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A TIME OF DEEP TRANSFORMATION

**By Eva Ludvig
QCGN President**

As we look forward to the Quebec Community Groups Network's Annual General Meeting in early October, our community is going through a time of change and adjustments. The past four years have proven challenging for our community as the National Assembly adopted laws which impose new limits to our access to education, to health and social services, to the courts, and to government services and information in English. The last two and a half years have been especially challenging for our member organizations, institutions, and businesses as they have dealt with reduced revenues and staff cuts often coupled with an increased demand for services during the pandemic.

During this time of deep transformation for the English-speaking community, the QCGN has undergone a significant evolution of its own through our process of Renewal. As we mentioned in our last Network News, on May 26 of this year, the QCGN Members adopted new By-laws, as well as **a renewed vision, mission, values, principle, and pillars**. Renewal began in earnest two years ago, and the resulting changes are rooted in what we heard from Members of our community during various consultations.

The QCGN's Renewal stems from our desire to better advocate for the English-speaking community of Quebec. To this end, the changes we have begun implementing will position the QCGN to be more responsive to community issues and to be better advocates for English-speaking Quebecers. We are already seeing the results of our work. Our Community Forums led by the Community Vitality Roundtables were crucial in contributing to a five-year community development plan for English-speaking Quebec. ***Working Together for a More Vital Community, the 2022-2027 Community Development Plan for English-speaking Quebec*** is the product of more than two years of sustained consultation for which the QCGN provided backbone support. (Read more about the Community Development Plan later in this newsletter.) Meanwhile, the QCGN also played a critical advocacy role during discussions and debate over Bill 96, including an extensive consultation of our Members and stakeholders. These efforts enabled Quebecers to speak out against the Bill, culminating in a once in a generation rally where thousands of community members, including many of you, marched against Bill 96.

As we continue to deliver on the promises outlined in our Renewal, we will continue to focus on closer engagement with our Membership, while we also work to add new Members to our ranks. The addition of Individual Members in 2023 will also create new avenues to include a wider range of people from a wider range of communities across the province. Many recent events have had a direct impact on English-speaking Quebecers and the future of English-speakers in the province. As



makers. We look forward to meeting with our Members during our AGM on Thursday, October 13, where we will offer more details on the next steps for Renewal in the months ahead.

Connecting Community with Party Leaders and Electoral Issues

We are in the middle of a provincial election and the stakes for our community are high. But while members of our community are concerned about broad issues – employment, the economy, taxes, the environment – there are vital issues specific to English-speaking Quebecers as members of a minority community.



As we prepare to head to the polls on October 3, it is critical that members of our community know where each of the leaders and the various parties stand on the issues that affect English-speaking Quebec. The QCGN is committed to ensuring that English-speaking Quebecers are aware of the programs of the different political parties and ensuring the critical concerns of our community are voiced and addressed during the campaign.

For the past four weeks, we issued a series of thematic questions to the main political parties that are seeking our community's support. Only the Liberal Party of Quebec replied. You can view the questions and answers [here](#).

We have also been taking the pulse of English-speaking Quebecers on these issues with our Question of the Week. This week's question is: Do you think the government of Quebec should do more to foster the full and active participation of English speakers in Quebec society? If you have not yet responded, please do so by going to the QCGN website at www.qcgn.ca. Last week we asked: In this Quebec election campaign, are the parties focusing enough on issues that matter to English-speaking Quebecers? 70 per cent of respondents answered "No". You can review previous polls and results [here](#).

Town Halls

Over the past month and a half, the QCGN has hosted four town halls with provincial party leaders to discuss electoral issues of importance to English-speaking Quebecers and our community's place in the province. Our invitation was accepted by Liberal Party Leader **Dominique Anglade**, Conservative Party Leader **Éric Duhaime**, Canadian Party of Quebec Leader **Colin Standish**, and Bloc Montréal Leader **Balarama Holness**. After a brief discussion of their platforms, leaders were invited to answer questions on the following topics: Rights and Access to Justice; Education; Health and Social Services; and the Vitality of Quebec's English-speaking community. Attended by hundreds, these webinars garnered thousands of views on the QCGN's [YouTube Channel](#).

We were disappointed that incumbent premier and Coalition Avenir Québec leader, **François Legault**, who was the Minister charged with Relations with English-speaking Quebecers, passed over our invite. The Parti Québécois and Québec solidaire suggested one of their candidates represent their parties. Since the other parties presented their leaders, we turned them down.

