

2009-2010

The Year In Review at
QPIRG Concordia

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The Annual Report of the
Quebec Public Interest Research Group
at Concordia

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Message from the Board of Directors

The 2009/2010 year has been a vibrant time for QPIRG Concordia. We've continued to grow as an organization at a steady pace; increasing visibility on campus and in the community, incorporating and expanding new projects and programs, strengthening our links between students and community activism, and building our internal structures.

We began the year with a weekend-long board training and a full board of twelve members representing both the student and community experience. Through a variety of trainings over the year, we were acquainted with QPIRG's mandate and operations. As board members, we worked together throughout the year on a multitude of board initiatives and projects, including programming, finances, the resource library, policy development and various hiring committees. We have continued to build upon the strong policies put forth by former boards.

We had many exciting programming highlights on campus this year including *DisOrientation* - QPIRG's "Alternative" Orientation program; *Study in Action* - an undergraduate research conference on social and environmental justice; *Keeping It Reel* - QPIRG's monthly Subversive Cinema series; *Activism 101 for Students* workshops; skillshares and more. Our presence grew on campus with the success of the campaign to include graduate students as fee-paying members, solidifying our long-time relationship with the graduate student community. We continue to build the *Community-University Research Exchange* (CURE) program, connecting community research needs with students doing research for their courses. The QPIRG space has undergone exciting changes as we renovated our office and increased our visibility from the street.

In June, QPIRG Concordia like many other groups was rocked by the brutality of the police response at the G20 in Toronto. During this time, one of our own employees was taken into custody and now faces archaic and restrictive conditions. We continue to extend our support to this employee as well as all the other G20 arrestees in the face of ongoing state repression. Despite this being a very difficult time, the board was brought closer in its ability to effectively respond to this situation.

We thank our summer program coordinators who worked diligently on developing new and exciting initiatives such as School Schmool, the Queer Zine Archive Project and the *Convergence* undergraduate journal - we continue to thrive on the unique and engaging projects that members share with us. We thank our dedicated part-time coordinators Siji and Hokuto who worked throughout the year to strengthen the QPIRG programs CURE and the alternative resource library respectively. Much of QPIRG Concordia's strength lies in the hard work and determination of our returning staff members: Ashley, our administration coordinator, Jaggi, our working groups coordinator, and Tasha, our finance coordinator. They are supported by the technical expertise of Jessica, our bookkeeper, and Amir, our computer technician.

Along with our new and returning working groups, affiliate groups and solidarity groups we hope to continue to grow and gain greater awareness on campus and in our surrounding communities. We'd like to thank everyone for their perseverance through this dynamic year. We plan to continue onward as a strong social and environmental justice outlet both on campus and in the community.

Anna Mathen, on behalf of the QPIRG Concordia 2009 - 2010 Board of Directors
October 7th, 2010

Message from the QPIRG Concordia Staff

As the core QPIRG Concordia staff we work together daily to maintain QPIRG and nurture its varied projects, groups, and campaigns. This Annual Report marks the first full year that the three of us have worked together as a team, and we very much look forward to working together again in this upcoming year.

During the 2009-2010 period, we dedicated a large amount of our time as staff to help organize and support QPIRG's core projects, including Alternative Orientation, Study In Action and the Community-University Research Exchange (CURE), which all continue to be very visible and successful. We very much enjoyed working with the students and coordinators who help make these projects happen.

This year, we're really excited to have added a new core project with the School Schmoor alternative agenda and look forward to continuing this tradition with our sister organization, QPIRG McGill, for many years to come.

We've seen QPIRG Concordia continue to grow as an organization, and deepen its mandate as a social and environmental justice center, making links between the campus and community. We developed and continued to develop strong relationships with campus allies through efforts like Fee Levy Advocacy at Concordia (FLAC), which links us with a dozen other fee levy groups, as well as through event collaborations and through active participation in campus and community events. We continued to work closely with our friends at QPIRG McGill and GRIP UQAM.

Day-to-day, we worked hard to maintain QPIRG as a productive workplace for our busy and amazing working groups – the heart of QPIRG – as well as a welcoming venue for students and community members. Throughout the year our space was active and busy, and we are especially proud of the many new faces that accessed QPIRG and QPIRG events in the past year. QPIRG had a strong public profile, in the campus and community, through our events, and also through strong media coverage in campus, community and mainstream media.

We want to share a special note of thanks to our Board of Directors who have done an amazing job in the past year, and have provided solid vision and guidance to the entire organization. Their relentless commitment to thoughtfully providing direction to QPIRG, working by committee, volunteering at events and providing support to the staff have made our years as staff of QPIRG a truly rewarding one.

The strength of QPIRG as a campus and community organization is reflected in our ongoing efforts to provide institutional and financial transparency and accessibility, with monthly financial statements, third party audited financial statements, clear and coherent minutes and documentation, a constitution and policy available on our website, and an increase in bilingual communications and documents.

Working at QPIRG this past year has been a pleasure. It's inspiring for us to meet so many amazing students and community members that in so many different ways make important contributions to social and environmental transformation. We look forward to building on a successful 2009-10 in the coming year.

In solidarity,
Ashley Fortier, Administration Coordinator
Jaggi Singh, Working Groups & Programming Coordinator
Tasha Zamudio, Finance Coordinator
October 7, 2010

QPIRG Mandate

The Quebec Public Interest Research Group at Concordia is a resource centre for student and community research and organizing. We strive to raise awareness and support grassroots activism around diverse social and environmental justice issues. Our work is rooted in an anti-oppression analysis and practice. We seek to make campus-community links and inspire social change through engaging, inclusive and non-hierarchical approaches.

