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ICPC examines growing public mistrust in institutions at the 2nd edition of its Summer School

Montreal, August 21, 2025 – In response to the growing erosion of public trust in key institutions such as the police, youth protection services, healthcare, education, and the justice system, the International Centre for the Prevention of Crime (ICPC) is dedicating the second edition of its Summer School to a collective reflection on the causes of this mistrust and on concrete avenues to rebuild social ties.

On August 26 and 27, experts, community leaders, institutional representatives, and researchers will bring their perspectives together to shed light on this societal challenge and propose practical solutions for change.

Exploring, understanding, acting

Highlights include:

- Opening keynote on police–racialized minorities relations
- Panels and testimonies on memory, vulnerabilities, and social intervention
- Roundtable on family protection and rebuilding connections with institutions
- Interactive discussions combining scientific knowledge, on-the-ground experience, and citizen perspectives

This event aims to equip practitioners and stakeholders and contribute to public debate by identifying approaches that foster social cohesion and mutual recognition.

A societal challenge

“Trust cannot be decreed: it must be built, maintained, and mended when broken. This Summer School offers a unique opportunity to collectively reflect on how to rebuild connections with our institutions,” says Ann Champoux, Executive Director of the ICPC.

The discussions and insights generated during the Summer School will inspire decision-makers, organizations, and communities to implement lasting strategies for collaboration and rapprochement.

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About the ICPC

The International Centre for the Prevention of Crime (ICPC) is a Montreal-based, international non-profit organization recognized worldwide for its expertise in crime prevention and urban safety. For over 25 years, the ICPC has supported governments, municipalities, institutions, and community organizations in developing and implementing strategies to prevent violence and promote social cohesion.

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