



Béatrice Alain

Béatrice Alain is the Executive Director of the Chantier de l'économie sociale, an organization dedicated to bringing together social economy actors and partners to promote and develop collective entrepreneurship. With a background in economics and political science, she is particularly interested in the implementation of diversified strategies to facilitate collective action to strengthen the development of the social economy. From 2001 to 2010, Ms. Alain held various positions in national and international organizations. A member of the Chantier's permanent team since 2010, she held the position of Director of Partnerships and Development until 2018, when she became the organization's Executive Director. As the person in charge of international issues and relations with regional partners in Quebec, she has

contributed over the years to the Chantier's positioning as a hub for the social economy. She was also part of the organization of the International Forum on Social and Solidarity Economy (2011) and directed the *Global Social Economy Forum -GSEF2016*, co-organized with the City of Montreal. In addition to her functions at the Chantier, she is co-president of TIESS, an organization for liaison and transfer of innovations in the social economy, president of the Fiducie du Chantier de l'économie sociale, a patient capital fund for collective enterprises, member of the Conseil de l'innovation du Québec and she is involved in various international networks for exchange and promotion of the social economy.



Dr. Horacio Arruda

Horacio Arruda is a physician specializing in public health and preventive medicine. For many years, he has been involved in epidemiology and the prevention and control of infectious diseases. From 2012 to 2022, he was the National Director of Public Health at the Quebec Ministry of Health and Social Services. In this capacity, he was a leader in the fields of infectious, communicable and nosocomial diseases, environmental and occupational health, emergency measures, as well as health promotion and prevention. It was also under his leadership that the first *Government Policy on Health Prevention - 2015-2025* was launched; a first in North America in the area of preventive medicine. As assistant deputy minister, he was appointed ambassador of the HPP for Quebec. At the launch of the 2nd action plan of the Policy

in June 2022, Dr. Arruda announced that to date, 27 ministries and 80 partner organizations were already involved, including family, transportation, education, culture, immigration and a large number of other organizations. Dr. Arruda is also helping to make Quebec shine on the international scene. In fact, he is president of the Global Network for Health in All Policies (*GNHiAP*) created at the 70th Annual Assembly of the WHO in May 2017. Quebec was participating with eight other countries in the first GNHiAP meeting. At the initiative of Dr. Arruda, Quebec became a member of the steering committee of this network.



Anne Marie Aubert

Anne Marie is the coordinator of the SAM Council since 2018 and also co-director of Montreal - Healthy Metropolis. The SAM Council is a food policy council, the first for a francophone city worldwide. The SAM Council brings together actors from a variety

of sectors to transform the food system. The SAM Council is supported by Montréal - Métropole en santé, the TIR-SHV for the Montréal region.



Stéphane Bouchard

A graduate in philosophy from the University of Montreal, Mr. Stéphane Bouchard has held several management positions with the Quebec government in regional development and municipal affairs since 2007. From November 2013 to January 2020, he was Director General of Urban Planning, Land Use and Housing at the Ministère des Affaires municipales et de l'Habitation. From January 2020 to April 2022, he was

Assistant Deputy Minister of Urban and Regional Planning at the same department. Since April 4, 2022, he has been Assistant Deputy Minister for Regions and Land Use Planning, where his responsibilities include the activities of the Ministry's 16 regional branches.



Denis Gagné

Co-host of the show l'Épicerie for twenty years, Denis has always had at heart the health of humans and nature, food autonomy, local products, short circuits and he believes in the power of knowledge sharing and the strength of partnership. He was a spokesperson

for the Plateau Mont-Royal's collective kitchens and, with friends, founded the Ferme de la Colline du Chêne 11 years ago in Bromont, a solidarity cooperative that is a member of the CAPÉ and offers organic baskets to nearly 200 families.



Vincent Galarneau

Vincent Galarneau is Director for Food Systems for Vivre en Ville, a public interest organization working in sustainable land use planning. He holds a bachelor's degree in environmental sciences and a master's degree in anthropology from Université Laval. For several years, he coordinated the creation of collective gardens, accompanied agri-food companies in their marketing and participated in numerous research-action-mobilization projects.

For several years, he has been interested in the implementation of local food systems

in the cities and regions of Quebec. Vincent is the main editor of *Villes nourricières: mettre l'alimentation au cœur des collectivités*, a Vivre en Ville reference guide published in 2015. He is an active member of several regional and national working groups on urban agriculture, access to healthy food and sustainable food systems.

Vincent is also co-owner of an organic micro-farm where he grows fruits, vegetables and good neighbours.



Christine Laliberté

Christine is a nutritionist specializing in public health and has been the coordinator of the Collectif Nourrir notre monde Gaspésie - Îles-de-la-Madeleine since 2020. The Collectif Nourrir notre monde is the regional grouping of local Nourrir notre monde

organizations. Nourrir notre monde is a movement for food security and autonomy. It aims to renew the links between "eaters" and all the actors of a more sustainable food system that is better adapted to the needs of communities.



Sophie Lapointe

Sophie is the coordinator of Borée and an eco-advisor. Borée is a collective of partners from all walks of life, mobilized and committed to working together to improve the food system in Saguenay-Lac-Saint-Jean. Our goal is to create links between the various

sectors of the region's food system to facilitate access to healthy, affordable and local food for all.



Isabelle Lizée

From a young age, Isabelle has been immersed in the culture of the municipal milieu in which she has evolved for over twenty-five years: she is the daughter of Jacques Lizée, the founder of the Carrefour action municipale et famille.

She is the Executive Director of Espace MUNI, which has become an authority on

population issues in a municipal environment and for community development. In addition to benefiting from the support of a vast network of elected officials, she has developed trusting relationships with government authorities as well as with several partners and leading organizations working in the field of families, children, inclusion, civic participation, and individual well-being.



Geneviève Masse

Geneviève Masse holds a bachelor's degree in political science and has extensive experience in the Quebec public service. Earlier in her career, she worked in the field of regional development and First Nations affairs. She has also served as Secretary General of the Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources, the Ministry of Higher Education, Research, Science and Technology, the Ministry of Economic Development, Innovation and Export Trade, and the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries

and Food (MAPAQ). Appointed assistant deputy minister for regional development and sustainable development at MAPAQ in January 2019, she has been assistant deputy minister for sustainable, territorial and sectoral development since April 2022.



Patrick Mundler

Patrick Mundler is a professor of rural development at Université Laval in Quebec City. He founded the Agriculture, Territories and Development research group (<http://agriculture-et-territoires.fsaa.ulaval.ca/>). He is also a member of the board of directors of the Centre de Recherche sur le Développement Territorial (CRDT),

which brings together researchers from Quebec universities working on local and regional development issues. A specialist in local food circuits, his research focuses more globally on the relationship between agriculture and territories.