

CENTRE FOR THE  
**PREVENTION**  
OF RADICALIZATION  
LEADING TO VIOLENCE



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## The CPRLV in Numbers

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### To express as a recognized and solicited actor



### Community support



### Info-Radical line



# Message from the Chair of the Board of Directors

2022 was marked by a transition to a return to in-person activities in a context that remains uncertain in terms of health and recruitment. In these circumstances, the growing demand for the Centre's services and the number of activities developed are a source of pride and a guarantee of continued growth in the years to come.



**Shahad Salman**  
*Chair*

On the scientific front, the Centre contributed to several external research projects and submitted innovative projects for additional funding in partnership with recognized researchers. The research team also presented research results at scientific events and in specialized publications. Finally, the team developed a new terminology to categorize extremist ideologies, which is detailed in this report.

The Centre has increased its presence in the public space through participation in forums, partnership meetings and a sustained media presence. Social media presence was significantly increased. However, recruitment challenges limited opportunities and delayed the planned communications campaign, focusing instead on consolidating achievements and promoting the Centre's many projects and programs.

Community support has been in high demand due in part to current events (Freedom Convoy, provincial elections, multiple social tensions) and to the increased public presence that has resulted in greater use of the Info-Radical line by the people. The return to more in-person community support poses significant logistical and labour challenges.

The return to in-person has also been felt in training, where it is more difficult to gather large crowds. However, the quality of interactions is much higher, and the feedback is more meaningful. The gains of the digital shift are, nonetheless, here to stay and the Centre has continued to develop new webinar content as well as asynchronous training to reach a broader audience.

Finally, 2022 was marked by the holding of our first in-person board meeting since January 2020! This return to normalcy reminds us of the importance of face-to-face meetings and interacting without the barrier of a screen.

# Message from the Executive Director

2022 concludes a strategic cycle marked by the redefining of prevention, management and work practices in a pandemic context. As defined by the 2023-2025 Strategic plan, future directions show strong growth in awareness of the CPRLV and the scope of its operations.

This growth will be achieved through more active communication, an increased presence in all regions of Quebec, a consolidation of the conditions and workspaces in a hybrid context, and, of course, maintaining the excellence of the projects and services offered by the Centre.

The Centre intends to maintain and strengthen its expertise and the quality of its services in the prevention of radicalization leading to violence and hate-motivated acts by developing original training and outreach content, establishing innovative prevention programs at all levels (primary, secondary and tertiary), and deploying new action research projects.

The community support model developed by the Centre to prevent radicalization leading to violence will continue to be deployed, theorized and disseminated in order to better understand the work of the Centre's practitioners and, we hope, to inspire other organizations and prevention teams.

Finally, the issue of gun violence is a major concern in Montreal and elsewhere in Quebec. In 2022, the Montreal City Council asked the Centre to play a role in the prevention of this phenomenon. Without modifying its mandate to prevent radicalization leading to violence and hate-motivated acts, the CPRLV intends to contribute to this issue.



**Roselyne Mavungu**  
*Executive Director*

# A Multidisciplinary Team Focused on Prevention

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# Introduction

## Constant reinvention

This is what an organization like the CPRLV is all about. Radicalization and hate are unpredictable and require constant attention and flexibility in executing such a broad prevention mandate. Just when we thought we were finally out of the pandemic, 2022 was still, once again, heavily marked by health uncertainty and a hesitant return to in-person activities. The many contacts established by videoconference across Quebec and the world must now be maintained offline with significant travel challenges, in addition to a labour shortage that prevents the Centre from being as present as it would like to be. With this in mind, the Centre has established asynchronous training that allows citizens to learn about radicalization at their own pace.

Despite these challenges, the Centre is innovating and distinguishing itself with, among other things, a new terminology for naming changing extremist ideologies, the result of work carried out throughout 2022 that you will discover in this report and in future communications. The spread of conspiracy theories, culminating in 2022 with the Freedom Convoy in Ottawa and other Quebec and Canadian cities in January-February, has severely shaken the certainties and preconceived notions about the motivations for extremist involvement and the people susceptible to engaging in a process of radicalization.

Unfortunately, hate is increasingly present in the public sphere, including online. The CPRLV has been at the forefront of making this issue a priority by working in coalition with community and institutional actors to find new ways to raise awareness and prevent hate-motivated acts.

# Our Achievements

## Significant Contributions to Scientific Knowledge

The mandate of the CPRLV's research team is to provide scientific support to the Centre's various teams and to contribute proactively to the development of knowledge through independent applied research and supporting university and college researchers. The CPRLV's research thus ensures the continuation of training and prevention programs at the cutting edge of scientific knowledge in addition to providing knowledge based on the Centre's practical experience.

