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Vanier College – partners with CBC Montreal Matters to focus on the Environment

For the second year, Vanier College is one of the partners participating in the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation's community outreach initiative of *Montreal Matters*. Throughout October, *Montreal Matters* is focusing on the ENVIRONMENT of Montreal – our air, water and soil. In particular CBC Radio One's 88.5 and CBC Television's CBC News at Six are presenting Montreal researchers and businesses that are working to clean up our city, and discussing the tension between urban development and environmental preservation.

Vanier College is holding several events geared toward generating a better understanding of environmental issues. Already, on October 12, the College hosted an Open House at the Lachute Field Station of the Environmental and Wildlife Management Program. Visitors, including 250 Montreal students toured the station, saw presentations and demonstrations by Vanier students and teachers, and learned about studying and eventually working in the environment.

From October 22-26, the Vanier College Social Science Festival will feature several lectures that address environmental concerns. Well-known writer and journalist, Gwynne Dyer, will address the Geo-politics of climate change in his talk, "*Climate Wars*". Geographer Alena Perout will define the fundamental meaning of the much bandied about word "sustainability." And in his talk, "*Friday's Footprints and the Triple Planets of Doom*" Vanier College Geography professor, Ricardo Duenez, will help participants assess their individual footprints on the environment, "Because," says Duenez, "if every person in the world "consumed" at the same rate as North Americans, we would need two additional planets worth of natural resources."

As well, Shelley Kath trained by Al Gore, will make a live presentation of the Al Gore slideshow entitled "*Climate Change 101*" based on the film "An Inconvenient Truth." For information and the calendar of Vanier activities log on to: <http://www.vaniercollege.qc.ca/events/socscifest07/>

This year, *Montreal Matters* partners include nine local institutions and organizations: Vanier College, Concordia University, Maisonneuve Magazine, McGill University, Montréal Public Libraries Network, National Film Board of Canada, Hour Magazine, Dawson College, and the Foundation of Greater Montreal. For the complete list of *Montreal Matters* events listen to or log on to www.cbc.ca/montrealmatters.

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