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THE CPRLV LAUNCHES ITS
“SMALL ILLUSTRATED GUIDE TO HATRED IN QUEBEC”
WEB PORTAL

Montréal, May 17, 2021 – The Centre for the Prevention of Radicalization Leading to Violence (CPRLV) is proud to announce that it will launch its new guidehaine.org platform on May 17, 2021, a platform entirely devoted to the meaning and use of hate signs, symbols and expressions used in Québec.

An online tool aimed at public education, awareness and information

The guidehaine.org platform—titled “Small Illustrated Guide to Hatred in Quebec”—was conceived and designed as an educational, participatory and interactive web portal to let people visually recognize and better understand the ideological postures and underlying messages associated with hate signs, symbols and expressions online and offline. “This resource is timely. It has been established at a time when living together is in a critical state,” said Roselyne Mavungu, the CPRLV executive director.

The platform is the first of its kind in Québec. It lists close to one hundred signs, symbols and expressions expressing hatred towards an identifiable group separate from other population groups especially because of age, race, colour, national or ethnic origin, language, religion, gender, mental or physical disability, or sexual orientation. The portal, which will soon be accessible to all, will be an essential online tool for various users affected by violent radicalization and acts of hatred. These users include teachers, stakeholders, managers and administrative staff members, and public authorities. To promote a constant sharing of information, citizens will also have the possibility to contribute to the platform’s contents by proposing other signs and symbols they have seen in the public space or on social media.

A necessary response to prevent violent radicalization and hateful acts

The “Small Illustrated Guide to Hatred in Quebec” was a project initiated by the CPRLV in 2018. Groups, ideologies and opinions considered as hateful have become increasingly present in the political and public space in recent years. The health crisis related to the COVID-19 pandemic has led to an increase in hate speech against ethnocultural and religious groups, as well as a rise in the popularity of conspiracy theories that have fuelled the presence of various expressions of hatred in Québec and elsewhere. In such circumstances, “education is one of the pillars of the

CPRLV’s preventive action,” said Mavungu. “Our new platform (Small Illustrated Guide to Hatred in Quebec) is part of this desire to provide the necessary elements of understanding to various prevention professionals. It will allow us to dissect hatred in all its facets and bring it to light, even when it circulates in hidden form.”

Unveiling on the International Day of Living Together in Peace

The guidehaine.org platform will be unveiled on Monday, May 17 as part of a panel discussion from noon to 1:00 p.m. with three CPRLV partners who contributed to developing the platform:

- Mylène St-Onge, street worker for TRIP Jeunesse Beauport and member of the Capitale Nationale/Chaudière-Appalaches at the Association des Travailleurs et Travailleuses de rue du Québec
- Dr. Mark Pitcavage, senior researcher for the Anti-Defamation League’s Center on Extremism in New York
- Nadira Barre, community communicator with the Resiliency Project in Edmonton

The CPRLV would also like to acknowledge the contribution of its financial partners, especially Ville de Montréal and the Québec government, without whom the platform would not have been possible. The official launch of the “Small Illustrated Guide to Hatred in Quebec” after the International Day of Living Together in Peace is an opportunity for the Centre to reaffirm its commitment to building peaceful and safe communities. Those wishing to attend the panel must register on the Eventbrite page: <https://bit.ly/32K5VAe>

About the CPRLV

Active since 2015, the Centre for the Prevention of Radicalization Leading to Violence (CPRLV) is mandated by Ville de Montréal and the Ministère de la Sécurité publique du Québec to prevent radicalization leading to violence and hateful acts provincewide. The CPRLV uses education, engagement and community involvement as part of a community-based approach deployed to act upstream, aimed at accessibility for all, acting in collaboration with partners from every sector and grounded in scientific and practical expertise.

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