

A Tipping Point in Montreal?

Could the idea of community mobilization (collaboration) be at a tipping point?

If Lyse Brunet, one of Canada's most outstanding community builders, has her way, a critical mass of ideas and actors will work together to bring about a fundamental change to the way that services are delivered in Montreal.

Nearly 150 community leaders and practitioners met recently at *Joint Action? Doable. Being Done.* to explore the work of community mobilization.

The premise of the gathering was that while there is agreement on the fundamentals of mobilization, there is a need for communities to fully commit to their development. Though communities require help to undertake mobilization efforts, there is convergence around the features and nuances of the work to be done. The goal of the learning event was to build on the common vision and common convictions by comparing praxis, individual experiences, hits and misses, the difficulties and the techniques of mobilization.

Participants explored three questions:

1. How can we make sure a mobilization initiative... gets a good start in life?
2. Mobilization has to begin... with motivation?
3. In order to act together, are we willing to change our plans?

Though the outcomes of the day were not conclusive, participants felt something unique happening. Community mobilization (collaboration) is becoming the preferred method of community wide change in Montreal. There was clear consensus that this work is emerging rapidly and may even be at a tipping point. *Joint Action? Doable. Being Done.*

Related Links:

- [Giving Root to Collective Action](#) – a presentation by Paul Born
- [Programme from the Forum](#)