Get Out and Vote

This is a crucial election for Quebec's English-speaking community. It is vital that our voices be heard and that our votes be counted.

With election day coming soon, I wish to remind community members of key dates. You have until **Sept. 29** to ensure you are on the electoral list. Advance polls began Sunday and continue today till 9 p.m. Check the voter card you received in the mail for details on where to vote in your riding. And of course election day is **Monday, October 3**.

Meanwhile, we invite you to become better informed about the issues affecting our community by visiting the [QCGN's Elections page](#). There you will find our online [electoral platform](#) for English-speaking Quebec, which was developed in consultation with organizations representing English-

Over the past two months I have been busy doing multiple interviews in both the French and English media about our community and the issues that matter to English-speaking Quebecers. These kicked off with an [interview](#) with The Gazette's [Allison Hanes](#) in mid-August. I also invite you to view my interview with [CBC Montreal](#) and [Global Montreal](#), and consult coverage by [Canadian Press](#), [The Quebec Chronicle-Telegraph](#), [La Presse](#), [Radio Canada](#), and the [Low Down](#) where I discuss this momentous election and the concerns of English-speaking Quebecers. Also see [CTV Montreal's](#) coverage of the debate about the debate which includes an interview with QCGN's Director General, [Sylvia Martin-Laforge](#).

Action Plan Consultations Close with Official Languages Summit

Cross-Canada Consultations on the Action Plan for Official Languages came to an end with a summit held in Ottawa on **August 25**. I was on hand along with QCGN Director General [Sylvia Martin-Laforge](#) and several members of the QCGN team. We were joined by representatives of QCGN members groups including [Regional Association of West Quebecers](#), [Townshippers' Association](#), the [Black Community Resource Centre](#), the [Quebec English-language Production Council](#), the [Family Resource Centre](#), and the [English Speaking Catholic Council](#). Also representing the concerns of English-speaking Quebec were key partners including the [Community Economic Development and Employability Corporation](#) (CEDEC), the [Provincial Employment Roundtable](#) (PERT), [Quebec English-Speaking Communities Research Network](#) (QUESCREN), [Y4Y Québec](#) and the [Côte Des Neiges Black Community Association Inc.](#)

The summit was hosted by the Minister of Official Languages, [Ginette Petitpas Taylor](#). Additionally, the summit featured presentations from members of the federal cabinet and public officials, including the Treasury Board President [Mona Fortier](#), the Commissioner of Official Languages, [Raymond Thériège](#), and the deputy Minister of Canadian Heritage [Isabelle Mondou](#). The event was attended by hundreds of representatives of Official Language Minority Communities (OLMC) across Canada.

This process is essential to our community's vitality. The Action Plan represents significant funding for our community, grouping together Canadian Heritage and other federal departments to make strategic investments in the vitality of Official Language Minority Communities. The current [Action Plan for Official Languages 2018-2023: Investing in Our Future](#) represents a \$2.7 billion investment in the vitality of OLMC over five years. Through this framework, the federal government has a longstanding obligation to invest in the vitality of official language minority communities, and this includes English-speaking Quebec.

We were dismayed that the consultation process for the next Action Plan was entirely inspired by an asymmetrical approach to Official Languages. This is due to [Bill C-13 An Act to amend the Official Languages Act, to enact the Use of French in Federally Regulated Private Businesses Act and to make related amendments to other Acts](#). Currently before Parliament, it proposes to modernize Canada's Official Languages Act in a way that focuses on the protection and promotion of the French language at the expense of protecting our community's vitality. (Read our Op-Ed on the Modernization of the Official Languages Act that was published in The Hill Times.)

The QCGN will continue to press Ottawa to ensure that our community's needs are equitably reflected in the Action Plan. We maintain that the federal government must develop policies and programming that take into account the needs of all official language minority communities, including ours.

MODERNIZING THE OFFICIAL LANGUAGES ACT – HOW THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT GOT IT WRONG

This opinion piece is reprinted from this week's edition of The Hill Times.

By Joan Fraser and Eva Ludvig

Let's assume that you haven't spent much time thinking about Canada's Official Languages Act this summer—or ever. Please take a moment to do so now because the federal government is poised to



These changes will not bring the “two solitudes” together. Instead, they are likely to reopen old grievances, and divide Canadians along linguistic lines.

