

# NEIGHBOURHOOD ROUND TABLES

Neighbourhood Round Tables bring together local stakeholders to leverage their collective capacity to improve neighbourhood conditions for all its residents. Their collective actions contribute to creating more fair and inclusive living conditions for all Montrealers.

## WHO ARE THE LOCAL STAKEHOLDERS AROUND THE TABLE?



COMMUNITY GROUPS



MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT



CIUSSS HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES



CITIZENS



ELECTED OFFICIALS AND POLITICIANS



NON-PROFIT ASSOCIATIONS



LOCAL BUSINESSES AND SOCIAL ENTERPRISES



SCHOOLS

Today, 31 Neighbourhood Round Tables are active across Montreal. They provide the platform for local communities to have a voice and to be directly involved in neighbourhood development projects. These collective efforts lead to the deployment of various local initiatives and projects that bring sustainable change to a neighbourhood and improve local living conditions for its residents.

[▶ VIDEO PRESENTATION \(2016\)](#)

## WHAT DO WE MEAN BY NEIGHBOURHOOD?

A neighbourhood is an area within a city defined by its history, its residents, and its cultural fabric - all of which, together, foster a sense of community in the area. Neighbourhoods are not necessarily defined by administrative borders and boundaries (such as municipal boroughs) but more by a sense of belonging. Each Round Table is thus as unique as the neighbourhood it represents.

## What is a Neighbourhood Round Table?

The Round Table ensures that its members and partners work together to reduce social inequalities in their neighbourhood and improve the living conditions of its residents. More specifically, the Round Table:



Uses various strategies to unite local stakeholders (via committee meetings, opportunities for dialogue, social forums), leads collective initiatives, and encourages public participation.