QPIRG Concordia is committed to being inclusive and accessible to all. We are actively opposed to all forms of discrimination and oppression. QPIRG is a volunteer-driven, student funded, non-profit organization that is independent from the Concordia administration and student union. Both students and community members are welcome to make use of our space and resources as well as participate in QPIRG projects.

QPIRG History

The first Public Interest Research Group (PIRG) was established in 1970. Since then, PIRGs continue to emerge across the continent as university student groups. Historically, the PIRGs' mandate has been to provide a structure within which students and community members can develop the knowledge and practical skills needed in activism and community work. By providing a forum and training ground for people to be engaged community participants, the PIRGs complement the academic structure by linking theory and practice. All PIRGs are directed by a volunteer board of directors composed of students and other community members. The diversity among PIRGs reflects the diversity of its membership and volunteer board.

At Concordia, QPIRG started as a student club funded by the Concordia Student Union in 1981. Its popularity grew until a referendum in 1989 determined that QPIRG would be independent and funded by a student fee levy. Today, paid staff members accompany the volunteers who help keep QPIRG running. Over the years, QPIRG Concordia has expanded its mandate and projects to include a wide range of community activism and research. We encourage students to benefit from QPIRG and create QPIRG working groups, apply for funding for projects and research, and learn skills by volunteering for events, projects, or the board of directors.

QPIRG Structure

As of the fall 2007, all undergraduate students at Concordia are automatically members of QPIRG and are entitled to all of QPIRG services by virtue of their 0.31\$ per credit fully refundable fee. As of September 2010, all graduate students at Concordia are automatically members by virtue of their \$0.50 per semester fully refundable fee levy. Community members are eligible for membership after completing 10 hours of volunteer work at QPIRG or by paying their fully refundable annual fee equivalent to 3 credits per semester.

Board of Directors:

At QPIRG, the Board of Directors plays an integral part within the organization. With regular meetings and active participation in all aspects of QPIRG, board members set the organization's agenda and direction, sit on organizing committees and support the staff. Members gain valuable experience and training in anti-oppression, financial management, policy development, labour-management relations, community organizing, project development and programming, and consensus building. A new board is elected by the membership during the fall semester at QPIRG's Annual General Meeting (AGM), although new Board members can be appointed during the year upon consensus of the current board in the event that a vacant spot arises.

For the year 2009-2010, we were proud to have on our Board of Directors:

Laura Copeland, Community Member (appointed May 2010)
Shannon Franssen, Concordia Student
Yuseph Katiya, Concordia Student
Ricky Kelly-Shepard, Community Member
Sarah Kizuk, Concordia Student
Meg Leitold, Concordia Student (appointed May 2010)
Abbey Mahon, Concordia Student
Anna Mathen, Concordia Student
Daniel McSharry, Community Member (resigned May 2010)
Keetha Mercer, Concordia Student
Angèle Mutshioko, Concordia Student (resigned April 2010)
Daniel Simonian, Community Member (resigned October 2010)
Tessa Vikander, Community Member

Staff:

For the year 2009-2010, QPIRG Concordia employed 3 permanent staff members, who collectively worked to facilitate the day-to-day operations and coordinate long-term planning and training of the Board.

Our permanent staff people in 2009-2010 were:

Ashley Fortier, *Administration Coordinator*
Jaggi Singh, *Working Group and Programming Coordinator*
Tasha Zamudio, *Finance Coordinator*

In the fall of 2009, we welcomed **Siji Kompanal** as our current part-time Outreach and Promotions coordinator focusing on the Community University Research Exchange (CURE) at Concordia University. We also welcomed **Hokuto Sugano** as a

part-time coordinator of QPIRG's Alternative Resource Library for the Fall and Winter semesters of 2009-2010. We look forward to working with **Rebecca Carson**, who joined us in September 2010 as our new library coordinator. Their positions are supported partially by Concordia's Financial Aid and Awards Office work-study program.

In May 2010, **Julia De Montigny** joined the QPIRG team as our summer Alternative Resource Publication coordinator, working on the School Schmool Alternative Agenda in partnership with QPIRG McGill, and the QPIRG Concordia Poster Archive Project. Our summer team also included **Kat Butler** and **Emma Russell**, two summer stipend recipients who worked together on the "Queers Made This" queer organizing archive zine, and **Derek Lappano**, another summer stipend recipient who worked on establishing "Convergence," an undergraduate journal for Study In Action and CURE.

QPIRG was supported by an external bookkeeper, **Jessica Charest**, a member of the Concordia community. In addition, QPIRG systems received the support of our network administrator and computer technician, **Amir Al-Shourbaji**, whose services we've retained since August 2005.

"Concordia University, its students and faculty, are blessed with the active presence of QPIRG. The fact that there are students actively marrying studies with connections to social movements and activism was actually one of the reasons that played a role in my first coming to Concordia. Since then, I have witnessed the critical public events organized by QPIRG, had students with an active interest in its working groups, and saw great interest in its Study in Action conferences. This is the kind of work that a public university should be featuring as the high point of its achievements."

Dr. Maximilian C. Forte, Associate Prof., Sociology and Anthropology:

QPIRG Committee Reports:

Resource Library Committee

QPIRG Concordia's resource library is an ongoing core project that has continued to grow at a steady pace in the past year. Our library has more than eight hundred titles of books, films, magazines, and zines on a wide range of social justice and environmental justice issues, which are available to students and community members to borrow for up to two weeks at a time. In addition to this collection, our library holdings are listed on an alternative libraries online database alongside thousands of other titles from different Montreal-based resource centers with similar mandates to our own. In the past year, three new libraries applied and were accepted to join this database: the Centre for Community Organizations, the Sexual Assault Centre of the McGill Students Society and the Quebec Public Interest Research Group at UQAM.