To ensure the dissemination of the knowledge produced by its teams, the Centre gave eight presentations at scientific events on themes such as hate-motivated acts, gender issues in extremist movements and conspiracy theories. The Centre also co-organized the symposium Extremism, Populism and Conspiracy Theories: The Impacts of the Pandemic on Democracy with the Centre of Expertise and Training on Religious Fundamentalism, Political Ideologies and Radicalization (CEFIR) on September 21-22, 2022, in Longueuil.



## Productive Scientific Collaborations

Research collaborations continued with the notable creation of the second edition of the annual literature review, "The Prevention of Violent Extremism in Scientific Journals", a project conducted jointly with the UNESCO-PREV Chair. The CEFIR project "Pratiques religieuses, spirituelles et sectaires en contexte laïque dans les cégeps : nouvelles avenues pour une meilleure co-construction des savoirs" continued with the Centre's support.

Two projects in which the CPRLV is a partner also began in 2022. The "Research and Action on Social Polarization" project, led by Dr. Cécile Rousseau, has obtained renewed team funding from the Quebec Research Funds – Society and Culture. The CPRLV is a member of the RAPS team and actively participates in its activities (monthly meetings, joint projects). In addition, the "Codévelopper et optimiser des pratiques d'accompagnement répondant aux besoins des personnes ayant un proche ou une personne de leur entourage qui adhère aux théories du complot : une recherche partenariale, à dimensions collaborative et participative" project, led by a team headed by Professor Nathalie Lafranchise of the Université du Québec à Montréal, began in 2022. The CPRLV is a partner in this project which will contribute to the evaluation and improvement of support groups for the loved ones of people who adhere to conspiracy theories in Quebec.

28

presentations, symposiums and webinars

5

internal trainings

The research team attended 28 scientific presentations, symposiums and webinars to keep abreast of cutting-edge research in the field of radicalization and hateful acts in Quebec, Canada and around the world. The team also gave five internal trainings to all CPRLV employees to ensure continuous staff training, in addition to producing 15 summary sheets on emerging trends in extremism for the Centre's community support professionals.

The CPRLV has submitted three new funding applications for specific projects, in addition to supporting one application from external researchers. If successful, these applications will allow for the diversification of projects, the creation of new partnerships and the development of cutting-edge activities in topics related to hateful acts and radicalization.



# An Overhaul of the Terminology

Finally, the scientific team conducted a review of the classification of extremist ideologies. Since its creation, the CPRLV has used a four-category typology to help the public and workers situate extremism within the ideological field.

## Left-Wing Extremism

Left-wing extremism is a heterogeneous movement with ideological foundations that include anti-capitalism and anti-governmentalism. This form of extremism is generally characterized by the rejection of economic and political systems that are considered to generate social inequalities. It emphasizes the need for violent action to fight against the groups and institutions representing these systems - such as the state, police, correctional facilities, military, banks, and right-wing political groups - and to defend groups seen as oppressed by them.

## Right-Wing Extremism

Right-wing extremism is a heterogeneous movement associated with motives such as fascism, racism, supremacism, ultra-conservatism or xenophobia. This form of extremism is generally characterized by the violent defense of a racial, ethnic, cultural, or national identity. It is also associated with a hatred of groups or institutions perceived to threaten these identities, including ethnic, cultural or gender minorities, immigrants, feminist or leftist political groups, and state authorities.

## Politico-Religious extremism

Politico-religious extremism is made up of several movements associated with a political, fundamentalist and/or integrist reading of religion, and can emerge in all religions. This form of extremism is characterized by the use of violent action as the ultimate means to defend an identity or religious identity, perceived as being attacked, blasphemed, or threatened.

## Single-issue extremism

Single-issue extremism is made up of multiple movements motivated primarily by a single cause or target. Single issue extremism is not based on an ideological and political system as well organized as other forms of extremism, but rather on a specific claim or target. This claim can be linked to a multitude of political ideas, whether progressive or conservative in nature, and is intended to be defended through violent means. Thus, environmental or animal rights extremists, anti-abortion extremists, certain homophobic or anti-feminist movements, or ultra-individualist and autonomist extremists using violence to defend their cause are included in this category.

This typology, borrowed from the field of terrorism studies, allows for a general location of the ideological frameworks of extremist movements and individuals while also allowing for effective communication about the diversity of extremist ideologies, thus avoiding the stigmatization of any one group. However, this typology had become restrictive over the years and needed to be reconsidered.

Instead, the CPRLV has developed an approach based on five ideological dimensions around which the majority of the paths to extremist engagement are organized. These dimensions, which are not unique to extremism, allow for an understanding of the ideological motivations of extremist actors, thus better targeting education and prevention activities. Unlike traditional typologies which force the classification of extremist groups and individuals into one category or another, the multidimensional approach allows for a combination of categories and, therefore, a better understanding of the various ideological fields at play in a path to radicalization.

