



**HISTOIRES DE VIE MONTRÉAL**  
**MONTREAL LIFE STORIES**



## **International Day for Sharing Life Stories** **May 16<sup>th</sup> 2009**

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Montreal, May 7th 2009 – *Montreal Life Stories* and the **Centre for Oral History and Digital Storytelling at Concordia University** are pleased to announce the second annual edition of the **International Day for Sharing Life Stories** which will take place on May 16th, from 9:00am to 9 :00pm, principally at Concordia University (1400 de Maisonneuve Blvd. West, 10th floor).

*Montreal Life Stories* is an oral history project which will encourage 500 Montrealers who were displaced by war, genocide, and other human rights violations to share their life stories through interviews. This project is based at the Centre for Oral History and Digital Storytelling, which is a collaborative research centre which facilitates the development of oral history based research both within the Concordia community and in Montreal at large.

Together with our numerous national and international partners, we believe that life stories are precious, and that they can have a real impact on society, particularly in terms of consciousness raising and social change. The International Day for Sharing Life Stories is a means of promoting this idea and of highlighting the activities of those who work hard to collect and disseminate life stories, whether in Montreal or Brazil or in Europe.

For this second edition of the day, we will be offering a full day of free activities: workshops, exhibitions, performances, roundtables, audio tours, etc. The public will have the opportunity to get to know oral history and life stories a little bit better, thanks to this sampling of the work of the *Montreal Life Stories* project and the initiatives of our partners. Feel free to consult our program for the day!

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