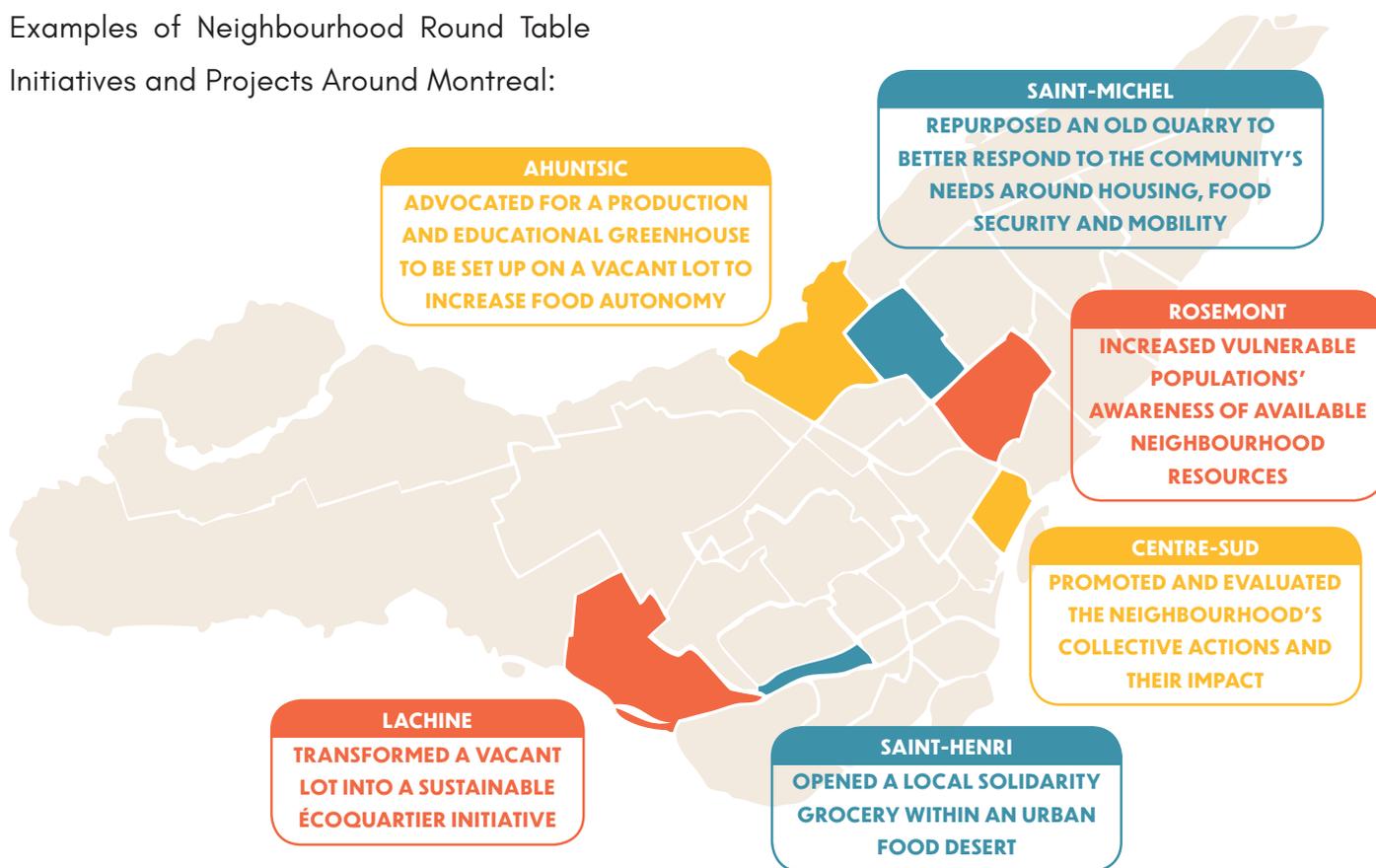


Assesses local issues by gathering expertise and knowledge to better support collective action in order to effectively respond to local needs.



Helps the community to identify and prioritize local issues. Builds and implements an action plan to address them, monitors and evaluates progress.

Examples of Neighbourhood Round Table Initiatives and Projects Around Montreal:



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# THE MONTREAL NEIGHBOURHOOD ROUND TABLES COALITION

For over 25 years, the Montreal Neighbourhood Round Tables Coalition (in French: *Coalition montréalaise des Tables de quartier*, or CMTQ) has represented the 31 Neighbourhood Round Tables in Montreal. The CMTQ intervenes on a city-wide scale to promote better living conditions for Montreal residents, in response to each neighbourhood’s unique challenges. To build a stronger and more united Neighbourhood Round Tables network, the CMTQ provides supportive spaces for its members, fostering cooperation and creating opportunities for knowledge sharing and exchanges on best practices.



Bringing Neighbourhood Round Tables together on common issues (*housing, urban planning, food security, public participation, and more*) and providing representation.