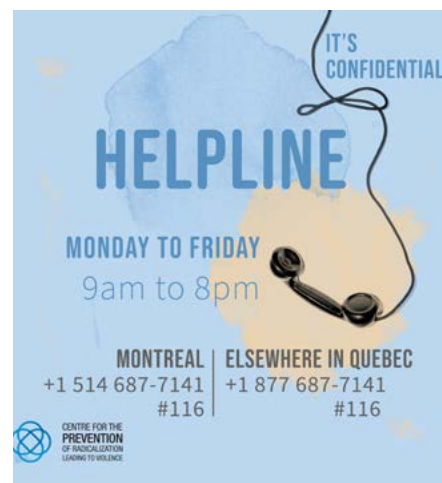
## The five dimensions are:



This approach is part of a global reflection in which researchers and institutions are tending to move away from traditional classification categories to focus on the motivations of actors. Moreover, it allows for better action in the context of growing "salad-bar" extremism, where radicalization processes are more individualized and combine various issues. Finally, it opens the door to a better consideration of ideological issues that were previously neglected or grouped in the "single-issue" category, but which are nonetheless major and complex issues, such as conspiracy theories, gender issues or environmental causes.

# Support in the Face of Growing and Multiple Needs

Community support is a flagship program of the CPRLV. It allows individuals who are or have been involved in a process of radicalization, their circle (family, friends) or their communities (school, co-workers) to obtain individualized assistance according to their needs, ranging from simple advice to regular long-term support from our team of professionals. The objective of community support is to provide prosocial means of action to individuals involved in a process of radicalization to limit the risk of turning to violence and to maximize the protective factors allowing for social reintegration.



The Centre's community support was increasingly in demand in 2022. The number of new requests for assistance, either by phone or via the assistance request form, increased from 203 to 209 between 2021 and 2022. This slight increase is coupled with increased complexity, with new requests requiring more follow-up from the support team on average than those in 2021. Further, the gradual return of in-person activities has resulted in more travel across Quebec for a support team with limited numbers. In total, 490 accompaniment sessions totalling 1,470 hours of work were provided by the support team.

Requests for assistance are closely linked to current events and to events that increase social tensions, including (in 2022) the January-February Freedom Convoy and the provincial election campaign in October. Requests are also increasing alongside the Centre's public appearances, either in the media or through public webinars or trainings, which shows that the needs are much greater than the requests received and that the Centre remains unknown in many circles. There is therefore considerable potential for growth in order to fully meet the CPRLV's prevention mandate.

The support requests came in addition to holding support groups for the loved ones of adherents to conspiracy theories. This program, "**Giving Ourselves a Voice**", was born out of requests received during the COVID-19 pandemic, and its pertinence was confirmed by new requests for participation throughout the year. Five sessions were held, gathering 41 people.



The mentoring project "**A Presence for All**" continued with the support of Public Safety Canada. This program, which is part of the community support service, matches individuals who have been on or are in a process of radicalization with a volunteer from the community to reinforce the protective factors necessary to exit violent extremism, notably the establishment of a non-extremist social circle.



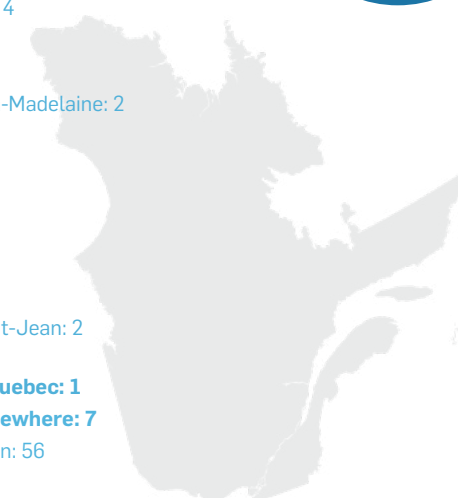
The origin of requests is divided near-equally between Montreal and the rest of Quebec, which is in continuity with previous years. The requests originate from 14 administrative regions, indicating that there are needs everywhere in Quebec. Generally speaking, more women are asking for help, either for themselves or, more often, for a man in their family or professional circle.



