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Two new contests *Volunteering, not just for Grannies!* and *I take my place*

GASPÉ, October 27, 2020 – The Commission jeunesse Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine (CJGIM) announces the *Volunteering, not just for Grannies!* and *I take my place* contests, the goal being to recognise, value, promote and reward volunteering on the part of young Gaspesians and Magdalen Islanders between 12 and 17 years of age and from 18 to 35.

The fourth edition of these contests aims to draw attention to volunteering by young people from 12 to 35. “In recent years, the contest has highlighted the exceptional contribution of several of the region's young people. It’s important for us to draw attention to their volunteering actions in the Gaspésie – Îles-de-la-Madeleine administrative region,” said Danick O'Connor, CJGIM's general manager. “The contest builds on the fact that it can be simple to get involved and that it can make a real difference in the community.”

Volunteering, not just for Grannies!

This contest, which is open to young people aged 12 to 17, aims to have volunteer work recognised as a rewarding activity for young Gaspesians and Magdalen Islanders who get involved in their schools and communities. Organisations can also nominate young volunteers. A \$500 bursary will be awarded to one young person in the region.

I take my place

The purpose of this contest is to recognise and value the volunteer commitment of young people between the ages of 18 and 35 in the Gaspésie – Îles-de-la-Madeleine administrative region, while highlighting their talent, creativity and determination. Candidates' involvement will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

- the actions taken and the challenge met;
- the impact of the candidate's volunteer action on the community; and
- the candidate's skills and personal qualities.

This year's contest features two \$1,000 bursaries. The first one will reward a regional winner who volunteers in the Gaspésie – Îles-de-la-Madeleine administrative region. The second bursary will be awarded to a Gaspesian or Magdalen Islander who is studying outside the region and is involved in his or her community.



To sign up for the contests

- Submission of projects from October 27 onwards.
- Organisations can nominate youth volunteers for 12-17 contest.
- Deadline: November 30 to submit an application
 - I take my place: <https://forms.gle/GfxpBvMqRGX8ptf5A>
 - Volunteering, not just for Grannies!: <https://forms.gle/m3pim7xYihu1tG3f8>
- Information from the Commission jeunesse: www.portailjeunesse.ca.

About the Commission Jeunesse Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine

The CJGÎM was incorporated in 2015 to pursue its mandates to encourage young people to join forces and mobilise. In doing so, it fulfills its mission to ensure and promote the place of young people in the social, economic, political and cultural development of the region. The CJGÎM is notably recognised for its efforts to encourage young people to put down permanent roots in the Gaspésie – Îles-de-la-Madeleine administrative region.

The contests are organised in cooperation with the Secrétariat à la jeunesse.

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