

Convincing youth to stay here; [FINAL Edition]
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I was very saddened upon reading (Gazette, Aug. 17) that many of the young people interviewed regarding their future here were planning to leave the province. It seems that pursuing a future outside Quebec has become the accepted norm these days.

Our young people, who are our most precious commodity and our future, are of the opinion that there is nothing for them here once they complete their education, and who can blame them?

They don't see themselves finding employment in this province since many companies have or are in the process of moving their businesses elsewhere due to repressive language laws. Being young and mobile, they don't have any encumbrances that would make the decision more difficult, like family or job responsibilities.

Once they leave, chances are they will never return, which is a loss to our economy, tax base and to parents who are left behind. Many parents, fearful of the future here and seeing a bleak employment picture, are encouraging their offspring to leave and we are the poorer for it.

It was very uplifting to learn that Steven **Erdelyi**, a young adult, has involved himself in attempting to find a solution through the MATCH-LQ group. At least he is willing to try to change the situation before taking the easy way out.

So many of our young people are reticent to get involved in this issue and it is to Mr. **Erdelyi's** credit that he is focusing his energies on improving the lot of all young adults. Too bad that more of our young people don't adopt his attitude.

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