

LE CENTRE DES FEMMES DE VERDUN

# PROGRAM

### Fall 2024

The Centre des femmes de Verdun mission is to break isolation and promote regaining of power over our lives

Open to anyone who identifies as woman and/or as a part of gender diversity

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# **ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES**

The Center is a place of solidarity, offering a listening ear, help with various procedures, referrals, community meals, mutual support, collective action and educational, social and cultural activities.

We work in many different ways to combat poverty, exclusion and violence.

It's also a place where people can get involved.

# **DROP-IN**

Whether it is to have a coffee with other members, talk to a worker, get referrals, use the Centre's artistic material, computer or sports equipment, everyone is welcome during the following opening hours :

#### Usually :

- Wednesdays 10am to 2pm
- Thursdays 1pm 4pm
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#### Please note that the Centre will be closed:

Week of September 2: administrative week The week of October 28: administrative week Tuesday, November 12: Training day Tuesday, December 17: Preparation for Christmas party Thursday, December 19: Administrative day From December 23: Christmas vacations



# **ACTIVE CLUB**

#### To get us moving together as a group, but at your own pace.



Tuesdays afternoon, usually from 1pm to 4pm

September 10: Gentle yoga \*

September 17: Walk to Building 7 (community space in Pointe-Saint-Charles)

October 1: Gentle yoga \*

- October 8: Introduction to capoeira (Afro-Brazilian martial art)
- **October 15: Meditative walking**
- **October 22: Meditative walking**
- November 5: Experimental dance (with Lorena)
- November 19: Gentle yoga \*

November 26: Capoeira (Afro-Brazilian martial art)

December 3: Gentle Yoga \*





\*The yoga will taje place in Yoga Yuni's premisses : 4255 Wellington st. suite 202. Entry door code : 2946 Places are limited. Priority will be given to those who register and rotate, to give everyone a chance. Bring your water bottles and dress comfortably.



#### **Meditation guided by Francoise! Every Thursday from September 12**

\*\*Exceptions may occur, see calendar and contact the and contact the team for more information.

In late September and October, meditation may be held elsewhere for a few sessions due to work being carried out at the Center. Please contact the the staff for details.

# OUTINGS

### A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR DISCOVERY!

\*\* Activities reserved for members. Limited places, registration required. Transportation tickets provided as needed.

### Wednesday, September 11: Festival Quartier Danse's Francophonie Day outing

The Festival Quartier Danse invites us to share a moment of creativity, connection and celebration at Parc Sir-George-Étienne-Cartier. On the program: writing and movement workshops, open mic and dance! La Journée de la Francophonie du FQD

\*Departure from the Center at 2:30 pm. Return around 7pm.



### Tuesday, September 24: 1pm to 5pm <u>Walk on Mount Royal</u>

We'll contemplate the beautiful autumn colors at the summit of Mount Royal and spend some time beside Lac-aux-Castors. Bring your walking shoes and a water bottle!



An opportunity to discover plant and animal biodiversity at the Montreal Biodome and meet other families.

Saturday November 16:1pm to 5:30pm Outing to the Biodome (family activity)

\*For registered members and their children only, upon registration. Places limited and priority given to families.

### Resto Plateau

#### Tuesday, December 10: <u>Outing to Resto-Plateau</u>

We'll eat at Resto-Plateau, a food-security resource that has been offering low-cost meals since 1992 and visit the Plateau Culture House.

# **CHATTY - BRUNCH**

A great opportunity to meet and socialize around a brunch and coffee provided by the Centre.

The following Wednesdays, 10am - 11h30pm September 25th October 23rd November 27



## WORKSHOPS

To tackle different issues, equip ourselves or share our thoughts..

DAY TIME

#### Wednesday, September 25, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.:

Workshop led by TRAC street workers on harm reduction and homelessness.

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**Wednesday, October 16, from 2 to 4 p.m.:** Reflection and artistic expression around the Centre's values.

**Wednesday, October 23, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.:** Discussion workshop with workers to demystify their role and the various aspects of their work at the Verdun Women's Center.