## Caller Origins:

- Montreal: 76
- Rest of Quebec, outside Montreal: 69
- Abitibi-Témiscamingue: 1
- Capitale-Nationale: 17
- Centre-du-Québec: 4
- Côte-Nord: 1
- Estrie: 3
- Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madelaine: 2
- Lanaudière: 6
- Laurentides: 9
- Laval: 6
- Mauricie: 1
- Montréal: 14
- Outaouais: 3
- Saguenay-Lac-Saint-Jean: 2

Canada, outside Quebec: 1  
Requests from elsewhere: 7  
Indeterminate region: 56





# Ideological Dimensions of Support Requests

With the adoption of new ideological dimensions of extremism, it is possible to categorize the new claims from 2022 according to the old and new classifications. We find that the "single-issue" category is ~~the most~~, largely related to conspiracy theories linked to COVID-19. Using the new dimensions, adherents to these theories are found to be driven largely by issues related to authority and individual autonomy, but also, in some cases, by religious and spiritual issues present in some conspiracy movements. In addition, the gender and sexuality dimension is emerging as a major and growing issue that was not clear in the previous typology. It can also be noted that issues of religion and spirituality are present in more cases than those previously defined as "politico-religious". Finally, the new terminology allows for the classification of certain hate-motivated acts when they have motives that appear ideological. However, other hateful acts cannot be linked to a particular ideology which explains the greater number of ideologically "indeterminate" claims under the new terminology.

Of course, these data must be considered in context and cannot be taken as an exact portrait of extremism in Quebec in 2022. Factors such as public debates, the level of knowledge of the CPRLV among people in contact with extremism or the Centre's public communications (webinars, media interviews, trainings, or workshops given in specific sectors) influence the volume of requests for assistance. Nevertheless, they are an indicator that, combined with those of other organizations and institutions, can guide prevention efforts.

## Classification of Requests According to the Previous Typology:



## Classification of Requests According to Newly-Adopted Ideological Dimensions

Economic	4
Religion and spirituality	42
Ethnonational	51
Gender and sexuality	32
Authority and individual autonomy	42
Indeterminate	71
Unrelated	20
<b>Total:</b>	<b>262</b>



## Communities of Practice and Roundtables

The Centre is present in various communities of practice that bring workers and practitioners together in the prevention of violence, crime, hatred, or violent extremism. This participation allows for the exchange of practices and the improvement of services offered by drawing inspiration from similar experiences in Quebec, Canada and elsewhere. They also make it possible to show how the support team works and to inspire prevention elsewhere based on the experiences developed by the Centre.

In addition, the Centre is present at local roundtables in order to maintain a link with local issues and live contacts with community organizations, and institutions working in related fields. Limited by the labour shortage, participation in these roundtables is expected to increase to promote stronger connections with communities.

In total, the Centre was present at **25 communities of practice and roundtable sessions** in 2022.

# A Marked Public Presence and Active Partnerships

## An Active Search for Partners

The Centre is consistently open to expert and best practice exchanges in the field of prevention of hate and radicalization leading to violence in order to create innovative projects, to learn from the experiences of organizations and institutions in Quebec and beyond, and to make the Centre's services known. With this in mind, the Centre held 55 expert exchange meetings with current or potential partners. These virtual or in-person meetings led to several trainings in Quebec and internationally, the development of an online exchange and training project with the Centre d'action et de prévention contre la radicalisation des individus (CAPRI) in Bordeaux, France, and the Centre's participation in scientific or public forums. The Centre also hosted three external delegations onsite, marking a gradual return to in-person visits.

## Notable and Influential Participation

In 2022, the CPRLV was present at several public forums to promote inclusion, prevent hate and social polarization, and influence decision-making. Notably, the Centre contributed to the Forum on Diversity and Inclusion organized by the Peace Network for Social Harmony (Montreal Museum of Fine Arts, April 21-22). It also participated in the Strong Cities Network's Transatlantic Mayoral Dialogue on Preventing Hate, Extremism, and Polarisation, and Safeguarding Local Democracy at The Hague, Netherlands, on November 15-16.

The CPRLV was also called twice to testify before Standing Committees of the House of Commons of Canada: the Standing Committee on Public Safety and National Security to study the rise of ideologically-motivated violent extremism in Canada on March 31, and the Standing Committee on Canadian Heritage to study hate symbols and emblems in Canada historically and today on April 27. These appearances are in addition to participation in virtual roundtable consultations for the Government of Canada's National Action Plan on Combatting Hate. The Centre has also participated in informal consultations with representatives of governments and public institutions at the municipal, provincial and federal levels, demonstrating that the Centre is a respected and considered voice in the development of public policy on the prevention of hate and violent extremism.

