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9 to 11 am

**In the broad sense of its meaning, does leisure promote individualism or is it the creator of social and community ties ?**

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Food for thought:

"In order to escape the economic logic to which it was progressively and heavily subjected to, leisure is condemned to find refuge in close spaces or in the private sphere or in cyberspace."

— Gérard Beaudet, Professor, author and Director of the Institute of Urban Planning at the University of Montréal

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"The state must seize its supporting role and create a structure for effective consultation between all stakeholders."

— Bernard Généreux, President of the Fédération des municipalités du Québec

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"Leisure enables the expression of the unthinkable, tolerating transgressions of social norms (for the duration of the game) and create bridges between social groups."

— Abdou Salam Fall, Sociologist and researcher at the Institut fondamental d'Afrique noire (IFAN)

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*"Does technology promote community individualism, social isolation, being alone but part of a group? Is there a merging?"*

— Linda Caldwell, Ph. D., Professor and author, *Recreation, Park and Tourism Management, Pennsylvania State University*

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