

**Media Advisory**

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snichols@equitas.org**OVER ONE HUNDRED INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS IN MONTREAL**

Montréal, QC — Equitas, Canada's oldest and most active human rights education organization, is hosting an Open House day during its 40th annual International Human Rights Training Program (IHRTTP) on June 20, 2019. Human rights leaders from 52 countries around the world are in Montréal to learn new skills to become more effective in their work on issues such as women's rights, refugee rights, LGBTQI+ rights, rights for persons living with disabilities, Indigenous rights and more. The program's participatory workshops highlight human rights education practices and address today's most pressing challenges worldwide. The Open House is an opportunity for media to see how the program works and meet some of the inspiring human rights defenders from around the world.

What: 40th annual International Human Rights Training Program - Open House

Who: Over 100 human rights defenders from 45 countries

When: June 20, 2019

Where: John Abbott College (21275 rue Lakeshore, Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue)

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About the IHRTTP

The IHRTTP is a world leading training program on human rights education that is held in Montreal, Canada every June. The program is innovative in its participatory approach that puts the participant at the center of their learning experience. Our methodology is recognized in Canada and around the world for its quality and innovation. The program has trained over 3,800 human rights defenders since 1979. The IHRTTP is undertaken in part with the financial support of the Government of Canada provided through Global Affairs Canada. The participants are hosted and trained at John Abbott College in Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue. For more information, visit www.equitas.org/training/international-human-rights-training-program

About Equitas

Based in Montreal, Equitas is Canada's oldest and most active human rights education organization. We work for the advancement of equality, social justice and respect for human dignity through transformative education programs. In the last 50 years, we have reached over 4 million people worldwide. For more information, visit www.equitas.org