

## A researcher honoured for his contribution to the homeless count in Montreal

**Pointe-Claire, October 20, 2015** – On September 21, Eric Latimer, Ph.D., researcher at the Research Centre of the Douglas Mental Health University Institute of the Centre intégré universitaire de santé et de services sociaux de l'Ouest-de-l'Île-de-Montréal, received a 2015 *Montréal centre\_ville Award* in the Event category. Mr. Latimer received this award in recognition of the “rigorousness and quality” of his work as co-director and scientific director of the *I Count MTL 2015* project, the first such count of homeless people in Montreal.

Each year, *Montreal centre\_ville* magazine gives out awards in many categories. “I would like to thank all team members who contributed to this project, such as YMCA Centre-Ville, Convercité, a team from the Douglas Institute’s Research Centre, and many other key stakeholders, not to mention the over 700 volunteers, hundreds of community and institutional workers, and nearly 1500 people in a situation of homelessness,” explained Mr. Latimer. This collective effort made the census a success and helped all involved carry out the survey in a short amount of time.

On July 7, the Ville de Montréal announced the results of the head count of homeless people on the Island of Montreal conducted in March by Eric Latimer, and James McGregor, an expert in social housing.

The Centre intégré universitaire de santé et de services sociaux (CIUSSS) de l'Ouest-de-l'Île-de-Montréal is made up of the West Island HSSC, CSSS de Dorval-Lachine-LaSalle, St. Mary's Hospital, Douglas Mental Health University Institute, West Montreal Readaptation Centre, Grace Dart Extended Care Centre, and Batshaw Youth and Family Centres. It employs 9,000 staff members and 750 physicians.

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