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The Montréal Science Centre receives a prestigious prize from the Société des musées du Québec

The Mini Mondo exhibition wins a prize for excellence

Little over a year after its launch, the *Mini Mondo* exhibition is awarded a prestigious prize from the SMQ, Québec's provincial museum association, in recognition of its excellent museum practices. The high calibre exhibition, recognized for its inclusivity and presentation in no less than six languages, was designed to introduce children ages 0 to 7 to eco-citizenship through a highly immersive approach.

Overview

- The Science Centre's very own *Mini Mondo* exhibition is awarded a Prix Excellence by the Société des musées du Québec (SMQ).
- Every year, the SMQ recognizes **excellence in museum exhibitions** in the province as well as significant advancements in the field of museology.
- *Mini Mondo* is an **innovative exhibition** presented in French, English, Arabic, Creole, Spanish and Mandarin as a reflection of Montréal's new linguistic communities.
- *Mini Mondo* is the very first exhibition designed using the Gender-based Analysis Plus (GBA Plus) process.

A Prize-Winning Exhibition Like No Other

Mini Mondo was created and developed by the Science Centre's very own team as a permanent exhibition and has veritably made its mark. Its design features three zones from the everyday lives of its young audiences — the forest, the river, and the city. The exhibition space offers little ones a fascinating and interactive world where they can explore and discover their environment. Using a hands-on, free-play approach, the exhibition invites them to handle objects, hear sounds, and engage in activities designed to stimulate all their sense.

Presented not only in English and French, the *Mini Mondo* world also allows its audiences to explore the space in four other languages which reflect the linguistic backgrounds of Montréal's recent immigrant communities; Arabic, Creole, Spanish, and Mandarin.

"This prestigious prize wonderfully recognizes the vision and the efforts of our team which set out to create an out-of-the-ordinary science-inspired exhibition that would raise the bar in terms of diversity, inclusion, and environmental consciousness. We are exceedingly proud to have added such an inclusive product to the Old Port of Montréal Corporation's service offering."

- **Isabel Dansereau, COO Attractions (Québec) and Executive Director of the Old Port of Montréal Corporation**

A Fundamentally Inclusive Exhibition

Mini Mondo is also the very first exhibition created using the diversity-sensitive Gender-based Analysis Plus process (GBA Plus) which also aims to develop inclusive spaces and experiences that reflect the cultural and ethnic backgrounds of all kinds of families.

Through this approach, the Science Centre's team performed a careful analysis of the different barriers that members of recent immigrant communities face in an effort to understand how the Montréal Science Centre's spaces might be unknowingly contributing to them.

"Working directly with these communities was extremely instructive. Much like when improving accessibility, the adaptations we integrated into the exhibition design ultimately improve the visit experience for all our audiences. We are extremely proud of the process we underwent and the results that came from it."

- **Cybèle Robichaud, Montréal Science Centre Director**



About the Montréal Science Centre

The Montréal Science Centre, a division of Canada Lands Company, is a complex dedicated to science and technology, with more than 700,000 visitors annually. It is characterized by its accessible, interactive approach and its showcasing of local innovation and know-how. **Its partners are Énergir, Volvo, Telus, and La Presse.**

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