

IMPACT REPORT
**TOGETHER FOR
COMMUNITY
HOUSING | ENSEMBLE
POUR LE LOGEMENT
COMMUNAUTAIRE**

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Purpose

The purpose of the Together for Community Housing event was to have an open conversation about the challenges facing community groups when it comes to creating new housing programs in the West Island.

Goals

- 1) Identify and discuss some of the obstacles in the way of community groups developing new community housing in the West Island.
- 2) Brainstorm tools and resources that would be good to have on hand when facing these obstacles, that could potentially go in our community housing toolbox.

+312 Facebook & Instagram users reached

21 attendees

2 citizen groups

1 GRT

63 event page views

+121 e-mail invitations sent

6 community groups

5 community houses

4 community members

Organizations who participated

Bâtir son quartier
TQSOI
WICS, West Island Community Shares
AJOI, Action Jeunesse de l'Ouest-de-l'Île
OMHM-Résidence Des Sources

Citizens for a Better Dorval
WICA, West Island Citizens Advocacy group
FOHM, Federation des OSBL d'habitation de Montreal
LI-BER-T House
Fonds d'Aide de l'Ouest de l'île

PCSM-CPMH, Perspective Communautaire en Santé Mentale
Coop. Habitation Village Cloverdale
La Sortie
Centre Bienvenue
Refuge pour les femmes de l'Ouest de l'île

Discussion Questions

- Q1** Do you have any experience or interest in creating or developing community housing?
- Q2** In your opinion, why isn't there more community housing in the West Island?
- Q3** What are the biggest obstacles facing community groups who want to develop community housing?

Key-points made in discussion

- There is a huge interest in creating and collaborating on community housing projects among community members and groups.
- Reasons for why there isn't already more community housing in the West Island:
 - The process of creating a housing project is complicated.
 - Zoning regulations for specific sites are complicated to navigate.
 - Lack of available land.
 - Lack of social acceptability for these types of projects.
 - Affordability is a huge issue, making projects unfeasible.
- Obstacles in the way of community groups developing community housing:
 - Availability of land.
 - Finding and securing funding for the entire length of a project.
 - Political will.
 - Social Acceptability.
 - Lack of support for alternative housing options.
 - Competing with the private market is difficult.



Brainstorming activity



Ideas from brainstorm

- A map of terrain and spaces that could be used for projects
- list of community groups dedicated to housing
- list of housing programs in the area & their eligibility
- List of GRTs for housing
- List of property brokers
- List of contacts willing to answers others questions from other community housing project (ex: Kate from Villa beaurepaire)
- List of funders on past projects
- Map of grey space; unused commercial space (that could be transferred to affordable housing)
- An index of projects in development
- Descriptions of subsidy programs for housing projects based on clientele
- List of partners who have developed projects and can answer our questions.
- Best practices document

Top three ideas from categorical vote

- Roadmap to building community housing
- Collaboration between community groups
- List of partners and experts to reach out to





Post-Event Survey Results

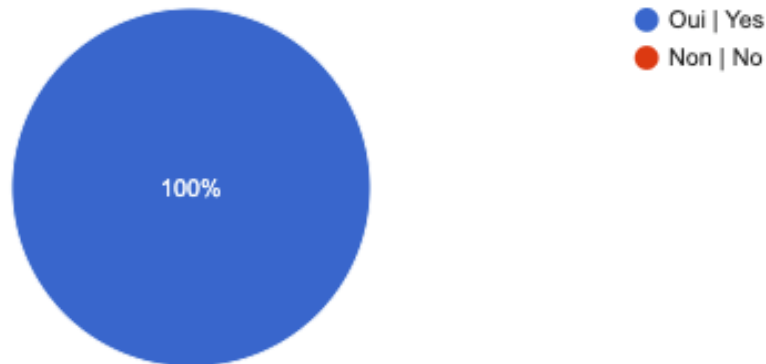
19 reached via email

11 responses

21 attendees

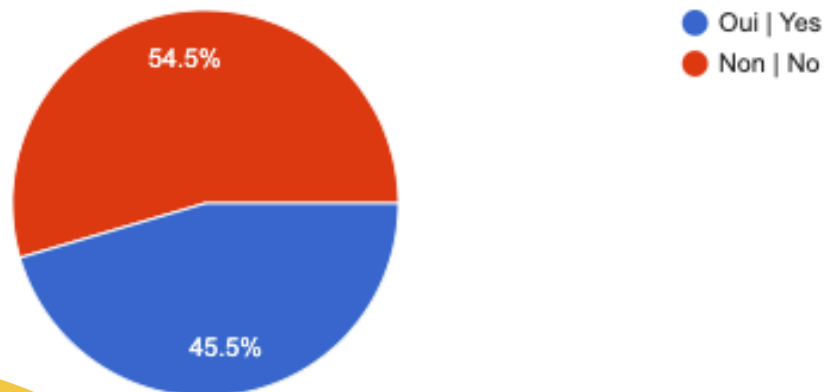
Êtes-vous intéressé à participer à des événements similaires au "Ensemble pour le Logement Communautaire" d'aujourd'hui, organisé par TQSOL, dans le futur? | Are you interested in attending similar events to today's "Together for Community Housing," hosted by TQSOL, in the future?

11 responses



Êtes-vous intéressé à rejoindre le comité de la boîte-à-outils du logement communautaire? | Are you interested in joining the community housing toolbox committee?

11 responses



"I just want to say thank you for the presentation! I think this is a great project initiative"

"Thanks so much for putting this event together and for all who participated. I'm so glad to meet new people and discuss this very important topic. Together For Community Housing!!"