

Exploring the expression of cultural and ethnic identity in Montreal's Inuit population

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Abstract

Very little investigation has been done with regards to the recent and unprecedented migration of Inuit to Canadian southern metropolitan areas, a demographic shift that is indicative of changes occurring in communities of the north with respect to the special relationship between Inuit and their local environments. Interviews with six individuals relevant to Montréal's growing Inuit community were conducted from January to March 2008 in order to explore the different ways Inuit cultural and ethnic identity are expressed in an urban centre (Montréal) and to contribute to the currently limited literature of the Inuit experience of southern migration.

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