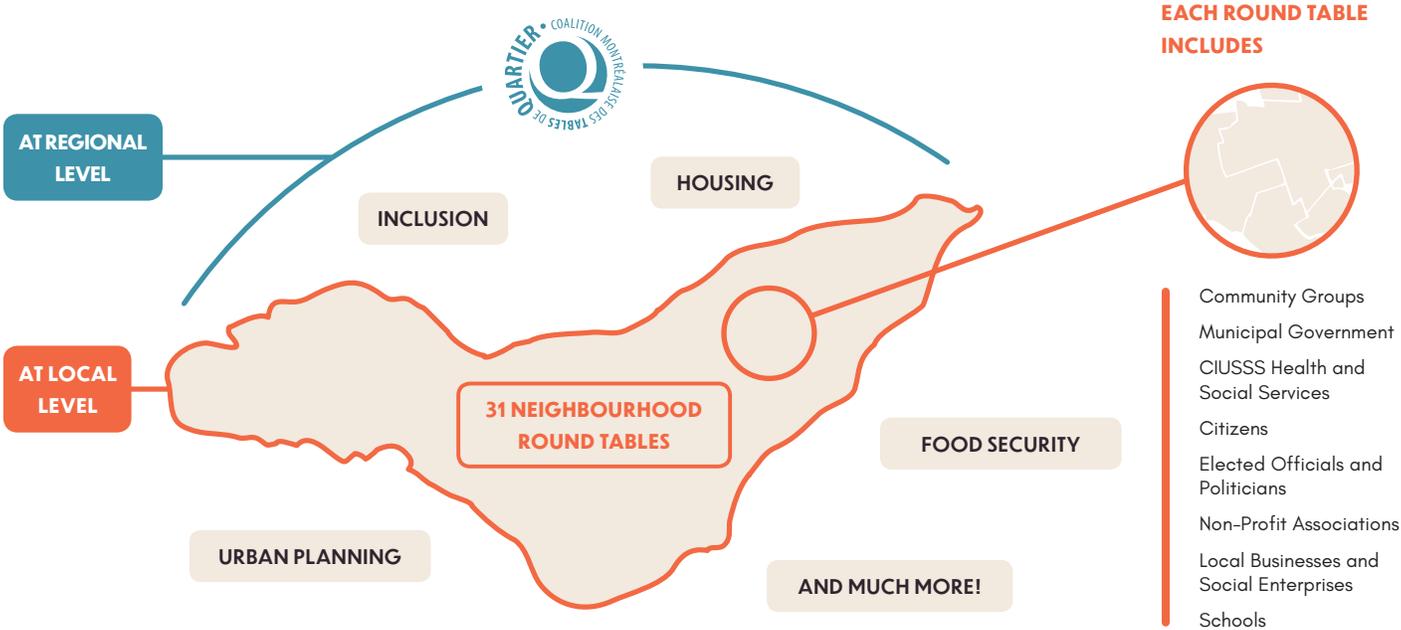


Advocating for issues at the regional level to influence public policy and promote better living conditions in Montreal as a whole (*produce briefs and reports from public consultations, press releases, open letters, meeting with elected officials, and more...*)



Providing a forum for discussions, support, and exchanges among the various Neighbourhood Round Tables to address various challenges and to share best practices (*Community of Practice for communications, pivotal meetings on social issues, sharing best practices on the role of coordinator*)

## PROMOTING BETTER LIVING CONDITIONS FOR CITIZENS AT BOTH THE LOCAL AND REGIONAL LEVELS



# The CMTQ's current projects:

**Awareness campaign during municipal, provincial, and federal election campaigns** to bring living conditions into public debate and give the people a voice through local neighbourhood election assemblies.

## Equal and Inclusive Civic Participation for Women

**MTElles**

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*In conjunction with Concertation Montréal and Relais-Femmes*

Building tools to make public participation inclusive and equitable for all women in municipal government and in collective action, generated by Neighbourhood Round Tables.

▶ **LEARN MORE : PROMISING PRACTICES TOOLKIT / ENGLISH VERSION**

## Access to Spaces for Community Groups

**LOCO Montréal**



*An initiative founded by the Comité régional pour l'accès à des locaux abordables et accessibles of which the CMTQ is a member*

Strengthening inter-organizational networking for those seeking accessible and affordable space rental and building tools to support such initiatives.

▶ **LEARN MORE: (available in French)**  
[loco-mtl.net](http://loco-mtl.net)

**Initiative Immobilière Communautaire du Grand Montréal**



*The CMTQ and Centraide of Greater Montreal act as co-chairs of this initiative*

Facilitating access to real estate for community organizations to help ensure continuity and sustain improvements to neighbourhood living conditions.

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[initiativeimmobiliere.ca](http://initiativeimmobiliere.ca)



The Neighbourhood Round Tables put in place a guiding framework in 2006, as part of the "Montreal Initiative for Local Social Development." This innovative partnership unites four key organizations: the CMTQ, the City of Montreal, the Department of Public Health, and Centraide of Greater Montreal, to work collectively on ways to improve living conditions in the various neighbourhoods. It also provides stable core funding to the Round Tables.

Learn more: [www.tablesdequartiermontreal.org/the-neighbourhood-round-tables-coalition](http://www.tablesdequartiermontreal.org/the-neighbourhood-round-tables-coalition)