



The Centre for Community Organizations

COCO in collaboration with many community organizations across Quebec presents the:

V.I.P. Community Forum

A dialogue with the provincial ministry responsible for community groups

Friday May 26th, 2006 from 9:00am to 12.30pm

Atwater Library Auditorium
1200 Atwater Avenue, by Atwater metro

Visibility, Influence, and Participation (VIP)

of English-speaking, bilingual, and ethnocultural (ESBE) community groups in Quebec.

A free half-day forum with the *Ministère de l'emploi et de la solidarité sociale* (the Ministry responsible for community sector relations) and key ministry staff in order to:

- Increase the government's awareness of this extensive network of community groups and its varying needs;
- Introduce the ministry's and SACA's role vis à vis the community sector
- Build awareness of the government's Community Action Plan and its implications for groups of our network
- Explore strategies to build stronger links between community groups and the provincial government.

This forum will be available **live via webcast on COCo's website** to increase the accessibility of this initiative to regions outside of Montreal. If you are interested in participating on-line, contact COCo.

Please phone or email COCo to **reserve a space** or for more information at
(514) 849-5599; Toll free 1(866) 552-2626 or info@coco-net.org

Please note that we will be having **5 sector breakout groups over lunch** following the forum from 12:30 to 2pm, for those wishing to network and discuss the implications coming out of the morning forum for the groups in their "sector" and the ministry to which their sector is linked. A free lunch will be provided for those who sign up in advance.

The 5 sectors include:

- 1)** Culture and Communications;
- 2)** Health and social services;
- 3)** Family, seniors and women's groups;
- 4)** Employment and Regional socio-economic development.;
- 5)** Education/Literacy

Please indicate if you will be staying for lunch when you sign up for the forum and which breakout group you would like to attend.

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