

## **Better Together: Moncton's Social Inclusion Plan**

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**Date/Time:** Thursday; Feb 8; 1:30 – 3:30pm

**First class:** Thursday, Feb 8 (1 Session/s)

**Location:** Crossman Centre

**Participants:** Min: 4

**Course Outline:** The City of Moncton created a working group of volunteer citizens to develop the next social inclusion plan. The plan aims to increase the sense of belonging for all Monctonians, and is meant to be ambitious, responsive, actionable and practical.

The session will present the plan followed by a discussion on how to enhance social inclusion for older adults. Join us for an interactive session.

### **Instructor Bio:**

Vincent Merola works as Community Development Officer for Social Inclusion at the City of Moncton. He is an experienced and passionate Community Developer with a demonstrated history of working in non-profit and governmental agencies. Skilled in Nonprofit Organizations, Microsoft Office Suite, Public Speaking, Coalition-Building, and Volunteering. Strong professional with a bachelor's degree in Sociology from University of Hartford and Graduate Work at California State University.

Frances LeBlanc served as co-chair of the Social Inclusion Working Group mandated to develop the Better Together: Moncton's Social Inclusion Plan. Frances has been serving the community sector for over a decade, and currently works as Chief Executive Officer of the Hospice Southeast New Brunswick (Hospice SENB). Frances is committed to community development and served many organizations including Salvus Clinic, CCNB, OMISTA Credit Union, Give your Heart to Beaverbrook among others.

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