



A “KITCHEN PARTY” WITH THOSE WHO HAVE HAD TO FLEE THEIR COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

From Friday, May 12 to Sunday, May 14, 2017, on the **Place des Arts esplanade**, Montreal-based art collective **ATSA, When Art Takes Action** invites you to **Cuisine ta ville**, a relational art project involving those communities who have fled oppression and now live in Montreal and its suburbs.

How does it all work?

The “kitchen parties” are held under Tempo-style tents (i.e., winter car shelters) in the public space.

These parties provide a friendly, informal setting for **people from the host society and refugees**, or people who have had to flee their country of origin, to meet, mingle and share.

Each party is run by a group of **4 or 5 persons, who are the “hosts.”**

The hosts may be **refugees** who wish to share their traditional dishes as well as their stories, but also their **sponsor families, matched individuals, and case workers**, as well as **facilitators and moderators**.

The hosts receive **10 to 15 guests** from the general public, who will also be expected to play an active role. The party is not a show or performance, but rather a more intimate occasion for people to talk and share around a kitchen counter, as they might do at home.

Case workers from a participating organization may act as **facilitators** and **form their own groups** with the people they know and frequent on a regular basis as part of their work.

Recipes and lists of ingredients must be submitted to ATSA in advance so that we may purchase the necessary ingredients and utensils.

A “kitchen party” may last **one hour**. The same group may host several such parties in succession, if they so desire.

The party is a pretext for sharing and doing things together. We are not looking for great chefs; we want people who are generous and welcoming.

Want to be a part of it? Please get in touch with us as soon as possible, and before May 5!
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