The Centre was invited to speak at 12 different public panels in Quebec, Canada and internationally to share our expertise with professionals, educators, researchers and members of the general public involved in their communities. One such event was Movement ACTES – Centrale des syndicats du Québec's national session, where we participated in the opening panel before a hundred members whose objective was to promote gestures of peace. The Centre also participated in the "Renforcer la confiance envers les médias" panel, organized by the Quebec Federation of Professional Journalists as part of Press and Media Week. The panel addressed issues related to false information, the relationship of trust between society and media bodies, and the various contexts, including the COVID-19 pandemic, that foster negative attitudes toward the media and, more specifically, toward journalists. The CPRLV participated in this panel to bring its expertise in the analysis of phenomena that can explain the distrust of certain people toward the media by addressing, for example, the issue of conspiracy theories and hate speech. Finally, the Centre contributed to the virtual symposium "Éducation et sujets sensibles : des outils à portée de main", organized by the Institut de recherche sur l'immigration et les pratiques interculturelles et inclusives (IRIPII). The Centre's speech, "La haine : comprendre pour mieux agir", presented several tools to prevent hate-motivated acts, such as the Small Illustrated Guide to Hatred in Quebec and the "Extreme Dialogue Quebec" project. This event gathered more than 800 participants.

The CPRLV also offered the webinar "Hate-Motivated Acts: Overview, Issues and Helpful Practices" as part of two important public events: Action Week Against Racism and Peace Days. These events were initiatives of the Peace Network for Social Harmony, and this year's theme was "Take Action for Equality: End Racism. Build Peace.". 2022 marked the 23rd edition of Action Week Against Racism, with the theme "L'accueil des réfugié.e.s et des migrant.e.s au Québec".

12  
public  
panels



# Mobilizing the Public and Institutions

The Centre launched the "Coalition contre la haine", bringing together 26 organizations and institutions across Quebec to coordinate actions to prevent hate-motivated acts. This Coalition held four general meetings virtually in 2022, which made it possible to identify the needs of various communities in terms of prevention, pool available resources, and form work teams in key sectors. Grouped into three subcommittees, these teams are working on reporting issues, education and awareness, and public outreach.



**Coalition  
26  
organizations  
and institutions**

**15  
mobilization  
activities**

**33**  
"What if I Was Wrong"  
awareness workshops  
(primary and secondary prevention)



The Community Mobilization team also conducted 33 awareness workshops in educational settings based on the ever-popular "What if I Was Wrong?" campaign. These workshops were in addition to 15 youth mobilization activities held in community settings.

The summer of 2022 also saw the return of the mobilization booths at Place Émilie-Gamelin and at the Frontenac metro station, which made it possible to reach out to the general public and raise awareness of the Centre in Montreal, especially for vulnerable people.

It should be noted that mobilization is one of the sectors where the lack of personnel significantly hinders the work of the Centre as this lack prevents it from being as present as desired in the community, particularly outside Montreal. The observation that requests for assistance and training increase when the Centre is known in communities potentially concerned with issues of hate and radicalization suggests that a more present mobilization would lead to an increase in requests in other sectors.

