

## Politics & Community



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As a co-founder of On the Tips of the Toes Foundation, a group that offers wilderness therapy to teens with cancer, Montreal-based Annick Dufresne has won numerous awards, including the 2006 Clarins Femme Dynamisante prize, which granted her organization \$50,000. Dufresne has taken kids dogsledding in the Yukon and kayaking in the Queen Charlotte Islands. "The goal is to offer them a chance to leave the hospital and become isolated from civilization and their day-to-day routine," she says. "This helps with their self-esteem and their hope for the future."

### Emmanuelle Richez, 25, and Stéphanie Yates, 31

Meet the future of politics: Emmanuelle Richez honed her skills as an aide to Quebec's minister of intergovernmental affairs and democratic reform. Stéphanie Yates has worked at Quebec's National Assembly, as a political attaché for the office of the Quebec premier and as press attaché for the minister of e-government. Winners of the Action Canada fellowship for young Canadian leaders in public policy, Richez and Yates are completing Ph.D.s in political science at Montreal's McGill University and at Quebec City's Université Laval, respectively. Richez is studying the impact of Supreme Court judgements on citizenship. Yates's focus is on citizens' participation in the democratic



Emmanuelle Richez

Jennifer Corriero



### Jennifer Corriero, 27

She's been called a digital dignitary, a global leader, a shaper of the future and the Wired Woman Young Woman of the Year. When she was just 19, Jennifer Corriero co-founded TakingITGlobal, a non-profit group based in Toronto dedicated to using the internet to strengthen young people's abilities to be socially aware, globally responsible citizens. Considered one of the world's premiere online communities for youth, it has 188,000 members in 261 countries and receives 1.8 million hits a day.

### Jessica Lax, 27, and Jocelyn Land-Murphy, 27

Jessica Lax and Jocelyn Land-Murphy believe they have the best job in Canada: promoting environmental awareness by organizing cross-country and regional bicycle tours to schools and communities. These tours are the bedrock of their six-year-old, Ottawa-based national charity, The Otesha Project, which mobilizes young people to create alternatives to the culture of consumption, like buying fair trade and organic products and conserving water. The duo met in Kenya while studying sustainable development. Otesha means "reason to dream" in Swahili.