

## Nouvelles d'ailleurs...

Helem Beyrouth a inauguré en Juillet 2006 un compte MSN (support@helem.net) qui servira de soutien en direct aux personnes qui préfèrent ne pas visiter ou appeler le centre communautaire.

Avec ce service, Helem compte donc présentement le soutien en direct (MSN), le soutien par téléphone (Hotline), la salle de discussion (chatroom) ainsi que le forum de discussion!

What is the Hotline? The hotline consists of a four-digit number exclusive to Helem that offers consultancy, support, and advice on sexual health, HIV and STIs. The training will offer the volunteers the proper tools to handle the different calls and situations as well as how to respond

Helem contributed 4000\$ to Heal, a relief program organized by the Lebanese Free Patriotic Movement. An honoring ceremony was held on Friday the 15th of September in Hotel Gabriel at 6 pm. We can see Tina, member of Helem, in the picture, receiving an honorary shield in the name of our organization.



## D'où viennent-ils?

Plusieurs nouveaux membres se sont joints à nous récemment, ou sont en voie de devenir membres... mais comment ont-ils entendus parlé de Helem Montréal? Voici les résultats d'une mini-enquête maison:

- à travers le site web: 50%
- par Helem International: 17%
- par un organisme partenaire: 17%
- par un ami: 8%
- à travers la Fierté: 8%

## Activités / Activities!

- \* Cineclub: 19 sept.06 (voir site web, see website)
- \* New Wave, New Asia: 22 sept.06, 21h Inferno
- \* Multimundo get-together: 25 sept.06, 20h30 CCGLM
- \* Conference @ UQAM: 11 oct. 2006

\* Lancement de CD: 18 sept.06, 17h Mile-End  
Le lancement du premier CD **d'Emma St-Denis**, intitulé *Red Handed*, aura lieu le lundi 18 septembre à 17h au Main Hall (Centre Culturel du Mile-end, 5390 Blv. St-Laurent (www.tituba.org))

Pour plus de détails sur les activités, contactez-nous.  
For more details about these activities, contact us.

## Let's Change Helem

Here's an idea.

Let's change Helem.

Let's make it a place that truly represents our diversity.  
Let's try doing things differently.

Let's think outside the box.

Let's support each other in our struggles and successes.

Let's put an absolute end to our personal bickerings.

Let's work on maintaining our team spirit.

Let's respect each other.

Let's be patient with each other.

Let's take this place to a higher level.

Let's refuse to tolerate racism, sexism, fanaticism, and prejudice.

Let's think more about our work.

Let's put Helem before our personal interests.

Let's try harder.

Let's try much harder.

Let's start the change from within our group.

How else will we change everyone else?

*Nadine, Helem Beirut*

## Helem banned in Saudi Arabia!

A man from Saudi Arabia, registered on Helem's forum informed us in July 2006 that Helem's website was blocked in the KSA. This means we are now categorized as porn or a web site showing immoral behavior! Unfortunately, there is nothing Helem can do to help LGBTQ people from Saudi Arabia to access our website; bypassing government restrictions would be considered illegal...

## Résultats de l'évaluation de la Fierté!

Les résultats de l'évaluation ont démontré que la saison 2006 de la Fierté a été un succès pour les membres de Helem qui avaient un grand intérêt pour cette période. Si la parade a été le point culminant des fêtes, certains points restent à travailler: l'implication des membres, la publicité et le financement. Rendez-vous en 2007!!

## A few words from Rudy, Helem's Webmaster

*Hey, Just wanted to say your work is great out there in Montreal. It's the first time I check the Montreal section of Helem's web site, and I just saw that there are a lot of activities and plans. That's great; you know we don't see that much "enthusiasm" in Lebanon :-)* Rudy

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