# Prevention Online and in the Media

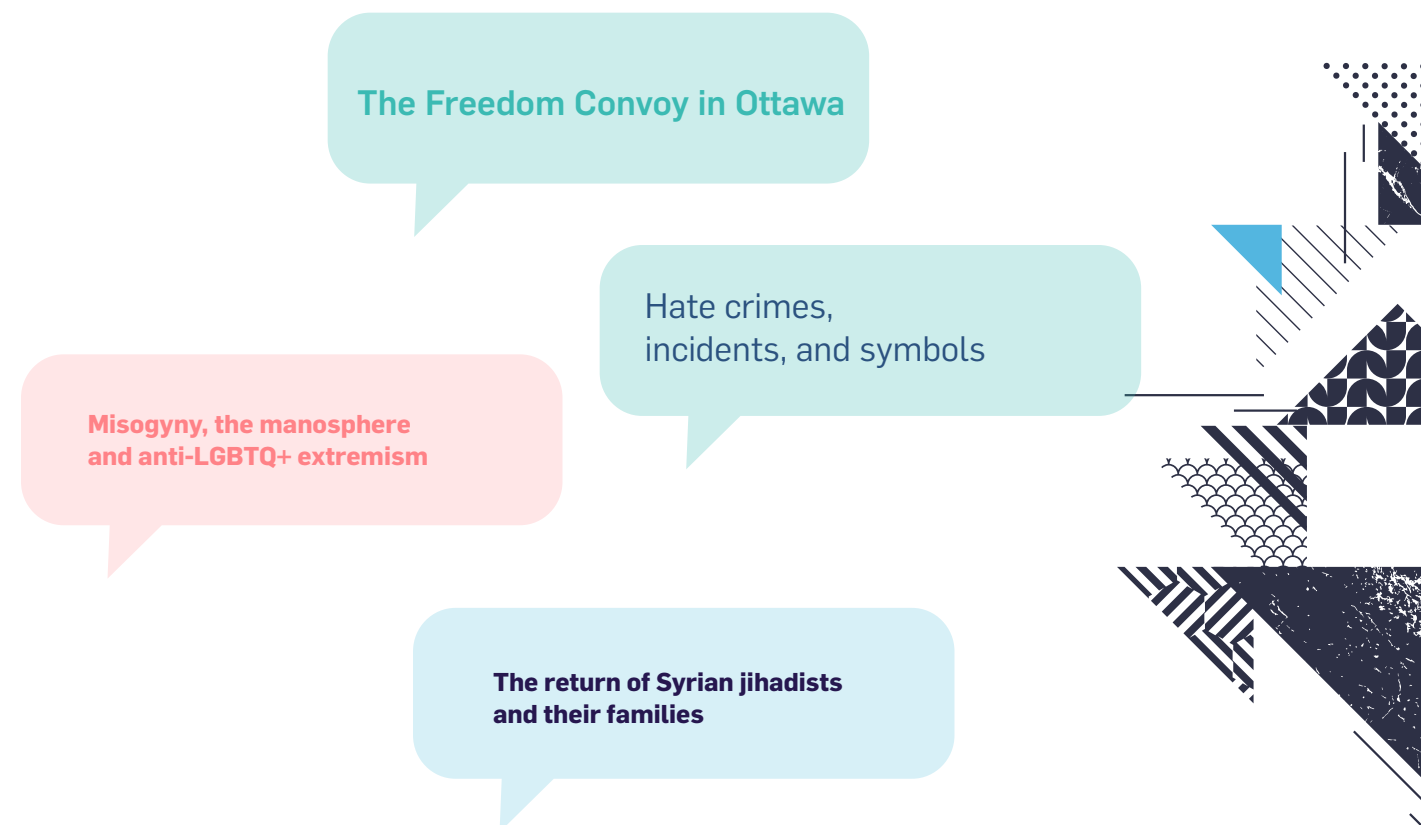
**Expertise That Is Shared**



The CPRLV has positioned itself as a source of knowledge and expertise for the media. Radicalization and hate-motivated acts have been significant topics in the media over the past year and the CPRLV has maintained a strong presence. From television and newspapers to radio and podcasts, the Centre received 70 media requests in 2022.

The CPRLV has enabled journalists and their audiences to develop a better understanding of the phenomena of radicalization and hate-motivated acts by offering scientific and practical expertise.

**Here are the main themes on which the CPRLV has positioned itself as an expert:**

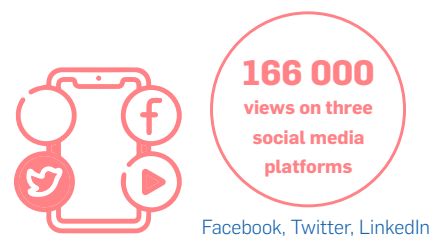


# Digital Platforms That Stand Out

It also remains essential for the CPRLV to maintain an active presence on social media platforms as they are an excellent source of visibility for issues related to radicalization and hate-motivated acts. In 2022, more than 760 publications were shared on LinkedIn, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. With these publications, the CPRLV has accumulated 166,000 views on these platforms. These publications allow the Centre to share more of its expertise and to make itself accessible to users.

Another communication tool favoured by the CPRLV is the newsletter. In order to share its projects and achievements, the Centre sent out 31 newsletters in 2022.

The info-radical.org platform continues to raise the CPRLV's profile thanks to the exposure it provides for the workshops, trainings, expertise and tools developed by the CPRLV team. In 2022, info-radical.org received more than 148,639 visits, positioning the platform as an essential tool for transmitting the CPRLV's knowledge.



## 404 Magazine: A Third Edition That Has People Talking



The third edition of 404 Magazine (404mag.org) was launched on November 24, 2022. With the theme "Giving Yourself a Voice", this edition is an invitation to reflect on the value of intercommunity dialogues, promote profound social transformation in solidarity, and explore various means of prosocial engagement – formal or informal, individual or collective.

To do this, the 404 Magazine team met with 11 collaborators who shared their expertise and experiences.

On November 24, 2022, a launch event was organized at the Centre Lasallien to celebrate the release of this edition as well as the new online training platform.



Bifan Sun, communication intern and Diamond Yao, an interviewed journalist for the 404 Magazine

# Training Settings in a Transitional Context

## 2022: A Year of Transition



## Equipping Prevention Actors in Their Sectors



In 2022, a total of 88 virtual and in-person trainings provided 2,402 people with the opportunity to address the phenomenon of radicalization leading to violence, hate-motivated acts, and related themes. The midyear was marked by a gradual return to in-person education activities which had benefits and challenges. For example, we had to translate our virtual trainings to an in-person format, including the “Engaging Dialogue with a Person Who Adheres to Conspiracy Theories” and “Hate-Motivated Acts: Overview, Issues, and Helpful Practices” webinars which were originally designed for an online format. Given the challenges of travelling across Quebec and the difficulties in bringing prevention actors together in person, increased mobilization efforts were made with our partners and communities concerned with the prevention of radicalization leading to violence. In the end, 42 in-person trainings gathered 1,338 participants and 46 virtual trainings reached 1,064 participants.

