

Introducing the . . .

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT NETWORK

For the English-speaking Communities of Quebec

Membership in RDN

What's the value-added of belonging to the Regional Development Network?

Purpose

RDN is a provincial network of regional groups working collaboratively for the socio-economic development of English-speaking communities across Quebec. It was founded in November 2019 in response to the need for effective representation and engaged involvement in enhancing the vitality and supporting the development of these regional communities.

These groups represent communities facing multiple socio-economic challenges and, typecast as 'generalist' organizations, they face funding constraints while dealing with community needs and issues in multiple sectors, within numerous jurisdictions and in a minority language setting that is often not recognized. In addition, many organizations must carry out their work over a large territory while serving isolated populations.

In this context it was determined that it would be beneficial to establish a network of 'regional' organizations for the purposes of networking, collaboration and representation to support the individual member groups in the work they endeavour to carry out.

What can RDN do for my organization?

- ✓ RDN can act as a point of interaction with the various and multiple actors involved in the field of community development, including governments, institutions and other networks.
- ✓ RDN can provide a forum for dialogue and discussion amongst like-minded groups on issues related to the socio-economic development of regional English-speaking communities.
- ✓ RDN can provide support to member organizations in achieving their objectives related to community development, including research, training, expertise and coordination.

- ✓ RDN can foster and facilitate collaborative initiatives that will contribute to the socio-economic development of the communities served by member organizations.

Main Activities

RDN is embarking on an ambitious program to **build capacity** for organizations representing regional English-speaking communities by setting priorities, recruiting new members and making representations to different levels of governments.

In particular, RDN will be **building bridges** between regional English-speaking organizations and provincial government ministries and agencies to foster stronger relationships, and provide key information related to government mandates and their programs to support the network in navigating government towards improving socio-economic development and access to services.

In addition, RDN will be providing **evidence-based data** on regional English-speaking communities to increase awareness of their contributions to society, their challenges and the gaps in services, as well as acting as a **key consultative body** by providing briefs, participating on committees, responding to surveys and submitting commissioned research papers. These will contribute to the knowledge base leading to **improved access** to the project and program funding important to English-speaking communities.

RDN will be building its capacity to **directly serve** its members and their communities through networking opportunities, training initiatives and support for best organizational practices to help the organization's to be as efficient and effective as possible in carrying out their mandates.

RDN's Value Proposition for Members

Emphasis on the Regions

Outside of the Montreal metropolitan area, the English-speaking communities of Quebec are just over 100,000 people spread out over a territory larger than the size of France. Most of the English language institutions and organizations serving the English-speaking population are based in Montreal

RDN provides its members with:

- Support for Organizational Capacity
- Networking amongst members
- Networking with other networks
- Pertinent information, resources and contacts
- Representation

Above all else . . . Leadership!

Interested in becoming a member of RDN?

Let's start a conversation . . .

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Members

- 4 Korner
- Assistance and Referral Centre (ARC)
- Coasters Association
- Council for Anglophone Magdalen Islanders (CAMI)
- Committee for Anglophone Social Action (CASA)
- English Community Organization of Lanaudière (ECOL)
- Heritage Lower Saint Lawrence
- Megantic English-speaking Community Development Corporation (MCDC)
- Montérégie East Partnership for the English-speaking Community (MEPEC)
- Montérégie West Community Network (MWCN)
- Neighbours Regional Association of Rouyn-Noranda
- North Shore Community Association (NSCA)
- Regional Association of West Quebecers (RAWQ)
- Vision Gaspé-Percé Now (VGPN)
- Voice of English-speaking Québec (VEQ)