



**ARE YOU A JOB HUNTER?
WE EXPECT TO SEE YOU AT THE MONTREAL JOB AND TRAINING FAIR!**

Montreal, Tuesday, March 3rd, 2009 - On March 17th and 18th of this year, the **Montreal Job and Training Fair** will open its doors from 10 a.m. at the Palais des Congrès de Montréal. The 32nd edition of the largest gathering of its kind in Quebec will showcase no less than 180 different companies working in many sectors of activities. There will be jobs available as well as solutions in the area of specialized training and continuing education, not to mention employment assistance services. Admission to the fair is free.

WHAT IS THE TARGET AUDIENCE FOR THE JOB AND TRAINING FAIR?

The fair is open to all. Whether you are you looking for a job because you need one or you just want to make a change, whether you are in the process of rethinking your career plan or still, are looking for a promising kind of training or personal development, or whether in your heart of heart you are an entrepreneur or indeed a real entrepreneur, at the fair, the employment professionals will be there to answer your questions.

EXHIBITORS WHO NEED YOU!

The exhibitors are on the floor to satisfy their manpower requirements; they are looking for serious and competent workers. Here are some of the exhibitors present at the **Montreal Job and Training Fair**: Bell Distribution, Staples, Costco Montreal, Rona, Simplex – Equipment Rental, Wal-Mart Canada, Winners Home Sense, Métro Richelieu, Provigo inc., Mouvement Fédération des Caisses Desjardins, Starbucks, Vidéotron Ltée, etc.

THE RETAIL TRADE; a labor force in demand and one that is becoming scarcer

The lack of applicants remains the most determining problem according to employers, especially for sales staff. The retail trade is hard hit by a labor force shortage, which prevails in several sectors in Quebec. Already affected by the ageing of the population, the retail trade is manifestly confronted with an increasing competition from other sectors (such as manufacturing). But those sectors are also faced with a labor force shortage and compete with retailers by offering better conditions.

Source : Diagnostic sectoriel de la main-d'oeuvre du commerce de détail 2008 - 2011
(sector-based diagnosis of the retail trade manpower 2008 – 2011) available at the following address:
http://www.detailquebec.com/nosproduits/diagnostic/DIAG2008_sommaire_recommandations.pdf

THE MONTREAL JOB AND TRAINING FAIR ALSO FEATURES FORMAL PRESENTATIONS:

- Starting a business: the alternative: presentation by Sylvain Martin, Intake worker at SAJE Montreal Metro – assistance services to young entrepreneurs.
- Coming to work in Alberta - Information on the employment market for those who wish to go work and settle in Alberta. Presentation by François Vigneault, The Alberta Economic Development Council
- Work in the Yukon, yes, it's possible! - Presentation on the living conditions as well as on the labor market in the Yukon. Presentation by Stéphanie Chevalier, Job and training counselor and Annie-Claude Dupuis, Project officer, RDÉE Yukon, Association franco-yukonnaise.
- Pedal towards success - Description of services offered to persons having physical and sensory handicaps to help them obtain and hold suitable jobs. Presentation by Julie Plante, Job counselor, AIM CROIT

THE PARTNERS:

DETAIL QUÉBEC (www.detailquebec.com)

Détail Québec and the Montreal Job and Training Fair renew their alliance for the greater benefit of job hunters and retail trade recruiters. Effectively, Détail Québec will not hold a retail trade job fair but joins the Montreal Job and Training Fair for the second consecutive year to help the retail trade labor force concentrate on its job hunting at one unique address.

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“A SHOW WITHIN A SHOW”;

CORPORATION DES CARROSSIERS PROFESSIONNELS DU QUÉBEC (CCPQ)

The Montreal Job and Training Fair and the Corporation des carrossiers professionnels du Québec (CCPQ) join their resources to produce a "A SHOW WITHIN A SHOW" which brings together the body shop and after-market car industries. With the support of its members and its corporate partners, the sector leaders, the Corporation des carrossiers professionnels du Québec (CCPQ) promotes the interests of an industry generating economic fallouts totaling more than 1,7 billion dollars annually and provides some 20,000 jobs within the province.

