

Musée Holocauste Montréal Montreal Holocaust Museum

Beyond the Walls of the Museum

June 27, 2018 – Montréal – As the Montreal Holocaust Museum launches a training seminar for educators from across Canada, we are proud to unveil our nationwide educational project "<u>Beyond the Walls of the Museum</u>" to the general public.

This multifaceted project brings together the pedagogical expertise of the Montreal Holocaust Museum, teachers and their associations, Holocaust education centres and various Canadian communities and organizations. It will improve educational support for the teaching of the Holocaust and human rights in Canada, offering all materials bilingually and free of charge.

"Studying the Holocaust furthers reflection not only on the roles and responsibilities of individuals and governments in the face of human rights violations, but also on the vital role of history in contemporary society. Our educational tools prepare students to become educated, responsible and engaged citizens."

- Cornélia Strickler, Head of Education, Montreal Holocaust Museum

The pedagogical guide "<u>United Against Genocide: Understand, Question, Prevent</u>" officially launches today, as an effective tool to accompany both the <u>virtual</u> and <u>travelling</u> versions of the exhibition. The travelling exhibition is on display at the Montreal Holocaust Museum until August 17, 2018. The exhibition will continue its journey to Sydney, Nova Scotia afterwards. The exhibition and guide are the result of a partnership between the Montreal Holocaust Museum and several community and cultural organizations to raise awareness about genocide and human rights: Centre Khemara, National Armenian Committee of Quebec, Page Rwanda and Alex Dworkin Canadian Jewish Archives. The exhibit is funded by the Alexander Dworkin Foundation.

The project "Beyond the Walls of the Museum" includes several other initiatives to support Canadian teachers to better equip them to teach sensitive subjects in the classroom. Through a nationwide tour beginning in the fall of 2018, our Education team will offer several free workshops and presentations at various schools, annual conferences, and Holocaust education weeks, from Halifax to Winnipeg, and stopping in Quebec City and Toronto. To consult the calendar of all the tour stops, please click here. Later this year, a tool for Canadian teachers speaking to issues of contemporary rights will be developed with the Canadian Museum for Human Rights.

This project is made possible thanks to the financial support of Canadian Heritage and the active involvement of our pan-Canadian partners: Sarah and Chaim Neuberger Holocaust Education Centre, Canadian Museum for Human Rights, Freeman Family Foundation Holocaust Education Centre, Manitoba Education and Training, Université de Sherbrooke, Société des professeurs d'histoire du Québec, Social Studies Saskatchewan, Atlantic Jewish Council, and Holocaust Education Week Committee (Sydney, Nova Scotia).

The Montreal Holocaust Museum educates people of all ages and backgrounds about the Holocaust, while sensitising the public to the universal perils of antisemitism, racism, hate and indifference. Through its Museum, its commemorative programs and educational initiatives, the Montreal Holocaust Museum promotes respect for diversity and the sanctity of human life.

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