

For a National Literacy Strategy - The Network for Literacy unveils its Platform and calls on all political parties in Quebec

Montreal, May 9th 2016 – The Network for Literacy, consisting of 20 organizations from diverse backgrounds of civil society, unveils its Platform today, entitled *For a National Literacy Strategy*. The Network's proposal bears in mind a perspective of social justice, the right to education, lifelong learning and aims to introduce structural measures that address the causes and consequences of low literacy in Quebec.



Created by the joint initiative of the *Institut de coopération pour l'éducation des adultes* (ICÉA) and the *Regroupement des groupes populaires en alphabétisation du Québec* (RGPAQ), the Network for Literacy has made it its mission to raise awareness, within Quebec society, about illiteracy, its causes and its consequences, as well as to collectively stand together and advocate for the adoption of a national literacy strategy by the Quebec government.

To effectively improve literacy levels, it is essential to be active on many fronts. To achieve this, a mobilization of all socio-economic actors and of the state is required. This is why the Network intends first and foremost to meet and present its Platform to all of the political parties' spokespersons and, of course, to the Minister of Education, Recreation and Sports, Mr. Sébastien Proulx, the key player in the implementation of said strategy.

The fact remains that in Quebec over one million people between the ages of 16 and 65 are not proficient in reading and writing skills. This is why the members of the Network are determined to have the Quebec government make Literacy a priority. The consequences of illiteracy or low literacy on the social, economic and cultural development of Quebec are too many and the human and social costs are too great.

The Platform of the Network for Literacy is available online at the following Address : <http://lutteanalphabetisme.ca/> (English version to follow)

The 20 members of the Network for Literacy are as follows :

1. Association québécoise des intervenantes et des intervenants à la formation générale des adultes (AQIFGA)
2. Centrale des syndicats du Québec (CSQ)
3. Centre de documentation sur l'éducation des adultes et la condition féminine (CDÉACF)

4. Coalition des organismes communautaires pour le développement de la main-d'œuvre (COCDMO)
5. Collectif pour un Québec sans pauvreté
6. Collège Frontière
7. Confédération des syndicats nationaux (CSN)
8. Fédération autonome de l'enseignement (FAE)
9. Fédération des commissions scolaires du Québec (FCSQ)
10. Fédération des syndicats de l'enseignement (FSE-CSQ)
11. Fédération des travailleurs et travailleuses du Québec (FTQ)
12. Fédération nationale des enseignantes et des enseignants du Québec (FNÉE-Q-SCN)
13. Fédération québécoise des organismes communautaires Famille (FQOCF)
14. Institut de coopération pour l'éducation des adultes (ICÉA)
15. Literacy Quebec (LQ)
16. Mouvement québécois des adultes en formation (MQAF)
17. Regroupement des groupes populaires en alphabétisation du Québec (RGPAQ)
18. Relais-femmes
19. Table de concertation des organismes au service des personnes réfugiées et immigrantes (TCRI)
20. Table des responsables de l'éducation des adultes et de la formation professionnelle des commissions scolaires du Québec (TRÉAQFP)

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