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JOBWINGS CAREERS (<http://www.jobwings.com/>)

Founded in 2001, jobWings Careers is the specialized job site leader in Canada comprising 13 niche sites covering a wide range of sectors: finance, technology, call centers, project management, law, sales, distribution, administration ... These sites are members of Publipac.ca, the only Canadian specialized job site network. JobWings is also the founder of Nicejob.ca, the most popular job offer search engine in Canada.

The Montreal Job and Training Fair
To be held next March 17 & 18 at the Palais des congrès de Montréal
We hope to see you!

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MONTREAL JOB AND TRAINING FAIR / Practical information

Proud of its unequalled success to this day, the Montreal Job and Training Fair has gained an enviable reputation and stands out as a leading market event. The Montreal Job and Training Fair thus remains the leading choice for those looking for jobs and training courses. Every one agrees on this: human contacts and face-to-face meetings are still the best means to match positions to candidates who will occupy them!

Name: **Montreal Job and Training Fair, 32nd edition**

Location: **Palais des congrès de Montréal**
159, Saint-Antoine West, Room 210
Place-d'Armes Subway Station

Schedule: Tuesday, March 17th, 2008, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Wednesday, March 18th, 2008, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Admission is free for visitors

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HERE ARE SOME KEY STATISTICAL DATA:

JANUARY 2009

Seasonally adjusted data

- The labor market in Quebec experienced a loss of 25,800 jobs in January 2009.
- Full-time jobs were up (+7 900) while part-time jobs decreased (-33 700).
- The unemployment rate was up to 7.7%.
- The number of jobs in Canada has decreased by 129,000, a record decline.

Seasonally unadjusted data

- Employment in Quebec dropped by 39,200 between January 2008 and January 2009.
- Female employment increased (+15,100) and male employment decreased (-54,300).
- People aged 15 to 24 and people aged 25 to 44 experienced job losses, respectively of 19,300 and 10,400.
- The lowest unemployment rate was recorded in the National Capital region, i.e. a rate of 4.4%.

Labor market in Canada in January 2009

In Canada, the number of jobs fell by 129,000, or -0.8%, and in January 2009, there was a record decrease affecting almost exclusively full-time jobs (-113,900). The labor force decreased by 29,100, or -0.2%. The unemployment rate rose 0.6 percentage point to 7.2%. In Ontario, the labor market has suffered a net decline in employment (-71,000), a decline shared between full-time jobs (-48,500) and part-time jobs (-22,500). As for the labor force, it has declined by 17,700, or -0.2%. The unemployment rate jumped 0.8 percentage point to 8%.

Labor market according to age and gender

Data by gender indicated that the number of jobs among women increased by 15,100, while that for men decreased by 54,300. The male unemployment rate jumped 2.1 percentage points to 11.1%, and the female unemployment rate remained virtually stable (+0.1 percentage point), to 6.6%. The activity employment rate decreased by 1 percentage point, to 68.3% in men and remained unchanged at 60.3% among women. The data by age shows that the two groups aged 15 to 24 and 25 to 44 experienced job losses, respectively of 19,300 and 10,400, while employment was almost stable (+300) among the group aged 45 to 64. Only the 25 to 44 age group showed a rise in the activity employment rate of 0.4 percentage point to 87.6%. Meanwhile, the 15 to 24 age group saw its rate of employment decline by 0.7 percentage point to 62% and the 45-64 age group remained unchanged at 71.1%. Furthermore, unemployment was up in three groups, respectively by 2.7 percentage points to 15.7% among the group aged 15 to 24, by 0.2 percentage point to 7.5% among the group aged 25 to 44 and by 1.6 percentage point to 8.3% among the group aged 45 to 64.

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