

15 YEARS of HARMONY !

Our mission:

The *Inter-Community Harmony* project aims to build meaningful relationships between aboriginal and non-aboriginal youth living in Listuguj, *Pointe-à-la-Croix* & surrounding areas. The ultimate goal is to reduce prejudice & racism through social, cultural, educational, athletic and sensitization activities.



Our roles:

Organize crime-prevention, sensitization & awareness activities for youth from the Listuguj, *Pointe-à-la-Croix* and neighboring communities.

Goals:

- Sensitize youth to greater inclusiveness & acceptance of differences
- Improve social interactions between communities and develop meaningful relationships
- Shift mentalities to reduce prejudice & racism
- Crime prevention, decrease of confrontations, vandalism & violence
- Improve mutual awareness to facilitate safer community development
- Mobilize aboriginal & non-aboriginal youth through tangible actions while creating positive opportunities for relationship building / networking.

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For children and teens:

- Outings (sugar camp, trips etc.)
- Picnics
- Student Pen-Pals
- Visits (library, museum, dairy farm, sheep farm, zoo, honey harvester)
- Schools Performances (Story-Telling, Clown, Magician etc.)
- Classroom educational activities, crafts, origami, science labs.
- Aboriginal artisan workshops, traditional dance, chant and drumming demonstrations, cultural exchanges and Mi'gmaq language classes.
- Cooking workshops
- Recreational activities (hockey game, paintball, bowling, skating, sliding etc.)
- Tree planting
- Themed activities
- Yearly signing of the Harmony Treaty
- Fundraising (car wash, grocery packing)

For adults:

- Yearly Art Symposium
- Yearly inter-community Christmas decorating contest

Making a Difference

- ✓ Decrease in prejudice and racism
- ✓ Decrease in conflicts
- ✓ Decrease in vandalism, intimidation and violence
- ✓ Improving relationships between youth and communities
- ✓ Sensitize youth to differences
- ✓ Better awareness and acceptance of others' differences
- ✓ Tangible change in behaviors and mentalities!

Since the introduction of the Harmony Project, 65 % of people have noticed an improvement in communications between people, more frequent interactions and more harmonious relationships (CIRADD study, 2011).

Honors & Recognitions

- ❖ Réseau Villes et Villages en santé Excellence Award (2003)
- ❖ Anne Greenup Foundation for the fight against racism and discrimination Merit Award (2005)
- ❖ Impact sur la communauté from Ministry of Health and Social Services Excellence Award (2005) (\$20 000 bursary)
- ❖ Jean-Pierre Bélanger de l'Association de santé publique du Québec Award (2007)
- ❖ Terre et rivières durables du Conseil de bassin versant Matapédia-Restigouche Award (2011)
- ❖ Communauté conviviale et solidaire du Réseau Villes et Villages en santé Excellence Award (2012)
- ❖ Ruralia-Desjardins 2013 de Solidarité Rurale du Québec et Desjardins Award (\$5000 bursary)

Impressive Results

	Per Year	Since 2002
Activities	→ 24 to 31	→ 244
Meetings	→ 45 to 69	→ 447
Youth Reached	→ 350	→ 5 617
Participants (Children)	→ 1 925 to 3 043	→ 18 999
Participants (Teens)	→ 509 to 883	→ 6 408
Participants (Adults)	→ 399 to 602	→ 3 989
Participants (School Staff)	→ 260 to 410	→ 2 637

