

An opportunity for youth to be heard

**CONSULTATION ON RACIAL PROFILING AND ITS CONSEQUENCES**

**Montreal, September 17, 2009** – The Commission des droits de la personne et des droits de la jeunesse today launched a Consultation on racial profiling and its consequences.

The aim of this consultation is to allow 14 to 25-year olds from racialized communities to speak out about their racial profiling experiences and to provide a public forum for institutions and community organizations to identify solutions to counter this form of racial discrimination.

"Racial profiling is a reality and we must speak about it openly in order to promote real solutions," today said the President of the Commission, Gaétan Cousineau, in announcing the Consultation. "The Commission wants to raise awareness of the consequences of racial profiling which can compromise the future prospects of 14 to 25-year olds."

Until November 30, 2009, the Commission is calling more specifically on youth to share how they experience – or have experienced – racial profiling, whether at school, in public spaces or with the child and youth protection system.

Submissions from parents, teachers and other people who have witnessed racial profiling incidents will also be accepted. Personal information related to the submissions will be kept confidential. However, anonymous submissions will not be considered.

Drawing upon the submissions it receives and research findings on the topic, the Commission will publish in early 2010, a Consultation document presenting an overview of racial profiling and its social costs.

This Consultation document will serve as a basis for the public forums which will be held in the spring of 2010. Public institutions, community groups, stakeholders and racial profiling victims will be invited to participate in these consultations which will focus on identifying solutions.

The Commission will publish its final report and recommendations in the fall of 2010, and is committed to its implementation.

For the past several years, the Commission has been involved in the fight against racial profiling. In 2005, it adopted a definition of racial profiling and guidelines to support its investigations and litigation work. As part of its education mandate, it also offers training sessions raising awareness on racial profiling.

To find out more about the Consultation or to take part, please visit [www.cdpedj.qc.ca](http://www.cdpedj.qc.ca); telephone: 514 873-5146 or 1 800 361-6477 (toll free), ext. 359.

– 30 –

**Contact:** Patricia Poirier  
514 873-5146 or 1 800 361-6477, ext. 358 or 514 795-0736  
[patricia.poirier@cdpedj.qc.ca](mailto:patricia.poirier@cdpedj.qc.ca)