Bill C-13, an Act to amend the Official Languages Act, to enact the Use of French in Federally Regulated Private Businesses Act and to make related amendments to other acts, is based on unwarranted deference to Quebec, and is an unprecedented retreat by the Government of Canada from Parliament’s legislative powers. The

bill abandons half a century of official language policy and focuses on the protection and promotion of only one official language. It pushes Canada toward a more asymmetrical federalism, enshrining a special language regime in Quebec within a quasi-constitutional statute, the Official Languages Act.

Bill C-13 contains special recognition of Quebec’s Charter of the French Language—legislation that operates notwithstanding the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. It would permit federally regulated businesses to choose between provincial and federal legal regimes in an area that is squarely within the authority of the Parliament of Canada. And the act proposes creating a regime for French-language rights only, on a territorial basis. Parliamentarians should consider how they will explain to English-speaking Canadians that they will not have equal rights under the law in their dealings with these enterprises. And federally regulated businesses should consider how they will operate nationally within this tangle of conflicting legal regimes.

The fact is that most Canadians support the idea of the country’s linguistic duality, a national core value that emerged in the mid-20th century following the work of the Royal Commission on Bilingualism and Biculturalism. English and French would not only be Canada’s official languages, but also its national languages—a central pillar around which a multicultural society would be built. Canada’s English and French official language minority communities would ensure the presence of the official languages from coast to coast to coast.

At the federal level, English and French would have equal rights in law. This equality was reflected in the original Official Languages Act of 1969 and carried forward in subsequent versions of the act.

Although there has always been some pushback against official bilingualism, linguistic duality is supported by a majority of Canadians. Parents want their children to speak English and French. Indeed, many young Canadians today are plurilingual. Federal spending power continues to support and advance the use of English and French in Canadian society, for example, through education transfers. Canada has invested billions of dollars in official language strategies—the lifeblood of English and French linguistic minority communities across the country.

This appears to be about to change.

Efforts to modernize the Official Languages Act began in 2017, led by the Senate’s Standing Committee on Official Languages which did an exhaustive two-year study on how to modernize the act, fix its structural problems, stem the demographic decline of francophones outside of Quebec, and improve the transparency and accountability of federal transfers to the provinces and territories for English and French linguistic minority communities. A high level of consensus was achieved between Canada’s English and French linguistic minority communities. The table was set for modernization that would respect Canada’s core value of linguistic duality.

But in 2019, nationalist media in Quebec began to trumpet that the French language was in peril, and the Charter of the French Language (Bill 101) had to be strengthened. This argument was and is based on selective statistical analysis. In the federal election, it became clear that asymmetry in official languages was on the table, as were special concessions to Quebec.

The 2020 Speech from the Throne proclaimed that “The government ... has the responsibility to protect and promote French not only outside of Quebec, but also within Quebec.” This was a profound shift in thinking. The territorialization of language rights had been specifically rejected by the Bi and Bi Commission in favour of a national vision of linguistic duality. No more.

In the 2021 discussion paper, “English and French: Towards a substantive Equality of Official Languages in Canada,” policy was firmly focused on the protection and promotion of French. The paper noted that “all provinces and territories have adopted legislation, policies or programs to

paper observed blandly that Quebec “offers many services in English, some of which are guaranteed by laws, notably in the case of the courts and hospitals, among others.” Bill 96, of course, was yet to be tabled.

Bill C-32, an Act to amend the Official Languages Act, was introduced just before the House rose in the spring of 2021. C-13—almost identical to C-32 in its policy direction—followed in March 2022.

Bill C-13 does not reflect the 2018 official language minorities’ consensus. The bill’s underpinnings are fatally flawed. It’s time to stop, get back to basics, and return to the consensus achieved by the people the Official Languages Act affects the most.

The Quebec Community Groups Network represents Canada’s English linguistic minority. We are firmly committed to the protection and promotion of French in Canada. We strongly support efforts to modernize the Official Languages Act in a way that supports a national vision of linguistic duality.

The Supreme Court noted that language rights are “deeply rooted in our history” and “are basic to the very idea of Canada.” More than 1.2 million English-speaking Quebecers depend on Canada to remember this.

