



## What is ***Intercultural Mediation*** ?

In a society marked by great **cultural diversity**, **living together** represents both a complex challenge and a valuable **opportunity** to **communicate** and build a more **inclusive society**.

Individuals, groups, institutions, or services may sometimes **ignore** one another, **misunderstand** each other, or be influenced by **prejudice**. These dynamics can lead to **misunderstandings** or **tensions** related to **cultural differences**.

Intercultural mediation steps in to **build bridges** that facilitate **dialogue** and **bring together** the different components of society.

It serves to:

- ✓ **Raise awareness of cultural differences**
- ✓ **Encourage harmonious coexistence**
- ✓ **Prevent misunderstandings and conflicts**
- ✓ **Soothe and resolve disputes**
- ✓ **Train professionals on intercultural issues**
- ✓ **Promote and defend everyone's rights**

It is based on **two** essential pillars:

- 1 Mediation:** a process led by a neutral person aiming at supporting the parties in engaging in dialogue and coming closer together.
- 2 Interculturalism:** an approach that takes cultural differences into account—whether related to origins, languages, values, or ways of life.

Intercultural mediation can be used in many areas, such as **health, education, social work, community life, and more**.



# The ***Intercultural Mediation*** Project

The Intercultural Mediation Project is led by the **Local Development Committee of Chomedey** in partnership with the Laval School Service Center, the Laval Police Department, and other local organizations.

## **Objective:**

The main objective of the project is to promote **connection and dialogue** between individuals from **immigrant backgrounds** and **local stakeholders** to foster **better coexistence** in the Chomedey neighborhood.

## **Target Audience:**

- ✓ Youth aged 12 to 17
- ✓ Parents
- ✓ School, community, and police workers

## **Proposed Activities:**

- ✓ Discussion sessions for youth and parents, along with themed sessions tailored to their needs
- ✓ Intercultural cafés and other informal activities to encourage connection
- ✓ Trainings and seminars to equip professionals in intercultural mediation

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