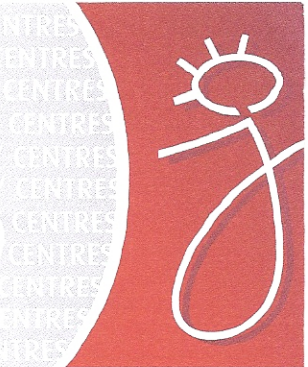




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BATSHAW YOUTH AND FAMILY CENTRES



THE RUTH AND MANNY BATSHAW AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE 2011:

It is time to nominate!

Claire Roy, Manager, Communications and Public Relations

In an effort to recognize the contribution of all, here are the categories of the Ruth and Manny Batshaw Awards of Excellence:

- Clinical Excellence – Psychosocial
- Clinical Excellence – Residential
- Administrative and Support Excellence

The presentation of the Ruth and Manny Batshaw Awards of Excellence will take place on November 23rd, during the Youth Centres Week.

You would like to nominate a colleague? It's very easy!

Please visit our intranet or extranet for more information and for the nomination form.

Deadline for nominations: October 5th.

WORLD SUICIDE PREVENTION DAY: September 10th

Kees Maas, PhD. Psychologist, Clinical Support Services, DPS

Every year since 2002 on September 10th, the International Association of Suicide Prevention and the World Health Organization, hold the World Suicide Prevention Day, as a reminder of the high incidence of suicide in the world (estimated at 1 million a year, more than all victims of armed conflicts as well as more than all victims of motor vehicle accidents), but as well as a tribute to all people, professionals and lay persons, contributing to prevent suicide.

I take up on the occasion to pay a tribute to all of us at Batshaw Centres that are contributing to the prevention of suicide through our care, consistency and support to our clients. Remind ourselves that we all make a difference. Thank you for being there... for life.

PROVINCIAL COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE'S MEETING AT BATSHAW CENTRES

Claire Roy, Manager, Communications and Public Relations

On September 8th and 9th, the Provincial Communication Committee met at 6 Weredale Park. This committee includes all the persons in charge of communications in the 16 youth centres across Quebec. We worked on different shared files such as the DYP *Bilan* 2011, the *Route sans fin*, Youth Centres Week, the making of a video on Youth Protection Act and social media. The discussions were dynamic and action oriented.

My youth centres' colleagues really enjoyed our working environment. They were also charmed by our little green oasis in downtown Montreal!

2011 BBQ: FINALLY UNDER THE SUN!

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After many years of sunless BBQs', the sun finally came out on the 11th edition of this annual event. Many thanks to all those who came out to support the cause!

BBQ crew was very efficient, Maintenance did a great job setting-up and cleaning-up. To them, to Resource team, to those staff who donated a prize, to the Prévost campus greenhouse for their beautiful plants and flowers, to all the raffle ticket sellers that ran around filling their bags with money and to all the others who contributed – thank you so much!

We would also like to thank those of you who were so generous. This year we were able to raise over \$2000 during the lunch hour!

OUR VOICES CONFERENCE:

The Circle of Courage & Therapeutic Activities -- Youth Speak Out!

Tony Maciocia, Program Coordinator, DRTSA

The annual "Our Voices" conference sponsored by the Quebec Association of Educators, Council of Clients & Community, and Batshaw Centres was held this past May 10th, in the auditorium at 6 Weredale Park.

Over 50 youth, staff and other professionals filled the room to capacity. The conference was inspired by the Circle of Courage and the focus was on the use of therapeutic activities in residential programs. After the welcome address, we were all treated to a special keynote address from Ms. Jennifer Dupuis, a graduate from Batshaw Centres and a recent graduate from McGill school of Social Work. Her talk was very inspirational and gave everyone "food for thought" but most of all, her speech was appreciated by all the young people present in the room. Ms. Dupuis has now been accepted in the Master program at McGill and we wish all the best in her future aspirations.

Batshaw Centres is also fortunate to have hired Ms. Dupuis for a two year temporary position as a Youth Empowerment Liaison position and will work within the SOA (Services to Older Adolescents) during this period.

We are already looking forward to the planning for another event that celebrates and brings the Voices of youth-in-care

THE BATSHAW CALENDAR

October 26th	Annual Public Information Meetings
Noon	6, Weredale Park
	Information:: Marie-Thérèse Rostaing, ext 1006
November 23rd	Ruth and Manny Batshaw Awards of Excellence
3:30 p.m.	6, Weredale Park Auditorium
	Information:: Claire Roy, ext. 1017
December 2nd	Batshaw Centres Holiday Party
	Holiday Inn Montreal-Midtown (Sherbrooke Streer)