QCGN Board member Joan Fraser is a former senator. She and QCGN President Eva Ludvig sit on the Board of the QCGN.

QCGN WEBINAR: EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT BILL C-13

As Parliament resumes in mid-September, the QCGN will be hosting an information webinar this **Wednesday, Sept. 28** to review **Bill C-13 An Act to amend the Official Languages Act, to enact the Use of French in Federally Regulated Private Businesses Act and to make related amendments to other Acts** and to summarize the QCGN’s concerns regarding this legislation. C-13 modernizes the Official Languages Act and creates new language obligations for French only for federally regulated businesses. The QCGN is opposed to many provisions and has been aggressively advocating with Parliamentarians for the interests of English-speaking community since the bill was introduced in March 2022. C-13 passed second reading in the House of Commons and is now being studied by the **House Standing Committee on Official Languages (LANG)**. It is also the subject of a pre-study by the **Senate Standing Committee on Official Languages (OLLO)**. These studies will begin again when Parliament resumes this fall, and it is crucial that English-speaking Quebec makes its views on C-13 known to Parliamentarians while the legislation is in the committee stage. On hand for the webinar will be QCGN interim President **Eva Ludvig**, Board member and former Senator **Joan Fraser**, and **Stephen Thompson**, QCGN’s Director, Government Relations, Policy, and Research. Both Joan and Eva have testified against the bill. Watch their appearances and learn more about the Bill on the QCGN’s **Language Rights page**. Please take the time to read the **QCGN’s brief** and join on **Wednesday at noon** to learn more about C-13 and how you can help! Register **here** to receive a secure Zoom link to attend.

QUEBEC’S ENGLISH-SPEAKING COMMUNITY CONTINUES TO GROW

Quebec’s English-speaking community continues to grow in most regions of the province, show 2021 Census numbers in the Statistics Canada **language data** release on August 17.

In 2016, we were 1.1 million people, or 13.7 per cent of the total population. In the 2021 Census, using the same FOLS (First Official Language Spoken) variables, we totalled 1.25 million citizens, 14.9 per cent of Quebec’s population. Numbers are not the only indicator of our vitality. To put this in perspective, English-speaking Quebecers made up 16 per cent of the total population in 1971.

When counted according to Mother Tongue, a much less generous measure used by the provincial government, our community counts 639,365, or eight per cent of the population. That is an increase of one per cent since the 2016 census when seven per cent of the population reported English as

to our community.

Meanwhile the Census revealed a decline in the proportional number of Francophones in Canada, and in Quebec. Until language of work data is released in November, we do not have a complete picture of language use in Quebec.

StatsCan was also required by regulation to produce the official language minority number and percentage for the purpose of **Part IV of the Official Languages Act Communications with and Services to the Public**. These regulations have changed and a new, more generous variable is in use (see our **blog** for a complete explanation). As a result, Stats Can no longer publishes the official language minority number and percentage for a given geography.

QCGN has concerns about the way the data was presented, most of which were expressed by **Jack Jedwab** in the **Montreal Gazette**. See coverage of the Census in **The Montreal Gazette**, **CBC Montreal**, **CTV Montreal**, **The Globe and Mail**, **The National Post**, **Le Devoir**, and **La Presse**, and watch QCGN's interim president **Eva Ludvig** discuss the topic in **Global News** and **CBC**.

COMMUNITY VITALITY ROUNDTABLE LAUNCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN



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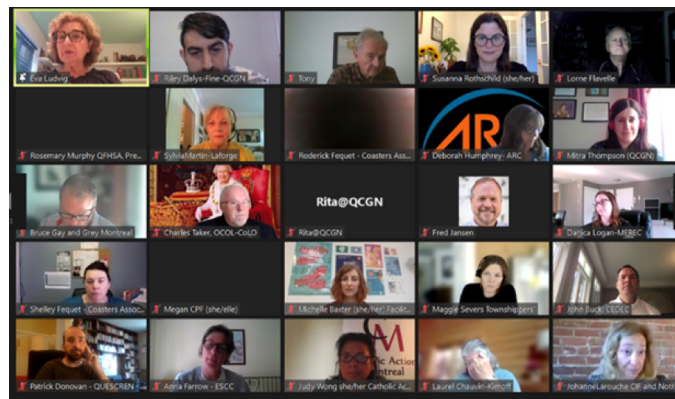
Working Together for a More Vital Community

The **2022-2027** Community Development Plan for English-speaking Quebec

By Riley Dalys-Fine
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On September 9, the Community Vitality Roundtables launched **Working Together for a More Vital Community: The 2022-2027 Community Development Plan for English-speaking Quebec**.