In the fall 2009 and winter 2010 semesters, we welcomed Hokuto Sugano as our work-study library coordinator. Hokuto, along with a committee of board members and volunteers, worked hard to maintain the day-to-day operations of the library, shelving books, helping members find and sign out resources, registering new members, recalling overdue resources, and purchasing new items for the library. In addition to this day-to-day work, larger infrastructural changes were also made to make the library more user-friendly. A new website was launched for our library, making it possible for members to sign up for a membership, suggest new resources, check what resources are available in the library, and sign out resources all with the click of a few buttons online. This shift to an electronic circulation system is in its last stages and our new work-study library coordinator, Rebecca Carson, will be working throughout the next few months to effectively institute and train members on its use. The resource library added a large number of very exciting new resources this year, many of which are featured on the homepage of the new library website!

Policy Committee

This year's policy committee consisted of several board members and one staff member. This year, the committee focused on a full revamp of an outdated employee evaluations policy, which is in its final stages and ready to be adopted by the incoming Board of Directors. Other policy priorities that have been identified throughout the year include the development of a comprehensive hiring policy, writing an updated finance policy, and amending the employment policy to account for what to do when employees are held in detention.

In addition to working on QPIRG's internal policies, meetings took place amongst staff and board members at QPIRGs McGill and Concordia and the 2110 Centre for Gender Advocacy, as part of a **Policy Bank** initiative. The Policy Bank aims to collectively develop policy drafts for shared needs identified by these three organizations. The main focus of this project in the past year was to develop a hiring policy draft to be then brought back to each respective organization for adaptation and adoption, a task which is about to be completed. The second thing Policy Bank took on more recently was a review of the current Conflict Resolution and Complaints policy which each of these groups share, to consider changes to the policy based on its first application this past year. This latter task is ongoing and will likely make up the focus of Policy Bank for the next few months.

Finance Committee:

This committee's mandate is to give direction to financial decisions, advise the board on financial matters, develop transparent and accessible financial practices, and maintain a more in-depth understanding of QPIRG's financial position than is possible at the general board level. The finance committee, comprised of three board members and a staff person, met regularly to provide board representatives with an opportunity to develop an in-depth understanding of the internal financial systems of QPIRG and its financial position. The committee met throughout the year to comb through financial statements on behalf of the board, discuss financial issues and proposals. The committee facilitated the budget setting and mid-year budget review processes. The committee successfully proposed the changing of the fiscal year end from August 31st to October 31st to better suit QPIRG's financial calendar, and oversaw the successful completion of two 3rd party financial audits by a Chartered Accountant.

Staff Liaison Committee:

The staff liaison committee plays a crucial role in maintaining good communications between staff and board. This work is a less visible but integral part of board contributions to QPIRG. Three board members sat on this committee throughout the year and took on tasks such as staff check-ins, monitoring staff overtime, and generally maintaining positive relations between employees and the employer. This year, the committee provided additional support for the staff when the QPIRG community faced unforeseen difficulties, including when a member of our staff was temporarily detained in relation to G20 protests. The committee also initiated various acts of staff appreciation and helped with the development of the staff evaluation policy.

Programming Committee: see programming report, **page 16**

“I am a new professor at Concordia this year, and I have greatly appreciated the opportunities that QPIRG provides for students, faculty, and the broader Montreal community. The Community-University Research Exchange (CURE) has allowed many of my students to apply course concepts while building lasting partnerships in the community and QPIRG's countless speakers and events enrich the campus community as a whole. QPIRG is an invaluable resource for encouraging campus and community members alike to question, think, act, and engage.”

- **Professor Julie M. Norman**, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science

WORKING GROUPS OF QPIRG CONCORDIA 2009-2010:

Working Groups are the heart of the Quebec Public Interest Research Group (QPIRG) at Concordia in Montreal. Working groups are small groups of volunteers who want to organize around a specific issue, idea, project, or campaign. Groups usually organize around ongoing or long-term issues, though some focus on a particular time-sensitive theme or topic. QPIRG supports working groups with use of our space and resources, staff guidance, as well as an annual budget (first-year working groups are limited to a budget of \$300). Our 2009-2010 working groups were:

Autonomous Social Center/Centre Sociale Autogéré (Pointe-St-Charles) [www.centresocialautogere.org]

The Autonomous Social Center aims to occupy a space in the Pointe-St-Charles neighbourhood in order to create an autonomous social and cultural space for activities. Various committees and projects are already active as part of this project: bar/show space, independent media center, bike repair workshop, street cinema, a food project, popular education and more. INFO: info@centresocialautogere.org or 514-848-7583

2009-10 Budget from QPIRG Concordia: \$500

Centre des médias indépendants/Independent Media Center [www.cmi-imc.info]

The Independent Media Center (IMC) is a free and open space, created as a tool for media activists and communities who are looking to produce and diffuse information relating to social movements, current events, local activism, political theory, and much more. It's also space for sharing; an autonomous framework where knowledge and skills can be spread in the spirit of support and mutual aid.

2009-10 Budget from QPIRG Concordia: \$1395

Certain Days Political Prisoner Calendar Committee [www.certaindays.org]

The Certain Days Political Prisoner Calendar works to support, educate about and fundraise for political prisoners through the production of a yearly calendar. The calendar is a project produced by organizers in Montreal and Toronto, with the support of 3 political prisoners in upstate New York. We work with an anti-imperialist, anti-racist, feminist, queer and trans positive perspective to help free our movement's political prisoners. INFO: info@certaindays.org or 514-848-7583

2009-10 Budget from QPIRG Concordia: \$1800

Collectif Opposé à la brutalité policière (COBP) [<http://cobp-mtl.ath.cx>]

The Collective Opposed to Police Brutality (COBP) is an autonomous group that includes victims, witnesses and others who are concerned about police brutality and all abuses perpetuated by the police. The COBP's goal is not just to denounce harassment, violence, intimidation, arrests and abuse by the police, but also to raise awareness about our rights, and to support victims of police violence.

