise is looking for volunteers for their kitchens and for 2 board members. [Contact here.](#)

COMMUNITY CALENDAR



the West Island Community Sector

**CONNECT.
PROMOTE.
SUPPORT.**