This shared strategic plan for stakeholders seeks to achieve together what we cannot accomplish on our own. Forty-five QCGN members, partners, and stakeholders attended the **Looking Ahead to a More Vital Community Forum**. To consult the Plan, click [here](#), and to read the full report, click [here](#).



The Community Development Plan for our official language minority community is overseen by the four Community Vitality Roundtables, which regroup stakeholders across various sectors and regions of English-speaking Quebec to address common issues. The Roundtables receive infrastructural and logistical support from the QCGN, which also acts to advance the common agenda put forward in the Community Development Plan. The Community Vitality Roundtables include more than 30 organizations.

The Plan is divided into four areas for concerted community development, each based on a recurring theme raised by the community during consultations and led by one of the Roundtables. These four areas are funding, data, representation, as well as organizational and network health. The four

final plan was validated by the Community Roundtables after they integrated the feedback they received during the Forum. It was endorsed by the QCGN Board of Directors this summer.

Ongoing Dialogue

“For the last three years the community maintained an ongoing dialogue to bring us to a common understanding of our shared challenges,” QCGN Director General **Sylvia Martin-Laforge** commented during the forum. “Each point in the discussion was another step toward the realization of a shared strategic development plan. Now we’ve arrived at the beginning.”

Since 2011, the English-speaking community of Quebec has had a formal agreement with the Department of Canadian Heritage whereby the Priority-Setting Steering Committee of the QCGN was mandated to collect, collate, and articulate the community’s common priorities. In 2018, the QCGN began to work with dozens of partners and stakeholders to improve the transparency and accountability of that process. The consultations that followed, which included more than 500 community stakeholders, cultivated an understanding that while the community grows ever-more diverse, shared challenges exist that are transversal across the many regions and sectors of our Official Language Community of Communities. This understanding is what laid the foundation for the four Community Vitality Roundtables.

In the last ten months, the Community Vitality Roundtables provided a space for dozens of stakeholders to be directly involved in the planning of collective action to reach shared objectives. This has meant coming to a consensus on the changes that members wish to see in our communities; the steps required to realize those changes; and shared means of measuring and evaluating progress from year to year. All of this was done with the support of the QCGN which will in the next phase of the Plan step into the role of providing “backbone” support. The means the QCGN will serve primarily as a convenor for the Roundtables, which will themselves be led by the participating organizations. This was explained in greater detail during the forum, which you can view on our [YouTube Channel](#).

Plenty of room at the table

In addition to launching the Community Development Plan and sharing it with the community, the Forum served to directly engage community members in the work of carrying out proposed collective actions.

“The goal is to break down the work ahead into actionable, concise and realistic pieces, so that anybody who may have expertise can join.” explains **Katie Lowry**, co-chair of the Roundtable on Organizational and Network Health. “The more experts we bring to the table, the better the work will be.”

This was echoed by **John Buck**, co-chair of the Roundtable on Data. “I’m here not only to share information with you, but really to appeal to you to join us and be part of this important work,” he told forum participants.

During the second half of the Forum, participants worked with the Roundtables to identify the necessary resources to carry out actions and share ideas about how these actions could be deployed in their communities. These discussions also recognized different organizations as potential leaders of such actions, a step towards making the Plan a truly community-led initiative. Examples of the actions to be carried out include greater efforts in building stronger relationships between Quebec’s two language communities; bringing Roundtables together to share resources for community research; and developing or expanding programs to build the capacity of community organizations to better utilize data.

The Community Vitality Roundtables will continue to meet on a regular basis. Their role will be to oversee the implementation of the Plan, evaluate its effectiveness against a set of rigorous criteria, and guide its evolution.

The Community Development Plan for our minority official language community is a living document that must be revisited on an ongoing basis. The QCGN is committed to hosting a community forum on a semi-annual basis to share updates about the Plan and to allow community members to provide regular feedback and contribute to the evaluation process. Moreover, we will continue to promote the work of the Roundtables in building a more vital community, and we encourage more

JUSTICE PROJECT UPDATE

By Mitra Thompson

Project manager, Access to Justice in English

QCGN's Access to Justice in English project has been busy over the summer, making progress on key files from correctional services to senior care. As of September, the project team is back in the office three days a week, with some of us meeting in person for the first time! Read on for more on what we've been up to and a glimpse at what's to come.

