

## Revitalization via Participation

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Poverty, the members of Montreal's Le Chantier believe, deprives individuals of the power to shape their own affairs. Resident engagement and participation, therefore, are fundamental to the group's theory of change and is the largest part of the Saint-Michel neighbourhood's community action plan.

To date, nearly 1,000 residents have been involved in Le Chantier's work to tackle poverty and social exclusion. Residents are being trained to meet the needs of local businesses and industries, thus increasing individual and family incomes. Affordable housing is being developed in order to encourage newcomers and youth to live in the community and provide an incentive for existing residents to stay, thus increasing community diversity. Increased cultural, sports, and recreational opportunities are expected to strengthen individual self-esteem and teamwork and dialogue within the community.

Involvement in these initiatives has helped create a sense of optimism about the future among Saint-Michel's residents. Revitalization through participation – it's working in Saint-Michel.



[Le Chantier in Saint-Michel – Tackling Poverty and Social Exclusion](#)

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