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Take an elevator to a rooftop garden!

Santropol Roulant celebrates this year's Rue Fermier and its 23rd birthday with the inauguration of its accessible rooftop garden.

MONTREAL, July 12th, 2018 – For the first time ever in Montreal, the Roulant provides an accessible rooftop garden for everyone, regardless of their level of mobility. This recent transformation of our building will be celebrated during Santropol Roulant's most important annual community celebration, Rue Fermier. Now with a new elevator making it open to all - this event will take place on July 19th starting at 4 p.m., on its rooftop garden and the Terrasses Roy located at 111 Roy St. East.

People, Food, Community

Santropol Roulant has never been so accessible. Since we moved to our new building in 2010, many people from the community were unable to climb the stairs and witness the beautiful urban agriculture projects on our rooftop. And that's why we built an elevator in March of this year. Now anyone can visit the gardens on the second and third floor. Since the Roulant's primary clientele are people with a loss of autonomy and mobility this has been a hugely important step for all of us.

Executive Director Pier Liné shares his thoughts on the importance of accessibility: "Elevators are essential to 10% of Montrealers, necessary to 40% of them, and convenient to 100% of them. The Roulant welcomes at its heart people of all levels of mobility, but wants to articulate its engagement and educational activities around people facing accessibility issues. We needed an elevator in order to be able to do so."

Event Agenda

Expect a day filled with festivities, music and delicious food. Starting at 11 a.m., a press conference will be held on the second floor of the Roulant, hosted by the Executive Director, Pier Liné, and guests along with a ceremonial inauguration of the rooftop gardens.

Later in the day, Santropol Roulant will offer a number of engaging activities, including guided tours of our location and our various programs. You can find out about programs like our Meals-on-Wheels, General Store, kitchen, urban agriculture, volunteer collectives and many other things that the Roulant does. Interested in food security and social inclusion in Montreal? This is your chance to see how Santropol Roulant has successfully worked on these important challenges.

The Roulant will also throw a donor meet & greet on its rooftop terrace, to show appreciation to partners and donors for their generous contribution and continued efforts in supporting its work.

About Santropol Roulant

Santropol Roulant is an intergenerational community that uses food as a vehicle to break the social and economic isolation between generations. Creatively and collaboratively, it strengthens and nourishes our local community with a novel approach to active youth engagement, urban and peri-urban food systems, food security and community care.

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