Recommendations on Federal Correctional Services

The first issue to be tackled by the Justice project was federal correctional services in English in Quebec. Our research on this issue has reached a critical phase: After doing our due diligence by reaching out to 70 organizations and validating our findings through a series of 25 information interviews, the team has prepared a series of recommendations to Correctional Services Canada on how to strengthen and complement their offer of English-language rehabilitative programming in Quebec-based CSC facilities.

A core component of these recommendations is for CSC to explore collaboration with QCGN and its partner organizations.

New Survey Completed on Access to Government Services

You may recall that way back in January, we launched our first survey exploring access to Quebec government services online. What we learned from that survey, which 105 people took the time to complete, was concerning enough that this summer, we commissioned Léger to run a representative survey of 1,000 English-speaking Quebecers. This survey has now concluded and its results will help inform our ongoing research of online access to provincial services in English, and our future recommendations to government.

Quebec Election Participation

On October 3, Quebecers will go to the polls. The Access to Justice team has been supporting the QCGN's election campaign on a number of fronts. Our legal research team developed questions on key themes like justice, health, education, community vitality, and economic prosperity, which the QCGN put to the leaders of the Coalition Avenir Québec (CAQ), the Liberal Party of Quebec, Québec solidaire, the Parti Québécois, the Conservative Party of Quebec, the Canadian Party of Quebec, and Bloc Montréal. Every week of the campaign, we prepare a Question of the Week, which all are welcome to answer on the QCGN's homepage (www.qcgn.ca) – look for the green bar on the left.

If you follow the Justice Project on Twitter, you may have seen our ongoing series of tweets on Law 96. The tweets showcase our analysis of Law 96 and provide concrete examples of potential harms the new language law could impose on English-speaking Quebecers – and on Quebec as a whole. Follow us [@QCGNJustice](https://twitter.com/QCGNJustice) to learn more.

BLACK COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE (BCRC) RESEARCH UPDATE

Submitted by John Davids

Black Community Resource Centre

The Black Community Resource Centre (BCRC) has just released two reports on our website: The Black in Quebec (BIQ) Summary Report and the Education to Employability Study (E2E).

The Black in Quebec Summary Report provides an overview of the Black in Quebec Project which took place from fall 2019 to fall 2021 and conducted research on the well-being and vitality of Quebec's English-speaking Black community across several thematic areas. The project produced an Analysis of Outcomes and Information Gaps document, held focus-groups with community

The Education to Employability Study took place from September 2021 to March 2022 and was a research project focusing on the educational experiences of English-speaking Black Quebecers and how they relate to employability outcomes for members of the community. This project was conducted in collaboration with the Provincial Employment Roundtable of Quebec and the E2E study also has a French version of the report.

The reports can be viewed here: <https://bcrcmontreal.com/biq-reports/>

The BCRC would also like to announce the launch of 2 new research projects: The Knowledge Hub and the Can We Talk project, both aiming to build upon the growing body of work the BCRC has published.

The Knowledge Hub is a platform which will work towards the aim of establishing the Black Community Resource Centre as a leading institution in the production and dissemination of knowledge pertaining to the English-speaking Black Community (ESBC) in Quebec. First thing to consider is what we conceptualize as the ESBC, which is diversely shaped by people of very different social and cultural backgrounds. We hope to engage as many people as possible in this venture, and while we are doing so, contribute to the ongoing efforts at re-establishing the archiving, exhibiting, and teaching of Black history in Quebec. You can learn more about the BCRC Knowledge Hub by attending our info sessions on **September 15, 22, and 29**. Sign up [here](#):

<https://forms.gle/nyLEm3SRSSpsBovj7>

Can We Talk will be a research opportunity for racialized ESBC youth to investigate systemic racism and institutional methods of discrimination (i.e. in healthcare, education, employment, and justice). Alongside the contribution to Black scholarship, we envision Can We Talk as a tool in returning agency over the realities and present-day issues of the Black experience back to its writers, while creating a positive environment for community discourse and a vehicle for Black empowerment. The project will also use the medium of video production to reach its aims. You can learn more about the *Can We Talk* project by attending our information sessions on **September 19, 20, and 27**. Sign up [here](#): <https://forms.gle/RYG7kjXUUnbovpw7>