Several Quebec organizations have benefited from CPRLV trainings in order to respond to various needs on the ground. Some current events also contributed to these requests, such as the Freedom Convoy in Ottawa, the provincial election, and debates on climate issues. In total, 62 trainings took place in Quebec, gathering 2,043 participants; 17 trainings were held outside of Montreal and 45 in Montreal. Notably, Cégep de Granby’s psychosocial team took the Hexagon training to learn about the interdisciplinary analysis of situations that could lead to violent radicalization. Training on radicalization leading to violence and community support was offered at the head office of the YMCAs of Québec. As part of the “Réparer les actes motivés par la haine” project held in collaboration with Nina Admo of the Collège de Maisonneuve, one-day training on hate-motivated acts was delivered to public officials from the Centre de services de justice réparatrice (CSJR). The “Resisting Conspiracy Theories and Hate Speech in Times of Crisis” training was presented to all students in philosophy courses at the Cégep de Sherbrooke, gathering close to 250 people. Youth workers from the CIUSSS de la Capitale-Nationale attended the “Polarized and Polarizing Debates: How to Address Sensitive Topics in an Educational Settings” webinar to equip themselves when difficult conversations arise with their clientele.

A total of 26 trainings gathering 359 people were offered to different organizations outside of Quebec, including the City and Eurometropolis of Strasbourg, the University of Siena, the City of Charleroi, the Direction interrégionale des services pénitentiaires de Toulouse, the French Ministry of Justice’s Mission nationale de veille et d’information, the Centre de ressources en prévention des radicalités sociales in Lille, the GRETA Grand-Littoral de Calais, and Norwich University in Vermont. These paid trainings provide independent income for the Centre and aim to share the helpful practices it has developed.

Our introductory trainings were once again very successful this year. The “Radicalization Leading to Violence: What Are We Talking About?” training was offered 18 times, reaching 505 people. The “Hate-Motivated Acts: Overview, Issues, and Helpful Practices” training was given 10 times, gathering 370 people. Beyond these introductory contents, two trainings are frequently requested: “Engaging Dialogue With a Person Who Adheres to Conspiracy Theories” was presented 12 times, reaching 284 people, and the “Polarized and Polarizing Debates: How to Address Sensitive Topics in an Educational Settings” training was held nine times in 2022, reaching 176 people. The Hexagon educational tool, which allows for the interdisciplinary analysis of radicalization situations that could lead to violence, also generated a great deal of interest in the field. Eleven Hexagon workshops were delivered, reaching a total of 148 participants.

## Four New Public Webinars to Address Contemporary Themes

1

### Hate-Motivated Acts: Overview, Issues, and Helpful Practices

Following the publication of the CPRLV's report on hate-motivated acts in December 2021, a webinar was offered to the general public to briefly present the findings of this study. The training allowed participants to review the concepts of hateful acts, incidents, crimes and speech alongside the latest numbers to illustrate the current situation. Finally, this webinar provided participants with opportunities for reflection and helpful practices for the prevention of hateful acts.

2

### Environmental Issues and Social Polarization

This webinar examined the issue of social polarization through the lens of environmental issues. It allowed learners to take stock of this issue in the political sphere, analyze its various manifestations, and examine individual and collective vulnerability and protective factors. As environmental issues are at the heart of social and political debates, it is essential to develop awareness-raising content to address them. des contenus de sensibilisation pour y répondre.

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### Environmental Issues and Ideological Extremization

In recent years, we have observed an ideological reappropriation of environmental issues within several extremist movements. The first part of this webinar examined how extreme ideologies maintain a particular relationship with nature and humans' relationship with it. The second part presented some movements where climate issues have been used to support exclusionary traditionalist theses.

4

### Hate-Motivated Acts: Intersectional Perspectives

This webinar allowed participants to explore the causes and consequences of different experiences of hate using an intersectional approach. Some groups and communities are more targeted by hateful acts than others. The concepts of vulnerability, victimization and intersectionality were discussed as well as the individual and social consequences of hate. Finally, helpful practices to encourage dialogue with those targeted were presented.

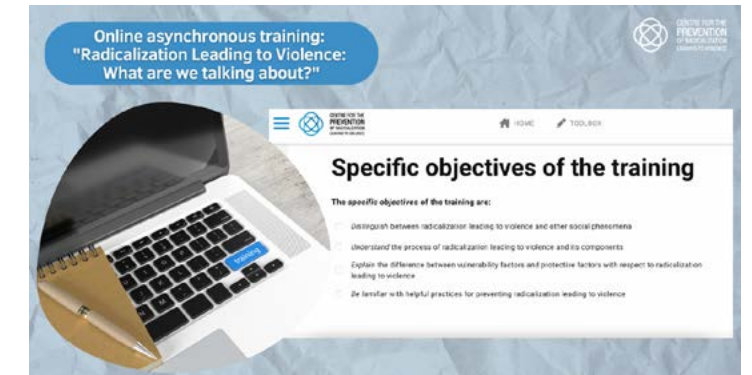
"The information shared in this webinar helped me discern the types of violence and hateful acts that different types of minority groups tend to experience."