2009-10 Budget from QPIRG Concordia: \$300

Dignidad Migrante

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Colectivo Dignidad Migrante is made up of Spanish-speaking immigrant workers and their allies. Our goals are to: 1) bring together people of this community in Montreal who face injustice and exploitation in their workplaces, whether they have legal working papers or not; 2) create a space where people of this community feel safe to express their anger, frustration, or any feelings at all about their situation; and 3) work together to think of ways to fight the exploitation and injustice faced by immigrant workers, while making sure that everyone in the group feels safe and comfortable with the actions we take (given the fact that many group members have precarious immigration status).

2009-10 Budget from QPIRG Concordia: \$300

Indigenous Solidarity Committee

[<http://indigenoussolidaritymontreal.wordpress.com/>]

The Indigenous Solidarity Committee of the People's Global Action (PGA) Bloc works in direct solidarity with indigenous organizers and communities fighting for land, freedom and self-determination. We are active in direct solidarity work with communities in Grassy Narrows, Six Nations, Akwesasne, Tyendinaga, Kahnawake and Sheshatsiu (Labrador), and we comprise the Tyendinaga Support Committee and Friends of Elizabeth Penashue in Montreal. We also support the Defenders of the Land Network, Indigenous Sovereignty Week, and have organized actively in opposition to the 2010 Olympics. We organize from an anti-colonial and anti-capitalist perspective, emphasizing popular education and direct action.

2009-10 Budget from QPIRG Concordia: \$1395

Mad Autonomous Support Collective

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The Mad Autonomous Support Collective (M.A.S.C) is a grassroots, mad positive support and action group offering information and support for those struggling with mental health issues, dealing with the psychiatric institution or simply interested in knowing more about how to maintain a healthy state of body and mind. We seek to address the many issues surrounding the concept of mental "illness" and its treatment, and will soon offer more information on a website.

2009-10 Budget from QPIRG Concordia: \$300

Montreal Childcare Network

[<http://childcarecollective.blogspot.com/>]

We are a network of volunteers who provide childcare at social justice events and meetings. We also organize free kids events and activities. We aim to meet the specific needs of parents, youth and children, including but not limited to low-income communities, Native communities, non-status and immigrant communities of colour, and queer and trans communities. We believe that childcare is political and that providing non-authoritarian quality childcare is an important way we can work in solidarity with other social justice groups. It's also a fantastic way to break down intergenerational barriers and to enjoy the company of kids!

2009-10 Budget from QPIRG Concordia: \$400

Montreal Sound Team/Équipe Sonore
[<http://equipesonore.wordpress.com/>]

The Montreal Sound Team/Équipe Sonore provides sound services for community groups that cannot afford to pay professional rates. We build, maintain and operate P.A. systems for community events, rallies, conferences and performances. We also strive to disseminate and democratize the technical knowledge of audio production systems. Our purpose is to support people's grassroots initiatives and act in the interests of communities and their struggles for economic and political justice.

2009-10 Budget from QPIRG Concordia: \$1895

Not In Our Name Concordia
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Not In Our Name – Concordia is a new group formed to actively support anti-apartheid organizing on our campus. Through the group, we strive to counter the often-expressed notions that equate all Jews with Zionism, and that understand an Israeli Apartheid analysis or Palestinian solidarity organizing as anti-Semitism. As Jews and as activists, as students and as community members, we are committed to fighting oppression in all its forms. With this in mind, we oppose anti-Semitism while at the same time recognizing the nature of Israel as an apartheid system that oppresses Palestinians. In our struggles against oppression we find it most important to decry oppression perpetrated in our name. Thus, as Jews, we organize against Israeli Apartheid. Not in our name.

2009-10 Budget from QPIRG Concordia: \$300

Open Door Books
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The Open Door Books (ODB) collective is part of an informal network of Books to Prisoners programs throughout North America. ODB is comprised entirely of volunteers and receives its books by donation. We believe that books are an educational and potentially life-changing resource and seek to provide free reading material to inmates throughout Canada. ODB seeks to support and work in solidarity with incarcerated communities. We believe that prisons and the (in)justice system act as institutions of social control and oppression, further targeting marginalized communities as a result of patriarchy, racism, homophobia/transphobia, classism, ableism and an ongoing history of colonization.

2009-10 Budget from QPIRG Concordia: \$1330

People's Commission Network
[<http://www.peoplescommission.org/>]

The People's Commission Network is a Montreal network monitoring and opposing the "national security agenda". The network is a space for individuals and groups who face oppression in the name of "national security" – such as indigenous people, immigrants, racialized communities, radical political organizations, labour unions – and their allies, to form alliances, share information, and coordinate strategies to defend their full rights and dignity.

2009-10 Budget from QPIRG Concordia: \$250

Prisoner Correspondence Project

[<http://www.prisonercorrespondenceproject.com/>]

The Prisoner Correspondence Project is a collectively-run initiative based out of Montreal, Quebec. It coordinates a direct-correspondence program for gay, lesbian, transsexual, transgender, gendervariant, two-spirit, intersex, bisexual and queer inmates in Canada and the United States, linking these inmates with people who are part of these same communities outside of prison. In addition, it coordinates a resource library of information regarding harm reduction practice (safer sex, safer drug-use, clean needle care), HIV and HEPC prevention, homophobia, transphobia, coming out, etc. The project also aims to make prisoner justice and prisoner solidarity a priority within queer movements on the outside through events like film screenings, workshops, and panel discussions which touch on the broader issues relating to criminalization and incarceration of queers and transfolk.