**Wednesday, November 27, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.:** Workshop as part of the 12 Days Against Violence Against Women. Stay tuned for more details!

### IN THE EVENING



**Thursday, November 7, 6 to 8 p.m.:** Workshop with CACV (*Comité d'action des citoyen.nes de Verdun*) Tenants' Rights 101

Come and meet your housing committee and get up to date on issues related to your rights as a tenant. Laws have changed, and it's worth attending even if you've taken a similar workshop in the past.

\*Snacks on site.

## WORKSHOPS

#### Thursday, November 14, 6pm-8pm:

Activity of reflection and artistic expression on the Centre's values.



#### Thursday, December 5, 6 - 8 pm:

As part of the 12 Days and on the eve of the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence against Women, a related workshop will be held at the Centre. Stay tuned for details!

# **EVENINGS AT THE CENTER**

#### T<mark>hursday, October 17, 6 - 8 pm</mark>: <u>Sexuality Chats</u>



A safe space to discuss sexuality, break taboos and learn from each other. Always in a very free environment that leaves room for exchange and spontaneity. Theme to be announced shortly.

\*\*Registration required.



Thursday, October 24, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.: <u>Viewing and discussion</u> of the documentary Sisters with transistors

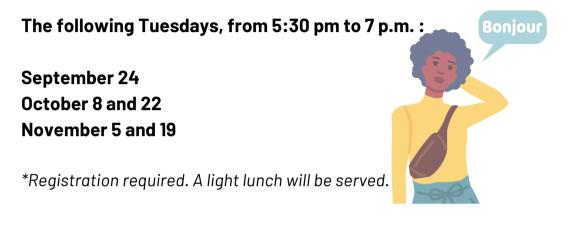
Discover the story of pioneering but little-known women of electronic music. With the machines, these female composers found a space for freedom and creativity that the male-dominated world of traditional music didn't allow them to.

\*\*In English with French subtitles.

\*Light lunch offered.

# **COFFEE CHATS IN FRENCH**

This activity is designed for allophones who want to practice their French through discussion. All levels are welcome.





SPECIAL EVENTS

#### FEMINIST SELF-DEFENSE PROGRAM

Feminist self-defense is back with two cohorts of 5 classes each, one group in the daytime and one in the evening evening. This is a physical, psychological and verbal self-defense group.

\* For more information and to register, write to Audrée at intervenante@centredesfemmesdeverdun.org or call the Center.



#### December 18, 4:30 to 8:30 p.m.: <u>Centre des femmes de</u> <u>Verdun holiday dinner</u>

An opportunity to celebrate the holidays and the arrival of the New Year together, and to get together before closing time. This year, it's dinner time! We'll be doing a potluck, so everyone's invited to bring something to share. Children are welcome!

\*\*Activity for members only. Registration required by December 10.

Would you like to lend a hand in preparing and running the festivities? See Christmas Committee

### Centre des femmes de Verdun Open House!! Thursday, September 19, from 5 to 7 p.m.

Having recently moved into our own premises, we'd like to show the Verdun community what what is the Women Center of Verdun and thank all those who have supported the project!

The doors are wide open to anyone wishing to discover the Centre's premises and activities, as well as to members wishing to meet up in a friendly atmosphere. Children and families are welcome. It's also an opportunity to invite your friends and family if you'd like to introduce them to this environment. More details to come on social networks.

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\*Event open to the public! Snacks and beverages served on site.

# **OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED**

#### Volunteer

Would you like to get involved at the Center? Help maintain the premises. Help the workers with various tasks? Be matched with people to whom you can be of service?

We need volunteers for the Open House (September 19).

Write to Maritza at mobilisation@centredesfemmesdeverdun.org or call the Center!





#### **Queer Committee**

Are you part of sexual and/or gender diversity? Would you like to be part of a space where you can meet, discuss or organize with others who are also part of it? This committee could be for you. Contact Virginie at implication@centredesfemmesdeverdun.org or call the Centre!

#### **Christmas Committee**

We need people to help decorate the room, host the evening and cook. Want to join the volunteer committee? Write to Audrée at intervenante@centredesfemmesdeverdun.org or call the Centre!