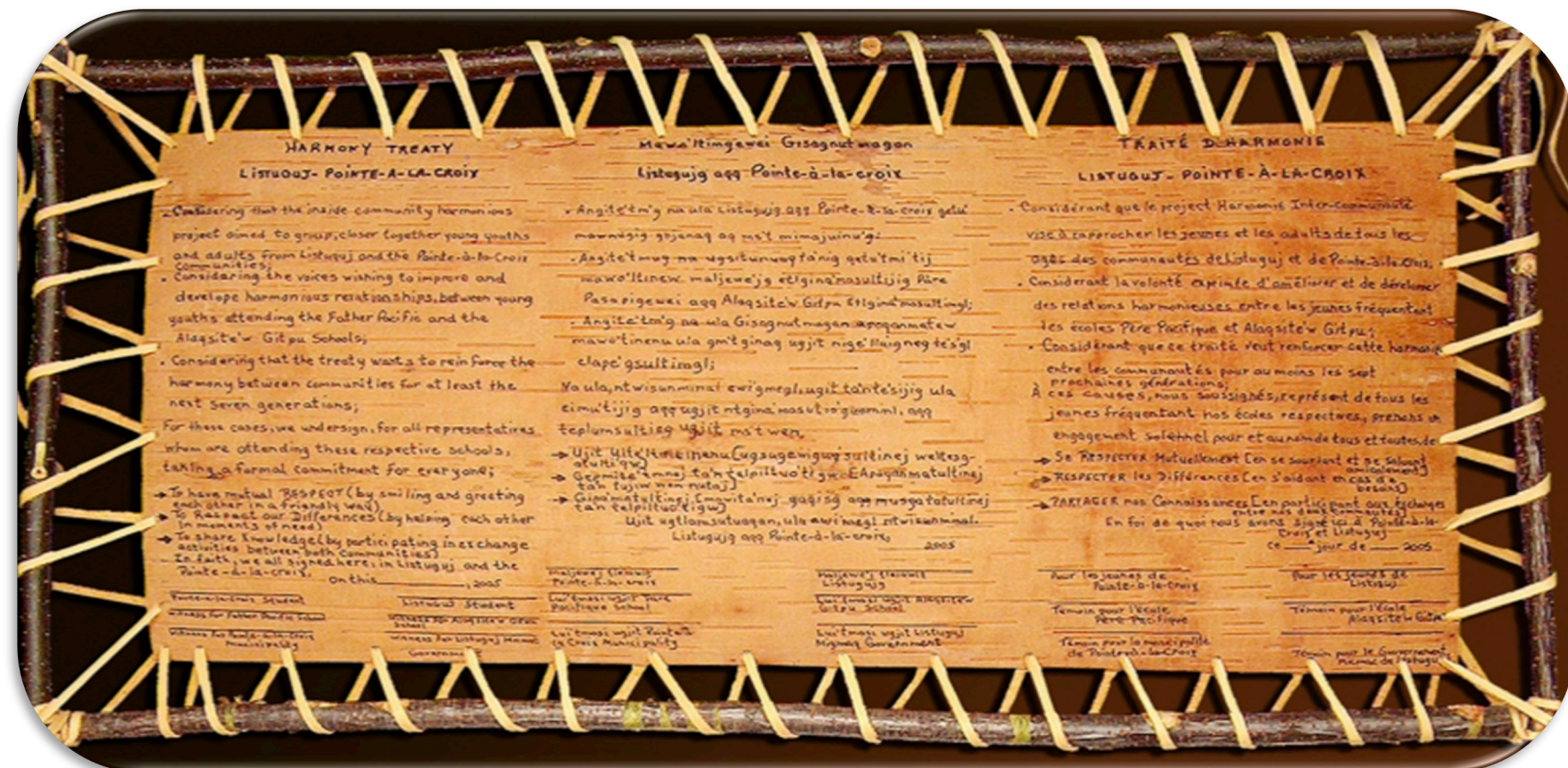
Our Partners

Steering Committee Members

- Representatives from Listuguj Youth Center (youth and interventionists) and from Maison des jeunes L'Acces Jeunes de Pointe-a-la-Croix
- Listuguj Police Department and Surete du Quebec
- Representatives from local Elementary and High Schools
- Representatives from the Listuguj Mi'gmaq Government and Pointe-a-la-Croix municipality
- Representatives from the Listuguj Health Center and Listuguj Social Services, CSSS Baie-des-Chaleurs

Financial Partners & Contributors

- Secrétariat aux affaires autochtones (SAA)
- Ministère Éducation, Loisirs et Sports (MELS)
- Baie-des-Chaleurs active et en santé (BCDAS)
- Pointe-à-la-Croix Municipality
- Listuguj Mi'gmaq Government and Education Directorate
- Schools (Listuguj Alaqsit'e'w Gitpu, Pointe-à-la-Croix Père-Pacifique, Des Plateaux in St-François, Des Deux Rivières in Matapédia)
- Centre d'initiation à la recherche et d'aide au développement durable (CIRADD)
- Annick Chiron de la Casinière (Université Laval)



Key Factors

- ✓ A Steering Committee representing all social sectors
- ✓ Simple activities combining fun and the encouragement of positive values (collaboration, synergy, open mindedness, tolerance, sharing, listening, exchange and respecting differences)
- ✓ An approach for Children
- ✓ Anchored in the schools
- ✓ A project that is both well-defined and adaptable
- ✓ A project which acknowledges and portrays differences as a cultural richness and strength of the community

Harmony Projects' Success

- A success model for all
- A mediation and prevention tool
- A demonstration of growth and positive innovations
- Project well-rooted amongst our communities
- A learning experience shared by aboriginals and non-aboriginals
- An initiative which has been recognized and rewarded on various levels

Networking & Presentations

- ❖ Congrès annuel des corps policiers du Canada – Harmony Project Presented via video (Toronto, 2003)
- ❖ Programme Alternative Dispute Resolution – The principles of the Harmony Project used as a reference point in the resolution of fishing conflict (2005)
- ❖ Université Laval – Harmony Project Presented (2005)
- ❖ Recherche-action portant sur le projet Harmonie Inter-Communautés Listuguj-Pointe-à-la-Croix, by Annick Chiron de La Casinière, doctorate student in anthropology at Université Laval (2006)
- ❖ Université du Québec à Montréal – Harmony Project Presented at the Symposium (2011)
- ❖ Université rurale québécoise (URQ) – Harmony Project Presented (2011)
- ❖ Projet Harmonie Inter-Communautés – Les impacts du projet dans les secteurs de Listuguj et de Pointe-à-la-Croix, CIRADD study (2011)
- ❖ Séjours exploratoires de Place aux jeunes – Presentation of the project to participants (each year since 2011)
- ❖ Coordonnateurs des Approches Territoriales Intégrées (ATI) de la Gaspésie-les Îles – Harmony Project Presented (2013)
- ❖ Reconnaissance des bons coups en développement rural de la MRC d'Avignon, Rural Development Recognition Ristigouche Sud-Est (2013)
- ❖ Conference on the topic of racism & discrimination towards Aboriginals of Quebec – Harmony Project Presented (2013)
- ❖ Carleton CEGEP – Special Day for Students (2013)
- ❖ Recueil d'initiatives collectives – GIM Research on Community Development, Agence SSSGIM (2014)
- ❖ Sûreté du Québec – Presentation of Project in Carleton-sur-Mer for police officers posted on the Gaspé Coast (2015).

Project Begins ; an initiative made by Maison des jeunes in Pointe-à-la-Croix

Signing of the 1st Harmony Treaty

Action-Based Research of the Harmony Project by Annick Chiron de La Casinière (Laval University)

Harmony Project Expands: Each Community now has a coordinator working on the Project

A mini-guide to harmonious relationship building is published

Artist Carmelle Bujold dedicates a giant sculpture representing the importance of interactions between our communities

CIRADD studies the project's impact

Harmony Project Renews Itself CIRADD Cegep of Carleton is preparing pilot project towards the Quebec Ministry of Education using the Harmony project as model

2002

2005

2006

2009

2010

2011

2015