2009-10 Budget from QPIRG Concordia: \$1900

Project X

[<http://www.theprojectx.ca/>]

Project X is a community-based group whose mission is to give all of those affected by racial profiling a chance to speak their minds. We already know that racial profiling in Montreal (and across the world) is a big problem and a lot of authority figures are abusing their powers. We're collecting testimonials to see how you feel about the police in Montreal, and gather information on how they're treating people in our neighbourhoods. We also have a workshop on knowing your rights and on knowing what to do when your rights are not respected. Get in touch if you have any testimonials you want to share, or if you want us to give a workshop at your community centre or school.

2009-10 Budget from QPIRG Concordia: \$885

Re-Con

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Re-Con is a prisoner-initiated working group created in 1999 by lifers, long-term prisoners and volunteers at the Federal Training Centre penitentiary in Laval, Quebec. Re-Con aims at establishing positive links with various communities and attempts to diminish the effects of long term incarceration. An additional goal of Re-Con is to counter the negative perceptions that are often held toward those incarcerated.

2009-10 Budget from QPIRG Concordia: \$1800

Solidarity Across Borders

[<http://www.solidarityacrossborders.org/>]

Solidarity Across Borders is a Montreal-based network engaged in the struggle for justice and dignity of immigrants and refugees. We are comprised of migrants, immigrants, refugees and allies, and come together in support of our main demands: the regularization of all non-status people (Status for All!), an end to deportations and detentions, and the abolition of security certificates. Some of us have direct experiences with the immigration and refugee system; some of us come from immigrant backgrounds; all of us organize as part of a collective struggle for justice and dignity. For us, there is no such thing as "illegal" human beings, only unjust laws and illegitimate governments. We organize not on the basis of pity or charity, but rather solidarity and mutual aid.

2009-10 Budget from QPIRG Concordia: \$1395

Ste-Emilie Skillshare

[<http://www.steemilieskillshare.com/>]

The Ste Emilie Skillshare (located at 3942 Ste-Emilie in St-Henri) is a group of artists and activists, primarily people of colour and queer people, committed to promoting artistic expression and self-representation in our communities. We run an art studio for people to learn new skills, share their skills, and create art in the spirit of revolution and anti-oppression. We host open studios and workshops on Saturdays and Sundays. Come learn how to silkscreen, use the black and white darkroom, the sewing machines, button maker, and check out the zine distro/library. We are open to all. Skillsharing 4 Life!

2009-10 Budget from QPIRG Concordia: \$2000

Women in Gear/Les D railleuses

[<http://ldwig.wordpress.com/>]

Women in Gear/Les D railleuses is a women's and trans bicycle collective, working to provide a safe and welcoming environment for people to learn more about bicycles; to empower people to use the bicycle for social change; and to advocate for cycling and gender issues in the urban and political landscape.

2009-10 Budget from QPIRG Concordia: \$300

QPIRG Concordia Solidarity & Affiliate Groups 2009-2010:

Ethnoculture

[<http://www.ethnoculture.org/>]

Ethnoculture is a not-for-profit, volunteer-run organization whose sole mandate is to organize events addressing social, political, cultural, and economic issues of concern to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transsexual/transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) ethnic and racialized minorities and Two-Spirited people living in Montreal and beyond

Montreal Anarchist Bookfair

[<http://www.anarchistbookfair.ca/>]

The Montreal Anarchist Bookfair — and month-long Festival of Anarchy (May 2010) — bring together anarchist ideas and practice, through words, images, music, theatre and day-to-day struggles for justice, dignity and collective liberation. The Bookfair and Festival are as much for people who don't necessarily consider themselves anarchists, but are curious about anarchism, as they are spaces for anarchists to meet, network and share in a spirit of respect and solidarity. All are welcome. The Bookfair and Festival involve diverse events and expressions of anarchism, including a theatre festival, art exhibitions, films, poetry, demonstrations, benefit shows, a cabaret, book launches, discussions and roundtables, an entire day of anarchist workshops and presentations, and much more. The Bookfair and Festival are together one of the largest anarchist events in North America, and for the past decade, an important gathering and reference point for anti-authoritarian ideas and practice. Curious about anarchism? Come check us out! "No gods, no masters; no bosses, no borders!"

Projet Accompagnement Solidarité Colombie (PASC)

[<http://www.pasc.ca/>]

PASC is a Montreal-based collective that is building a network of direct solidarity with peasant communities in civil resistance in Columbia. These processes of resistance consist of the creation of Humanitarian Zones that include 23 Afro-Colombian communities in the region of Choco. In accordance with international human rights, these zones distinguish and protect the civilian communities caught in the midst of an armed conflict. PASC thus proposes to concretize direct solidarity by sending accompaniers to these communities where the physical presence of internationals represents political support and affirms the rights of civilian populations amidst an armed conflict, and reinforces the struggle for life, land, and self-determination.

Q-Team

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Qteam is a radical queer collective that aims to address the intersections of oppressions and consciously unsubscribe from the corporate versions of queerness that devalue queer realities. We are committed to anti-imperialism, anti-racism, short shorts, queering activist spaces, the downfall of single issue politics, raging queer pervy dance parties, destroying all prisons, opening all borders, burning pink dollar\$, and keeping on keeping on.

