



**6th INTERNATIONAL YOUTH MEETING  
"FULLY HUMAN: YOUTH IN THE CITY"**

**March 27 to April 5, 2008 in Montreal**

Centre de recherche de Montréal sur les inégalités sociales et les  
discriminations (CREMIS)  
1250 Sanguinet, Room 461

Montreal, Thursday, March 20, 2008 - The Centre de recherche de Montréal sur les inégalités sociales, les discriminations et les pratiques alternatives de citoyenneté (CREMIS) and Images Interculturelles presents, as part of the 9<sup>th</sup> Action Week Against Racism, the **6<sup>th</sup> Annual International Youth Meeting/ Rendez-vous des jeunes (RVDJ)**. Every year for the past six years, young people from different countries concerned about issues of discrimination, race profiling and ghettoization have been meeting in Montreal for the International Youth Meeting to formulate strategies for action.

**The 2008 International Youth Meeting**, which runs **March 27 to April 5**, brings together some twenty young Francophones from Quebec and France, ranging in age from 18 to 35. All actively involved in the fight against racism, they will take part in workshops, plenary sessions, and a seminar/discussion on young people's rights. Many of the French nationals attending have first-hand experience of racism in France's *banlieues* - the infamous housing projects on the outskirts of cities like Paris and Lyons. This is a unique opportunity for youth from some of Montreal's tougher neighbourhoods and those from the French projects to compare notes on experiences and strategies.

The theme chosen by the organizers of the 2008 Youth Meeting is *Fully Human: Youth in the City*. As Christopher McAll, one of the Meeting organizers, reminds us, "We see the civic rights of youth being swept aside every day - their right to be downtown without being hassled, their right to an education, to spaces for play and self-expression, and to jobs that respect their rights and their hopes for the future. They have a right to get enough to eat, to decent housing, to health care and protection from abuse. Young people should be treated as full citizens who contribute to the planning that affects those rights."

On the final day of the Meeting, Friday, April 4 at 5 pm at the SAT, the participants will present the results of their reflections, first-hand accounts, analysis, and action priorities at an evening of music, theatre and media. They will meet again the next night, April 5, 7 pm, at Solidarythmé (Music Against Racism). Both events take place at SAT (Société des arts technologiques, 1195 Saint-Laurent, St-Laurent metro).

**International Youth Meetings**

Some one hundred recommendations have come out of the International Youth Meetings in Montreal. They have been submitted to the Quebec government and to the United Nations Special Rapporteur (2004). They have also been broadcast on radio programs dealing with racism (2005) and used to create

a Toolbox (2006) for the building of "Racism-Free Zones". The **International Youth Meeting/Rendez-vous des jeunes 2008** is an initiative of the Centre de recherche de Montréal sur les inégalités sociales et les discriminations (CREMIS), Images Interculturelles/ Inforacisme.com, and the Offices jeunesse internationaux du Québec (OJIQ).

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