

Empowering citizens through Internet education (Canada)

Ambassadeur

Ambassadeur provides citizen education and training in the use of information technology to obtain government information and services. The project aims to empower citizens and create relationships within the community at both local and regional levels. It is carried out as a partnership among the Jonquière Office of Human Resources Development Canada and the six Community Development Assistance Corporations in the Saguenay/St-Jean Lake region. Taking advantage of Internet Community Access Centres as forums for discussion and business opportunities, the project promotes the use of information technology to access the resources, products, and services of the Government of Canada and other providers.

Encouraging and supporting small business development (Canada)

OneStop Business Registration

This pilot project aims to make it easier to launch businesses in British Columbia. Sponsored by the Small Business Development Branch of the British Columbia Ministry of Small Business, Tourism, and Culture, the project involves a network of nonprofit organizations as lead partners plus more than ten partners from the public and private sectors. The service offers kiosk-based one-stop electronic business registration, eliminating the need for entrepreneurs to visit several offices, learn about the different registration procedures, fill out multiple forms and repeatedly provide the same information. OSBR is available throughout the province; it offers fledgling businesses numerous services from three levels of government on the Internet and through 88 booths in 77 different public places.