Right to Move/La Voie Libre

[<http://www.rtm-lvl.org/>]

Right to Move (RTM) operates a public-access, drop-in, volunteer-staffed DIY bicycle maintenance workshop – providing materials, guidance, and the instruction needed to encourage as many people as possible to cycle. RTM can be found on the Concordia Campus (SGW).

Résovélo

[<http://velovelo.org/>]

Résovélo is an umbrella group that provides resources, training and assistance to all bicycle collectives, community bicycle shops, and bike share programs in the province of Quebec. We support any cycling organization that operates on a collective model, promotes the bicycle as an environmentally and social responsible form of transportation, and makes cycling and/or bicycle mechanics accessible to all people regardless of gender, economic and social background.

Strategic Digital Video Initiative/Initiative de Vidéo Stratégique

[<http://www.a2delante.ca/>]

The Strategic Digital Video Initiative identifies strategic uses for digital video in contexts of community-led social, cultural and environmental struggles, with an emphasis on indigenous rights. It currently works alongside Mapuche communities in Chile, supporting the communication objectives of an emerging movement for the defense of Mapuche territorial and collective rights.

TAPthirst**[tapthirst@gmail.com]**

Tap drinkers against privatization (TAPthirst) is an initiative dedicated to promoting awareness of the social, environmental and monetary (did you know that the price of water is three times that of gasoline!) cost of the bottled water industry. We aim to empower people at a grassroots level by supplying them with the information and tools necessary to question the bottled water companies and their effects on our communities as well as the world at large. In doing this we hope to bring people one step closer to ethical water consumption and help to avoid the privatization of a natural resource.

W.O.R.D. (Writing Our Rhymes Down)**[<http://www.writingourrhymesdown.org/>]**

W.O.R.D. is part of the worldwide hip-hop phenomenon, a group dedicated to sparking social change by bringing youth together to question, create and celebrate their collective voice. We are proof that the best way to engage marginalized youth who are having difficulties thriving in the traditional classroom environment is to speak in their voice, on their terms. Our focus is to enhance skills in literacy and self-expression, act as an intervention between negative media messages, and let the true talents of youth break out and shine.

“In my ten years at Concordia as an employee, an undergraduate and a graduate student, QPIRG has been one of the most active campus organizations and has always contributed greatly to Concordia’s vibrant activist community. QPIRG’s relentless work providing workshops, events, 101s, conferences, screenings, fundraisers, and services, is evidence of how beneficial such an organization has been to Concordia students. More importantly, QPIRG has built bridges between Concordia’s local social justice movement and broader movements within Montreal, Canada, and abroad, allowing Concordia’s activism to transcend the boundaries of our community alone and effect social change in both local and translocal contexts. Support for QPIRG is support for social justice.”

- **Kristy Heeren**, Graduate Student, Sociology, and Coordinator of the Concordia University Student Parents Centre (CUSP)

New Working Groups and Solidarity Groups 2010-2011:

On October 4, 2010, our Board of Directors selected Working Groups, Solidarity Groups and Affiliate Groups for 2010-2011.

Our new Working Groups will include:

End Exploitation: Temporary Agency Workers Association
Justice for the Victims of Police Killings Coalition
Rad School/L'ecole libre radicale

Our new Solidarity Groups will include:

Anarchist Tech Support
Dany Villaneuva Support Committee
Park-Extension Citizen's Committee
Radical Reference

Our returning Working Groups will include:

Centre Social Augogéré
Certain Days Political Prisoner Calendar Committee
Collectif Opposé à la brutalité policière (COBP)
Dignidad Migrante
Haiti Action Montreal (working group in 2008-2009)
Indigenous Solidarity Committee
Montreal Childcare Collective
Open Door Books
People's Commission Network
Prisoner Correspondence Project
Project X
Q-Team (working group in 2008-2009)
Re-Con
Solidarity Across Borders
Sound Team/Équipe Sonore
Ste-Emilie Skillshare
TAPthirst (working group in 2008-2009)

Our returning Solidarity and Affiliate Groups include:

Ethnoculture
Montreal Anarchist Bookfair Collective
Not In Our Name Concordia (working group in 2009-10)
RésoVélo (formely VéloSolidarité)
Right to Move

Welcome and welcome back to all! Looking forward to a great year supporting your campaigns, projects and initiatives.

Programming at QPIRG Concordia 2009-2010:

Building on the organizing of previous years, programming at QPIRG Concordia aims to provide a space to accommodate new student activists who might be curious about social justice issues but not yet directly involved, as well as to deepen our understanding and skills as activists and organizers.

Importantly, this year QPIRG Concordia initiated monthly Activism for Students 101 workshops. These sessions were meant for anyone who is curious or interested in getting more involved in their community and engaging in social and environmental justice issues, while providing an understanding of QPIRG's anti-oppression, grassroots organizing framework. We hosted seven monthly sessions this year, and will continue with these successful workshops into 2010-2011.

QPIRG also continued the "Keeping It Reel Film Series," a monthly event in the H-110 auditorium, with eight film screenings organized in collaboration with our working groups and allies. Each screening attracts a large audience and helps to build awareness of a wide array of social justice issues. Another way of reaching people curious about social justice organizing was our "QPIRG 101" series which this year tackled various social justice topics – racism, capitalism, ecology – in an accessible way, meant for people new to or curious about these issues and concepts. We hosted two QPIRG 101s this year.

Another important aspect of QPIRG programming were our skillshares, meant to deepen knowledge and skills amongst students and activists. This year we provided four skillshare events, as well as supporting our working groups who regularly offer workshops and educational events.

This year we also initiated an event called "New Year's Revolution," a day-long series of events comprising an Open House, a CURE "5 à 7" and a Walking Tour. The Walking Tour, as well as a popular Community-Campus Bike Tour, also became a regular part of our programming.