GROUPS WORKING TO PRESERVE AND PROMOTE QUEBEC'S ENGLISH-SPEAKING HISTORY SHARE THEIR STORIES

Submitted by the Quebec Anglophone Heritage Network

Meet the Network
Profiles of Heritage Groups across Quebec

Being part of the Quebec Anglophone Heritage Network means being a part of a community. QAHN persons (in) with opportunities who contribute to our reality and as a resource for all kinds of information. Heritage Network (Institutional member)

"QAHN represents groups all over Quebec that are interested in not only English history but how the two major language groups as well as others are intertwined historically. John Wynn, Individual member / Valérie, Québec Réseau (Institutional member)

"We've been able to benefit so much from being part of QAHN over the years." Eastern Township Resource Centre (Institutional member)

"QAHN is an excellent and much needed organization!" Pontiac Archives (Institutional member)

"QAHN lends visibility to its member organizations, which in turn helps them foster community and government support." Orléans survey

"I'm so proud of QAHN. Proud of the impact you're making helping people learn and connect." Jane Dault, Individual member

"Greenwood Centre truly appreciates the engagement, support and community of QAHN." Greenwood Centre for Living History (Institutional member)

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The Quebec Anglophone Heritage Network (QAHN) has just released a book sharing fun, insightful, and even downright intriguing stories of the custodians of the heritage and history of English-speaking Quebec.

Meet The Network: Profiles of Heritage Groups Across Quebec, as the new book is called, was edited by **Matthew Farfan** and **Rod MacLeod**, with articles by 18 different contributors.

The 83-page softcover book offers a rare look at the groups and people - each one a member organization of QAHN - preserving and promoting the heritage and history of the English-speaking community.

and quality of this new publication; this book is beautiful to look at and fun to read!

"People might be a bit surprised by the variety of work being done within our network," commented QAHN executive director and co-editor of the book, Matthew Farfan. "I'm excited to be able to show off some of the inspiring work being done by QAHN's far-flung member-museums, historical societies and other heritage groups."

From houses dating back nearly three centuries to small museums with big stories to fully digital groups, members of Quebec's heritage network from across all regions of the province are featured in this beautiful publication. Readers can learn how heritage volunteers navigate unexpected challenges, discover some of the intriguing and touching artefacts they care for, and get tips on some of the most fascinating objects and places to visit.

To order your copy while supplies last, send payment by PayPal or e-transfer to home@qahn.org, or by cheque to: QAHN, 3355 College, Sherbrooke, QC J1M 0B8. For more information, visit QAHN.org or contact Farfan at home@qahn.org or (819) 564-9595

Meanwhile QAHN will be holding its next installment of Heritage Live on **Sunday, October 2** with a broadcast from the **Colby-Curtis Museum** in Stanstead.

QAHN and the Colby-Curtis Museum will showcase oral histories of everyday life in Stanstead County. The Heritage Live event will feature a tour of the museum's ongoing exhibit, "Let Me Tell You a Story" as well as an in-depth Q&A with the exhibit's producers. As always, it will also feature short interviews with other heritage groups in the region to learn what they have been up to.

The afternoon will conclude with an oral history "how to" workshop led by QAHN's digital media specialist **Glenn Patterson** who will cover the ins-and-outs of oral history interviewing: everything from formulating effective questions, making interviewees comfortable in front of the recorder, to getting great audio quality. You are welcome to bring any recording gear you've used previously or plan to use for future oral history projects. And of course, bring your questions, experiences, and insights to share!

The Colby-Curtis Museum is located at 535 Dufferin, Stanstead, J0B 3E0. If you prefer to enjoy the afternoon from the comfort of home, QAHN will be broadcasting this event live on location at the following link: www.facebook.com/QAHNCanada/live_videos.

About QAHN

The Quebec Anglophone Heritage Network is a non-profit, non-partisan, province-wide organization engaged with its members in the preservation and promotion of the history, heritage and culture of Quebec – and, in particular, of Quebec's English-speaking communities. QAHN strives to advance the knowledge of the history, heritage, and culture of those communities by informing, inspiring and connecting people through its activities and services.

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