



COMMUNITY CONNECT NEWSLETTER

**December 2021 &
January 2022**

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

Welcome to the December/January 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

FUNDRAISERS

Cookbook for Sale

Bread Basket's cookbook, *Simple Local Fare*, includes seasonal recipes, stories of local farmers and beautiful photos. All funds raised support food security programming. Buy [here](#).

Holiday Market

The first Marché des fêtes de DORVAL, benefiting **West Island Community Shares**, is an outdoor holiday market on weekends from December 3rd to the 19th. Details [here](#).

Holiday Giveaway

The **West Island Black Community Association** is partnering with the Black Business Atlas for a giveaway to help give families toys and food for the holidays. For more information and how to donate, click [here](#).

Click to see more
fundraisers!

TRAININGS

December 16

Navigating the Holidays for Caregivers

Join the AGI Support Services team for a free online webinar to learn about ways you can make the festive season enjoyable for all! To register, click [here](#).

December 22

Applying Online: Understanding ATS- Agence Ometz

An online workshop on everything you need to know about scannable resumé and understanding the Applicant Tracking Systems companies use today. To register, click [here](#).

December - April

Centraide Community Training

A series of free mental health workshops for community workers offered in French. For more information, click [here](#).

January

Alzheimer Groupe Inc. will be hosting the Alzheimer Awareness Conference in January for Alzheimer Awareness Month, which includes a series of lectures that raise awareness about the disease. For more information email info@agiteam.org.

January 11

Certificate in Non-Profit Leadership

A 10 week course offered by John Abbott College in collaboration with West Island Community Shares to support the professional development of current and aspiring leaders of non-profit organizations. For more information, click [here](#).

January 25 - Feb 05

Preventing Sexual Violence against Young Children- Lantern Training Program

The Marie-Vincent Foundation is offering free online training sessions from the Lantern program to community workers working with toddlers throughout Quebec. For more information, click [here](#).

EVENTS

December 9 & 16

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!](#)

December 3 & 10

Community kitchens

Bread Basket offers community kitchens, which are groups of people (4 to 6), accompanied by a kitchen animator, who, together, prepare a balanced, appetizing and economical meal in three steps (cooking, eating and sharing portions). [Register today!](#)

December 4

Holiday Market

Visit Bread Basket's holiday market and browse an assortment of canned preserves and their new cookbook; *Simple Local Fair*. Details [here](#).

December 10

Jingle and Mingle

Hosted by the CRC, Jingle & Mingle is the chance for everyone that works in the West Island community sector to come together, network and celebrate the holidays together. [Register here](#).

December 11

Exceptional Holiday

Kick off the Holiday season with WIAIH and Santa, all WIAIH families, participants and members are invited. To register, click [here](#).

Click to see more
community events!

CELEBRATE

- The **CRC's new website** is now LIVE! Take a moment to check out a new [promo video](#) that celebrates the West Island Community sector!
- After only 3 weeks of launching their online Annual Campaign, **NOVA** has reached 14% of their \$150,000 goal. View their new & improved website [here](#) and help NOVA spread the word

JOB POSTINGS

Click on the buttons below to view the full job postings.

Housekeeper
West-Nette

Social Researcher (part-time student)
West Island Community Resource Centre

Program Coordinator
Angelman Respite Centre

Coordinator - Community and Volunteer relations
WIAIH

Seniors Care Worker - Active Action
WIAIH

Biologist- Research and Conservation
Ecomuseum Zoo

**Teen Zone Youth Worker -
Plus One Mentoring Program**
West Island YMCA

Various Positions
Action Jeunesse de l'Ouest-de-l'Île (AJOI)

Click to see more
community jobs!

VOLUNTEERISM

December 5th

International Volunteers Day

An opportunity to acknowledge the contribution that volunteers make to the community. To see the impact made by Volunteer West Island, click [here](#).

Does your Community Organization need volunteers? Visit Volunteer West Island's website and follow 3 easy steps:

1. [Click](#) on the Community Services tab.
2. [Click](#) on Support to Organizations.
3. [Complete](#) the Request form.

DID YOU KNOW...

- Due to extraordinary circumstances, the **West Island Crisis Centre** will be closed this holiday season from December 24th to January 3rd. Alternate resources for crisis support are; Suicide Action Montreal 1-866-277-3553 and Tel-Aide 514-935-1101. For more information, click [here](#).
- In collaboration with **West Island Community Shares**, Plaza Pointe Claire is once again hosting its tree decorating contest. They have 15 lighted trees and are looking for groups to decorate them. For more information, click [here](#).
- **Literacy Unlimited** is looking for members to join their board of directors. For more information, click [here](#).
- **Bread Basket** is looking to fill the Treasurer position on their board of directors. For more information, contact corbeilledepain@gmail.com
- **WIAIH** has received a donation of Christmas tree stands and they would like to offer some to other groups. If you know of an organization or family who could benefit from one please contact WIAIH at 514-694-7090 or info@wiah.qc.ca (first come first served).

COMMUNITY QUESTION

Have you been thinking about ways to connect with other community organizations in the West Island sector? Click [here](#) to see all the organizations you can collaborate with.



the West Island Community Sector

**CONNECT.
PROMOTE.
SUPPORT.**

SAVE THE DATE 2022

January 31

Red and White Gala

After 2 years, West Island Community Shares annual Red and White gala is back! Save the date- January 31st 2022. More details coming soon!

March 23 & April 27

Under the Cover

Literacy Unlimited will be hosting an online fundraising event featuring two guest authors discussing books, the writing process and answering audience questions. For more information, click [here](#).

April 30

Challenge of the Brave

Create a team of four and join this fun, new fundraiser for the West Island Cancer Wellness Centre! For more information, click [here](#).

NEXT EDITION

January 17

Deadline to submit content for the February 2022 Newsletter

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

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