We actively supported conferences and week-long events including: Indigenous Sovereignty Week (October 2009), the Forum Against Police Violence and Impunity (January 2010), Israeli Apartheid Week (March 2010), Got Your Back: A Forum on Radical Support (September 2010), Concordia Eats – Sustainable Food Fair (September 2010), and others.

More generally, the programming committee helped to support and publicize the diverse and varied programming by our working groups, solidarity groups and allies who were incredibly active throughout the year.

All QPIRG Concordia programming is free and open and accessible to both campus and community members.

Here's a summary of some of QPIRG Concordia's programming in 2009-2010 (not including Study In Action or Alternative Orientation events):

Activism for Students 101 Workshops

Presented monthly on September 22, 2009, October 13, November 4, January 7, 2010, February 1, March 3, April 6

QPIRG Skillshare Workshops:

November 12, 2009: Accessing the Media

November 19, 2009: Organizing Sound at Demonstrations and Events

November 24, 2009: Social Justice and Grassroots Fundraising Tools

November 26, 2009: Introduction to Web Publishing

QPIRG 101s Series:

November 18, 2009: An Introduction to Radical Ecology

November 25, 2009: Racism (and anti-racism) in Canada

Community Bike Tour & Campus Walking Tours

We presented four Campus Walking Tours this year:

September 23, 2009, January 17, 2010, February 17, 2010 & September 22, 2010

We also organized three Campus-Community Bike Tours:

September 25, 2009, May 20, 2010 & September 24, 2010

New Year's Revolution

January 17, 2010: Radical Walking Tour of the Concordia Campus, Community-University Research Exchange "5 à 7", QPIRG Open House

QPIRG's "Keeping it Reel" Monthly Film Series 2009-2010

- September 23, 2009: *Fourth World War*, part of Alternative Orientation

- October 28, 2009: *Muffins For Granny* (about Canada's Residential Schools system), part of Indigenous Sovereignty Week

- November 13, 2009: *Criminal Queers* – Montreal Premiere

a collaboration with Q-Team, the Prisoner Correspondence Project, Queer Concordia, Queer McGill, the 2110 Centre for Gender Advocacy, and the Union for Gender Empowerment

- December 2, 2009: *The Farm, Life Inside Angola Prison*, presented with the Certain Days Political Prisoner Calendar Committee

- January 13, 2010: *If I Die Tonight* (about police brutality in New York City), presented in collaboration with the Collective Opposed to Police Brutality (COBP) and the Forum Against Police Violence and Impunity

- February 10, 2010: *To Shoot An Elephant: Palestine, Gaza Strip, Dec 08-Jan09* – Montreal Premiere, in collaboration with Solidarity for Palestinian Human Rights (SPHR) at Concordia, and Not In Our Name-Concordia

- March 19, 2010: *Tapped* (about the bottled water industry) – Montreal Premiere, co-presented with TAPThirst, with the support of Sustainable Concordia and the Loyola International College

- April 7, 2010: *Kanehsatake: 270 Years of Resistance*, co-presented with the Indigenous Solidarity Committee

Some More Highlights of October 2009-September 2010 QPIRG-supported Programming and Working Group Events:

[Note: This selection only represents highlights of literally more than 100 public events, projects, campaigns and workshops presented by QPIRG Concordia or by our working groups and solidarity groups.]

October 2009

- Affirm-Action: A weekend-long event in Montreal for LGBT ethnic minorities, queers of colour, Two-Spirited People, and their friends, families, and supporters (October 2-4)
Organized by Ethnoculture, a solidarity group of QPIRG Concordia.
- Young Defenders: An evening with Chrissy Swain of the Grassy Narrows First Nation (October 6)
Organized by the Indigenous Solidarity Committee, a working group of QPIRG Concordia
- Montreal Launch of the Global Balkans Network (October 7)
Co-sponsored by QPIRG Concordia.
- George Bush in Montreal?! Crash the party! Bring your shoes! (October 22)
Sponsored by QPIRG Concordia.
- Beyond Prisons, Toward Community Strategies: Supporting work within and against prisons (October 24)
Co-organized by the Prisoner Correspondence Project, a working group of QPIRG Concordia.
- Anti-ableism Workshop with Loree Erickson (October 25)
Co-sponsored by QPIRG Concordia.
- Indigenous Sovereignty Week (October 25-31)
Co-sponsored by QPIRG Concordia.

November 2009

- Panel: Who's the Terrorist? Criminalization of social movements & the anti-terrorism crusade (November 5)
Organized by the People's Commission Network, the Indigenous Solidarity Committee and the Certain Days Calendar Committee. working groups of QPIRG Concordia & Project Accompagnement Solidarité Colombie (PASC) a solidarity group of QPIRG Concordia.

- Fall Feast & Community Dinner in Verdun (November 7)
Organized by Solidarity Across Borders, a working group of QPIRG Concordia.
- Mad Autonomous Support Collective Open House (November 17)
The Mad Autonomous Support Collective is a working group of QPIRG Concordia.
- El baile de la libertad / The dance for freedom (November 28)
Co-presented by Dignidad Migrante, a working group of QPIRG Concordia.
- Ten Years Since Seattle: Reflections on the Anti-Capitalist Movement (November 30)
Co-sponsored by QPIRG Concordia & QPIRG McGill

