

CLOSING EVENING OF THE DARE TO ADVANCE CHALLENGE INSPIRED AND INSPIRING WOMEN

Sherbrooke, October 23, 2020 - Women were in the spotlight last Thursday at the closing ceremony of the Dare to Advance Challenge project, which took place simultaneously at the Maison du Cinéma de Sherbrooke and via Zoom. This initiative of the organization Actions interculturelles provides tools and mentoring to immigrant, Quebecois and Aboriginal women to help them advance in their professional and personal development.

As part of the Semaine québécoise des rencontres interculturelles, about 50 women from different backgrounds celebrated women's leadership. The ceremony took place in conformity with the rules of public health and brought together participants and mentors of the Dare to Advance Challenge who testified of the impact of the project in their lives. During the ceremony, guests of honour such as Minister Isabelle Charest, the MNA for Sherbrooke, Élisabeth Brière, as well as the Honorary President, the Mayor of Magog, Vicki-May Hamm, shared their insights and heartfelt encouragement with the participants.

"Bravo to the mentors who give their time, knowledge and skills. I'm sure that this brings you a lot too. And bravo for making sure that our participants can achieve their goals, can get involved, can integrate into the workplace. This intercultural partnership is truly remarkable," said Isabelle Charest, Minister of Status of Women and Minister responsible for Education.

Sherbrooke MP Élisabeth Brière also shared her vision of women's leadership and congratulated the mentors, participants and the entire Actions interculturelles team. "Female leadership is about believing in oneself, about allying oneself with one another. It is about projecting oneself, committing oneself, taking risks and mobilizing people to build a better world. Projects like the Dare to Advance Challenge are part of this effort. Congratulations to the organizers, the mentors and especially the participants for your great achievements"

Lina Xu, a participant from China, overcame her language challenges and wants now to become further involved in Quebec culture. "The Dare to Advance Challenge program is complete because it is multidimensional! Not only do we talk about the professional field such as job search and leadership development, but we also address more personal topics such as managing feelings and emotions. Everything is constructive and enriching," reports Lina.

This project is made possible thanks to the financial contribution of Canadian Heritage and the Secrétariat à la condition féminine du Québec. Interested women are advised that a second cohort will begin in November 2020. Those who wish to participate can obtain information and register at: <https://www.aide.org/projet/defi-oser-avancer/>.

A promising project for the future:



The Dare to Advance Challenge is a real lever for Quebec women, new Quebecers and Aboriginals who want to advance professionally. It also aims to promote the integration of women of all origins into the Sherbrooke community. The magic of this unique program is to combine intercultural twinning, mentoring, training workshops and short observation periods. It's the perfect toolbox to dare to move forward!

About Actions interculturelles: Actions interculturelles is a non-profit organization whose mission is to promote the contribution of cultural diversity to our society by encouraging sharing between different communities from here and elsewhere. Its varied projects reach out to various audiences with the aim of education, awareness of pluralism and collaboration in cultural events. <http://www.aide.org/>

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