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Greater Quebec Movement (GQM) Launches New Website to Empower Quebec’s Anglophones

Montreal, QC – The Greater Quebec Movement (GQM) is excited to announce the launch of its new website, www.mgquebec.org, as part of a revitalization effort to better serve Quebec’s English-speaking community. Founded in 1995, the GQM aims to address Anglophone concern and propose progressive solutions to improve Francophone-Anglophone relations in Quebec.

“We believe that the time has come for the English-speaking community to take a proactive role in shaping its future,” said GQM founder Giuliano D’Andrea. “While legal action is one approach, we see political engagement as essential to ensuring that Anglophones have the tools they need to thrive in Quebec.”

The GQM first emerged in response to a Quebec government request for the public to help write a preamble for a future Quebec constitution in the run up to the 1995 referendum. While other Anglophone groups stayed on the sidelines, the GQM actively participated, challenging assumptions about what Quebec’s English-speaking population wants and needs.

Addressing Key Concerns

One of the GQM’s main concerns is the impact that English-speaking institutions, particularly schools, may have on Anglophone emigration. “We worry that many Anglophones are not being equipped to succeed in the Quebec job market, particularly in mastering French,” D’Andrea added. “This is an issue that deserves serious attention, as current approaches are leaving many behind.”

To address this, the GQM advocates for the creation of integrated French-English public schools. These institutions could provide a unique opportunity for Anglophones, Francophones and Allophones to build fluency in both languages while fostering a sense of unity and mutual respect.

“The idea of integrated schools represents a ‘win-win’ for everyone,” said GQM director Richard Walsh Smith. “These schools would help bridge gaps in language education, and the legal foundation for them could be outlined in a new Quebec constitution.”

A New Constitution for Quebec

The GQM sees the potential for a provincial constitution to redefine Quebec’s identity, especially in terms of linguistic relations. “A Quebec constitution should include a linguistic social contract that promotes mutual respect and dignity between Anglophones and Francophones,” Walsh Smith emphasized. “This is a unique opportunity for all Quebecers to come together, not something to be feared.”

Join the Conversation

The GQM's motto is simple: "We want in." The English-speaking community must be part of discussions about Quebec's future, including the potential adoption of a constitution. The GQM views this as a chance to shape a positive future for Anglophones in Quebec, and we are committed to preparing the community for this challenge.

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