

QCGN Marks End of Notre Home Tour with Benefit Concert for Kids Help Phone

Hip-Hop artist David Hodges visited more than a dozen regions of Quebec and met with more than 10,000 young people during the tour to encourage dialogue and combat bullying.

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Montréal, June 14, 2013 – On the eve of its annual convention, taking place on June 14 and 15, the Quebec Community Groups Network (QCGN) marked the end of the provincial Notre Home Tour this evening with a benefit concert in aid of Kids Help Phone. Held at the Crowley Arts Centre in Montreal, the event attracted more than 200 people.

“The Notre Home Tour was highly praised by all communities across the regions, and we felt we should get together to celebrate this success. Since the tour was designed to promote dialogue among young people, we wanted to reach out one more time,” said Sylvia Martin-Laforge, QCGN’s Director General, noting that the QCGN also created a recap [video of the tour](#).

Thanks to a grant from the Government of Quebec, artist David Hodges visited more than a dozen regions across the province and met with over 10,000 young people from some 50 elementary and high schools. QCGN is grateful for the collaboration of Jean-François Lisée, Minister responsible for the Montreal region and for the dialogue with Anglo-Quebecers, without whom the tour would not have been possible.

During the tour, the artist used the song *Notre Home* and other songs from his repertoire to encourage young people from all backgrounds to work together. “The young people I met all had one thing in common. Irrespective of their language or origins, they wanted to share and celebrate their cultural heritage together and live out their dreams,” said David Hodges. “The work being done by Kids Help Phone for young victims of bullying is essential in helping them build their self-esteem.”

The proceeds from this event will be donated to Kids Help Phone, an organization which David Hodges has collaborated with for several years now on initiatives to combat bullying. David first became known to QCGN through one of his video clips on the subject.

“Kids Help Phone is absolutely delighted that QCGN has chosen to contribute to its 2013 campaign”, said their Regional Director Yannick Brouillette. “Every week, Kids Help Phone provides counselling to thousands of kids, teenagers and young adults reaching out for help, and sometimes a lifeline. In order to continue in our mission of being there for kids, we rely on community support to ensure that we can have counselors available at any time, for any problem big or small. By promoting the important services of Kids Help Phone and raising money for the organization, the Notre Home concert is sending out a strong message to the young people of the community, and we are extremely proud to consider ourselves a partner.”

For more information, visit www.notrehome.ca

The Quebec Community Groups Network (www.qcgn.ca) is a not-for-profit organization bringing together 41 English-language community organizations across Quebec. Its mission is to identify, explore and address strategic issues affecting the development and vitality of English-speaking Quebec and to encourage dialogue and collaboration among its member organizations, individuals, community groups, institutions and leaders.

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