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Literacy Quebec Newsletter

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Happy fall, everyone!

What better way to celebrate the season than with a word scramble! Can you guess the word?

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Introducing Margaret Caine-Michalakos, our new Executive Director!



We are thrilled to welcome Margaret Caine-Michalakos as the new Executive Director of Literacy Quebec! With over 17 years of experience in the notfor-profit sector, Margaret has worked extensively with diverse communities and leaders. enhancing collaboration and fostering strategic partnerships. Her leadership roles have included working with several Indigenous communities in northern Alberta and local immigration partnerships for Canadian newcomers. Fluent in English, French, and Greek, Margaret is a proven leader committed to advancing our mission of promoting literacy across Quebec.

October is Health Literacy Month!

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Did you know October is Health Literacy Month?

Health literacy is defined as the ability to access, understand, evaluate, and communicate information as a way to promote, maintain, and improve health across our lives. Health literacy is important because it enables us to understand and follow medical instructions, comprehend prescriptions, and make choices that benefit our health and well-being.

Want to learn more? Check out our free eLearning course, **Assessing Health Literacy**, available through LQ Academy below.

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Media Literacy Week (MLW) is an annual national event hosted by <u>MediaSmarts</u> to promote digital media literacy. It features activities and events in classrooms, libraries, museums, and community groups nationwide. **From October 21-25**, use #MediaLiteracyWeek to share how you and your organization are participating.

They are also reintroducing <u>Digital Citizen Day</u> on October 23. This day emphasizes our responsibility in the digital world and encourages everyone to engage and share responsibly online. Use #DigitalCitizenDay on social media to share how you use online tools for good and help improve online spaces!

Learn more

National Autonomous Community Action Week #NACAW





From October 21-25, ACA organizations from across Quebec will mark the 23rd edition of <u>National Autonomous Community Action Week</u> (#NACAW) by asserting themselves loudly and proudly!

With the theme, "We are autonomous community actors," this week offers an opportunity to discover the depth and breadth of the ACA movement and celebrate the unique contributions that its 54,000 workers make to Quebec's social and economic development.

They may not always be visible, but Quebec's 4,500 autonomous community action organizations have always been present at the heart of their communities, from one end of the province to the other. For over 50 years, they have been weaving a vital social safety net and working tirelessly to build a society in which everyone's rights are fully respected.

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Career Opportunity: Literacy Programs Coordinator!

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Our member Literacy in Action is looking for someone who is interested in organizing behind the scenes logistics of their programs and core services. The Literacy Programs Coordinator will coordinate with partners, teammates, animators, volunteers, and correspond with adult learners and families when appropriate. Please note that LIA's office is in Sherbrooke; this is not a remote position.

Fundamental Roles & Responsibilities:

-Coordinate programs and core services and associated orientations and training -Oversee and coordinate program development and delivery -Coordinate volunteers and animators for programs and services -Support special programs coordinator as needed -Budget, track expenses, and track important metrics -Organize animator and volunteer trainings -Onboard volunteers and animators with ED and Operations Coordinators -Participate in outreach events and kiosking for recruitment and visibility -Represent LIA on committees when appropriate -Advocate for the needs of English-speaking communities as needed

Tech requirements:

-Ability to use, or be ready to learn how to use GDrive, Canva, AirTable, Salesforce, and Google Calendar

-Proficiency in the use of computers for documents, basic finances, databases, spreadsheets, E-mail, graphic design (Canva), internet research, and social media outreach

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-Able to communicate in English and French -Open to practice and improve in both languages

Terms and conditions:

-Contract position \$25/hr (24 - 28 hours a week) TBD -Access to a vehicle (gas will be reimbursed)

Application requirements:

Submit a CV and letter of intent to joanna.bateman@lia-estrie.org by noon, October 25th, 2024.

Volunteer for a Literacy Organization Today!



Would you like to make a positive impact in the lives of those with varying literacy skills? Literacy Quebec represents literacy councils across Quebec that support English-speaking Quebecers. These organizations are always looking for volunteers with various skills in tutoring, administration, and more. Click the button below to learn more and apply.

Learn more



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If you would like to see more from our Member Organizations, you can check out the Events Calendar on our website!



Literacy Helpline



The Literacy Helpline is a FREE service that provides information and support for tasks that require reading, writing and/or digital literacy skills. English-speaking Quebecers aged 16 and over can call 1-888-521-8181 for assistance. You can also reach us by email through help@literacyquebec.org.

For more information about our Helpline, click the button below.

Upcoming Dates

October 21-25th - <u>Media Literacy Week</u> October 23rd - <u>Digital Citizen Day</u> November 1-31 - <u>Financial Literacy Month</u> November 6 - <u>I Read Canadian Day</u> November 11 - <u>Remembrance Day</u> November 20 - <u>World Children's Day, National Child Day</u>

Literacy unlocks the door to learning throughout life, is essential to development and health, and opens the way for democratic participation and active citizenship. - Kofi Annan

Have a great rest of the week! ~The Literacy Quebec Team



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