

MONTREAL

ACTIVITIES



Collection of inspiring stories of refugees in Mexico City & mapping of local solidarity initiatives with the aim to create an interactive online map for awareness raising. Variety of public events to raise awareness: a) Participation at a 3-day awareness raising event on the fate of migrants and refugees b) Community event related to World Refugee Day c) Co-organize an event with the Montreal Holocaust Museum

CAPACITY BUILDING
ACTIVITIES

Lobby among professional associations to open discussion on forced migration and its impact. Welcome Sessions organized by volunteers for migrants and refugees at a local library. Redesigning the MSF-C school program outreach activities for 6th till 10th grade to raise awareness about migrants & refugees through an interactive approach using a board game based on Snakes & Ladders called "This is NOT a game"



CASE STUDY

Monday Evening Welcome Sessions

A collaborative initiative between the Atwater Library, the Samuel Centre for Social Connectedness and MSF Urban Spaces. In this initiative we welcome newly arrived asylum seekers to Montreal. Each Monday, volunteers go over to the YMCA Residence and walk through the common areas, inviting next door residents to the library for a welcome session with tea, biscuits, and conversation about life in Montreal. Once in the library, volunteers divide into small groups whose conversations centre around life in Montreal. While the adults converse, several volunteers assist by reading books, colouring and playing with the children. From April 2019, and in over 5 sessions, the initiative has reached over 100 adult asylum seekers and their children.



PARTNERSHIPS

Samuel Centre of Connectedness (SCSC), works to catalyze innovative strategies to build connectedness within and between communities.

Table de concertation des organismes au service des personnes réfugiées et immigrantes (TCRI): A consultation and collaboration group of many organisations and community initiatives working on issues around refugees and migrants in Quebec.

For the Library sessions: SCSC, Atwater Library, YMCA Shelter & Praidia (Programme régional de santé et de services sociaux pour l'accueil et l'intégration des demandeurs de l'asile)

Professional Associations, starting with the Nurses Association of Quebec (connect for specific activities).

-Montreal Holocaust Museum - potential partner for a public event in the fall

