

# **Innovation Salon/ Salon de l'innovation**

## **Citizen Empowerment through Participative Budgets**

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**Courtyard Restaurant, 21 George, 241-1516**

**(Details of location below)**

**5:30 to 9:00 pm**

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The City of Porto Alegre, Brazil was the first government world-wide to introduce a participative budget process. Beginning ten months before the budget must be approved, budget priorities are discussed and determined at the neighborhood, district and area level, before recommendations are made to the City Council for decisions. This innovation has now been adopted in 200 Brazilian municipalities. Clive Doucet secured the agreement of Ottawa City Council on April 2, 2004 to adopt this approach in the City of Ottawa. Come and hear how it works, what it means, and what Clive hopes it will achieve. Come to discuss, too, the role of citizen empowerment in innovation.

#### **About the Author:**

**Clive Doucet** is Ottawa City Councillor for Capital Ward. He went to Porto Alegre in February 2002 primarily to study the 'participative budget' process, which was created in the city of Porto Alegre in 1988-89. He has written about this innovation in The Innovation Journal ([www.innovation.cc](http://www.innovation.cc)) under Case Studies.

**Cost:** \$10 to cover expenses. Persons cancelling less than 24 hours before the meeting will be charged the registration fee.

**Registration:** For more information and RSVP by Thursday, April 15th to: Eleanor Glor, ph. 1-613-941-2680; email: [eglor@magma.ca](mailto:eglor@magma.ca)

**Location:** The Courtyard Restaurant, 21 George, 241-1516 is in the Byward Market, in the first block East of Sussex, North of The Bay and Chapters, in a courtyard on the North side of George. It is not in the Courtyard Inn.

This information is also available in The Innovation Salon Schedule, published on Internet in *The Innovation Journal* under Salon at: <http://www.innovation.cc/salon.htm>