

About the *Pareil pas pareil* (Alike; not alike) educational kit

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The title *Pareil pas pareil* refers to people who have an intellectual disability, who are like others in many ways and also not like others. It is the title of a new, ground-breaking and highly accessible 14-minute video. The video is in French with easy-to-read English subtitles (Click on the cc at lower right if they do not appear.) It is available in two parts of 8 and 6 minutes, for convenient classroom use. In the video, seven individuals who have an intellectual disability speak very personally and frankly about their lives, their experiences, their views and their hopes.

A short video by filmmaker Patrice Paradis (“Producer’s Introduction”) in English helps to orient students to the *Pareil pas pareil* video and should be viewed first. Another short video, “Comments by Jean Vanier,” may be used to open further discussion after viewing *Pareil pas pareil*.

The *Pareil* video speaks to people of all ages. Professional educators have created a bilingual kit of resources for secondary schools and for colleges and universities. *Pareil pas pareil* is also suitable for conferences and professional development days. Supplementary resources include a transcription of the film in regular and large print, journaling worksheets, a parent’s story, and secondary curriculum learning expectations that the kit may be used to meet. Ministry of Education agendas related to inclusion, diversity, social responsibility and citizenship are addressed by these materials.

A similar kit is available in French at larche.ca/education/fr. It includes materials that meet the Quebec Ministry of Education curriculum requirements for senior primary and secondary schools and a secondary level Teacher’s Guide for French schools outside Quebec. (This guide meets public school curriculum learning expectations in other provinces and also Catholic Graduate Expectations.)

This bilingual resource is provided free online as a public service by L’Arche Canada and the Association des Arches du Quebec. The entire bilingual kit may also be ordered on a USB stick.