"After the CPRLV webinar, I am better equipped and more able to start a discussion and maintain a relationship with a person who adheres to a conspiracy theory."

"Thank you so much! Very relevant and inspiring as a high school Ethics and Religious Culture teacher."

## Launch of a New Asynchronous Training

As part of the CPRLV's digital shift, an asynchronous version of the "Radicalization Leading to Violence: What Are We Talking About?" training was developed to allow organizations to take it according to their own schedule. The implementation of this asynchronous version, piloted by SOFAD, culminated in a December 2022 launch. This version will complement the Centre's direct training offering and increase the training's audience.



## Extreme Dialogue Quebec: A Rapidly Expanding Project

2022 was marked by several crucial moments for the Extreme Dialogue Quebec project. In March, the Tim Parry Johnathan Ball Peace Foundation came to train CPRLV staff and community/educational workers as trainers; this allows the Centre's team to offer trainer trainings to education professionals and youth workers and workshops for youth aged 14 to 18. In the summer, the two new Quebec-based educational resources were finalized: short films presenting the experiences of two Quebecers who have been affected by extremism and accompanying activity guides. In the fall, two pilot projects were launched in two Quebec schools. In total, trainer trainings were given to 14 youth workers and 11 Extreme Dialogue workshops were presented to 273 students between October and December 2022.



EXTREME DIALOGUE

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WEBINAR

Hate-motivated Acts in Québec: Overview, Issues and Helpful Practices

FEBRUARY 24, 2022 | 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM EST  
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# FINANCIAL STATEMENT

CPRLV Results For the financial year ended December 31, 2022 (audited)	
<b>REVENUES</b>	<b>2022</b>
Grant from the Ministère de la Sécurité Publique	\$ 600,000
Grant from Ville de Montréal	\$ 600,000
Grant from Emploi-Québec	\$ 18,729
Public Safety Canada – Community Resilience Fund	\$ 10,987
Institute for Strategic Dialogue	\$ 40,759
Interests revenues	\$ 10,263
Training revenues and other revenues	\$ 68,711
<b>Total :</b>	<b>\$ 1,341,286</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Salaries and employee benefits	\$ 869,119
Rent	\$ 54,038
Telecommunications	\$ 18,533
Insurance	\$ 7,255
Office supplies	\$ 18,121
Project and activity supplies and materials, and fees	\$ 57,311
Travel costs	\$ 4,613
Entertainment and hospitality costs	\$ 2,960
Professional fees	\$ 182,236
Training	\$ 5,989
Equipment rental	\$ 2,261
Advertising and marketing	\$ 5,476
Research and international best practices	\$ 20,961
Maintenance and repair of premises	\$ 22
Computer supplies and support	\$ 19,497
Website	\$ 5,412
Vehicle costs	\$ 2,062
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	\$ 5,688
Interest and bank charges	\$ 1,983
Total:	\$ 1,283,537
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 65,912</b>

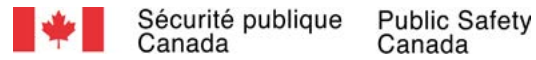
CPRLV Balance sheet		As at December 31, 20212(audited)
<b>SHORT-TERM ASSESTS</b>		<b>2022</b>
<b>Assets</b>	Cash	\$ 824,460
	Épargne Placements Québec account	\$ 560,593
	Grant receivable	\$ 166,967
	Customer accounts and other receivables	\$ 39,449
	Receivables Commodity taxes	\$ 24,753
	Prepaid expenses	\$ 6,283
		<b>\$ 1,622,505</b>
	TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSESTS	\$ 15,071
	SECURITY DEPOSITS	\$ 9,538
		<b>\$ 1,647,114</b>
<b>SHORT-TERM LIABILITY</b>		
<b>Liabilities</b>	Suppliers and expenses due	\$ 41,540
	Vacation pay and salary accrual	\$ 74,243
	Deferred contributions	\$ 34,778
		<b>\$ 150,561</b>
<b>LONG TERM DEBT</b>		\$ 40,000
		<b>\$ 190,561</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	Invested in capital assests	\$ 15,071
	Unrestricted	\$ 201,196
	Restricted	\$ 1,240,286
		<b>\$ 1,456,553</b>
		<b>\$ 1,647,114</b>

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