



Montreal **ASSAULT PREVENTION CENTRE**

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2012-2013, A YEAR FOCUSED ON SHARING

Last year the MAPC celebrated a fruitful harvest in matters financial. This year the focus has been on the exchanging of information and ideas with other organisations and individuals. There have been meetings between the CAP teams from Montreal, Quebec and Ontario, an International conference for women's self-defence trainers in Brussels and meetings are scheduled with the community services for the City of Montreal in 2012-2013. In addition to these exchanges of practical information and philosophy with other groups, the MAPC has also increased its involvement with the media: a report to appear on the channel Avis de recherché and an interview with Frontenac Community Television. (Newsletter September 14th: www.tcfrentenac.org/BUL-029.html)



The MAPC expresses its **SATISFACTION**

The MAPC would like to express its satisfaction with the recent decision made by the Quebec Superior Court to halt the destruction of data collected for the gun registry and support Quebec's right to this information. The MAPC has worked for many years with the Coalition for Gun Control. Congratulations to everyone at the coalition for not abandoning the struggle for sensible laws for the possession of guns, if not in Canada at least in Quebec.

Randa MESHKI and Rahma HASHI (COPA) visiting the MAPC.

ACTION

From October 3rd to the 7th, the Action coordinator Sofia RODRIGUEZ and two instructors, Béatrice CHATEAUVERT-GAGNON and Erika DIAZ, will be in Brussels, Belgium participating in the International Meeting of Feminist Trainers of Self defence. The conference and invitation are an initiative of the GARANCE organisation. Travel was made possible by the generosity of their Belgium hosts and the participation of the Quebec Ministry for Foreign Relations. A report will follow.

FREE COURSES

In the context of a project for the sensitization of women with limited mobility to the prevention of violence, the Centre will be offering 3 courses this autumn: two for women with reduced mobility and one for women with a hearing impairment. These courses are subsidised by the Canadian Women's Foundation.

Thanks to a subsidy provided by Status of Women Canada the Action Team will be providing one workshop of 14 hours and five of three hours for women living in shelters. A self-defence course will also be offered for the staff at the shelters. Leona Heilig has been editing a collection of women's success stories of stopping abuse within the mandate of the same project. These uplifting stories are being translated into French and English and will be available in the Spring of 2013.



CAP

Cap began the year at the **Mountain Sights Community Centre**, where we offered, for the first time, workshops for pre-school children, their parents and teachers. The next school, **École Laurentide** in Ville Saint Laurent, will also be a new experience for the team. In November we will be revisiting **Nesbitt School** in Rosemont which fortunately avoided being closed, due to the enthusiastic support shown by its parents. We will finish 2012 at **John Grant High School**, offering our assault prevention program for people with an intellectual disability to its students.

COPA PRESENTS ITS WORKSHOP STRAIGHT TALK (FRANC PARLER)

Late last Spring, the Cap team was able to reciprocate the warm welcome we received in Toronto last year by hosting a second exchange of programs with two instructors sent to Montreal by the **Centre ontarien de prévention des agressions (COPA)**. Our instructors were introduced to the workshop **Straight Talk (Franc Parler)**, developed by COPA for male students in grades 11 and 12, which promotes healthy and equal relationships between young men and women. We would like to thank **Randa MESHKI** for her inspiring presentation on how to involve young men in solving the problem of violence against women.



MEETING WITH THE MONTREAL POLICE SERVICES

For several years now, the MAPC has benefited from the support of **Stéphanie Morin a detective sergeant with the Specialized Investigations Division of the Montreal Police Service**. Mme Morin is also an active member of the Table de concertation sur les agressions à caractère sexuel, where she first became aware of the activities of the MAPC. Later she expressed a desire to observe a CAP workshop. Excited by the approach of the workshops with children and convinced of their relevance, Stephanie Morin has actively promoted the CAP program and the follow-up workshop Confidence, Solidarity and Respect amongst her fellow police officers. Last June, as a result of her interest in our programming, Stéphanie Morin arranged for Virginie Le Galès, a CAP instructor to give a presentation to her team of fellow police officers at their office. Again in September Ana Camacho gave a presentation to community police officers in the district of Henri-Bourassa. These were occasions to promote the tools of prevention proposed by the MAPC and reinforce the feminist philosophy of empowerment underlying our workshops, as well as to share information on the resources available to victims of assault. Thank you to Stéphanie Morin and the teams we met for their warm welcome and interest in our work.

MEETING WITH THE CAP TEAM FROM THE QUEBEC CITY REGION

Last September 12th, instructors Ana Camacho and Virginie Le Galès were invited by **the CAP team for the region of Quebec City** to give a presentation of the workshop Confidence, Solidarity and Respect, created by the MAPC and offered since 2003 for students in grades 5 and 6. This first warm and enthusiastic meeting to promote the programme CSR also allowed an enriching and constructive discussion of the similarities and differences faced by the teams in Montreal and Quebec in presenting the CAP program. Future meetings are envisioned to discuss ways in which information for parents around the issues of intimidation and positive discipline with children can be added to our current workshops or put in the format of a new presentation. This meeting also allowed the CAP instructors to appreciate how the reality of our multi-cultural city influences our day-to-day work, a factor which is not as evident in the City of Quebec. Many thanks to the CAP team from the Quebec City region for their invitation. Link: www.roeq.qc.ca

ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The MAPC will be holding its AGM
on the **21st of November from 6:30pm-8:00pm**
at our office, located at 4617 Saint-Denis Street.
Members are required to have paid their fees
by November 7th 2012
to be eligible to vote at the AGM.

ODDS AND ENDS

Ana Camacho will be representing the MAPC at the **Table de concertation sur les agressions à caractère sexuel** / Naïma Madi and Caroline Plaza will be co animating their second courses as part of their Action apprenticeship as new instructors. / On the 21 of September Action will be manning an information booth at the **Action Day Against Violence Against Women** organized by the **CALACS Trêve pour Elles** / Sofia Rodriguez Action Coordinator is now a member of the **Women's committee for Cultural Communities of the FFCQ**.

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