December 2009

- Montreal Launch: Certain Days 2010 Freedom for Political Prisoners calendar (December 2)
Organized by the Certain Day Political Prisoner Calendar Collective
- National Day of Action: Justice for Migrant Workers! (December 2)
Co-organized by Dignidad Migrante, Solidarity Across Borders and others.
- Montreal Premiere Screening: Citizen Nawi (December 4)
Organized by Not In Our Name Concordia, a working group of QPIRG Concordia.
- Panel and Film Night: No Olympics on Stolen Native Land! Featuring Indigenous speakers from "British Columbia" (December 6)
Organized by the Indigenous Solidarity Committee, a working group of QPIRG Concordia.
- Pink Bloc to protest the Olympic torch relay in Montreal (December 10)
Organized by Q-Team, a solidarity group of QPIRG Concordia.
- Protest the Olympic Torch Relay in Montreal (December 10)
Organized by the Indigenous Solidarity Committee.
- Rally: Denounce the assassination of environmental activist Mariano Abarca Roblero! (December 10)
Organized by Dignidad Migrante, a working group of QPIRG Concordia.
- No more cages, no more lists! No more racist scapegoating: Solidarity with Abdelrazik! (December 12)
Organized by the Project Fly Home, a project of the People's Commission Network.
- Winter Survival Strategy Workshops (December 12, 19, 20 & 26)
Organized by the Ste-Emilie Skillshare, a working group of QPIRG Concordia

- March Against Violence Against Sex Workers (December 17)
Endorsed by QPIRG Concordia

January 2010

- Forum Against Police Violence and Impunity (January 29 – 31)
Co-sponsored by QPIRG Concordia.
- Sweatin' glitter dance WERKshop (January 30)
Organized by the Ste-Emilie Skillshare, a working group of QPIRG Concordia.
- An nou rebati Ayiti - a Benefit Concert for Haiti.
Organized by Ethnoculture, a solidarity group of QPIRG Concordia.

February 2010

- Justice for Fredy Villaneuva! Gathering at the Montreal Court House (February 3)
Endorsed by QPIRG Concordia.
- Intro to Sound Studio Workshop (February 6)
Organized by the Ste-Emilie Skillshare, a working group of QPIRG Concordia.
- Panel: Street Clean-ups, Street Protests (February 7)
Organized by Q-Team, a solidarity group of QPIRG Concordia.
- General Assembly: Launch of the "Solidarity City" campaign (February 11)
Organized by Solidarity Across Borders, a working group of QPIRG Concordia.
- February Film Series (February 14, 21 & 28)
Organized by the Ste-Emilie Skillshare.
- "Breaking down the Canadian Immigration System" & "Doing Immigration Support Work" Workshops (February 17 & 24)
Organized by Solidarity Across Borders.
- Panel: BLACKlisted Then and Now: Linking Histories of Racism and National Security in Montreal (February 24)
The People's Commission Network is a working group of QPIRG Concordia.

March 2010

- Israeli Apartheid Week (March 4-11)
Supported by QPIRG Concordia.
- Sidetracks Launch Party (March 6)
Organized by the Ste-Emilie Skillshare, a working group of QPIRG Concordia.

- "Our Heroines: women and migration" Community Dinner in Parc-Extension Presented by Solidarity Across Borders, a working group of QPIRG Concordia, and Afrique au Féminin.

April 2010

- Autonomous Social Centre Public Assembly (April 10)
Organized by the Autonomous Social Center, a working group of QPIRG Concordia.
- Discusión Popular en español: "Que es ser inmigrante en Montreal?" (April 12)
Organized by Dignidad Migrante, a working group of QPIRG Concordia.
- Rally in support of Dany Villanueva at the Immigration and Refugee Board (April 21)
Organized by Solidarity Across Borders and allies.
- Friperie Take Out: a stuff-for-stuff clothing swap (April 24)
Organized by the Ste-Emilie Skillshare, a working group of QPIRG Concordia.
- Sister Spit Workshops (April 27)
Organized by WSSA, supported by QPIRG Concordia
- CURE FINAL: A night of food, drinks, music and research! (April 29)
Organized by QPIRG Concordia.

May 2010

- Panel: 20 Years Since Oka: Kanienkehaka Communities in Resistance (May 12)
Organized by the Indigenous Solidarity Committee, a working group of QPIRG Concordia.
- Rad School Film Series: Summerhill & The War on Kids (May 20 & 27)
Supported by QPIRG Concordia and the Childcare Collective
- Montreal Anarchist Bookfair (May 29-30)
The Montreal Anarchist Bookfair Collective is a solidarity group of QPIRG Concordia.

June 2010

- Anti-capitalist Teach-in against the G8/20 (June 5)
Organized by CLAC2010, RAGE , GRASPÉ, QPIRG Concordia, QPIRG McGill & GRIP-UQÀM.
- Dance Dance Revolution: Anti-G20 Fundraiser (June 10)
Co-sponsored by QPIRG Concordia.

- Eternal Sunset: a querelle inspired dance party (June 14)
Organized by the Prisoner Correspondence Project, a working group of QPIRG Concordia.
- Le G-20 : quel pouvoir sur nos vies, atelier avec présentation multimedia par la Convergence des luttes anticapitalistes 2010 (14 juin)
Organisé par le Centre social autogéré, un groupe de travail du GRIP Concordia.

July 2010

- Demonstration against police repression and in solidarity with the G20 resistance (July 1)
Endorsed by QPIRG Concordia
- Post G20 Tea Party and Peer Support Session (July 3)
Organized by the QPIRG Concordia Tea Party Committee
- Solidarity Across Borders & No One is Illegal Community Picnic in Park Athena/Speak-out Against Jason Kenney (July 24)
Solidarity Across Borders is a working group of QPIRG Concordia.
- People's Commission Film Screening under the Stars and BBQ (July 29)
The People's Commission Network is a working group of QPIRG Concordia.
- Ste Emilie Summer Skillshares Series (July/August)
The Ste-Emilie Skillshare is a working group of QPIRG Concordia.

August 2010

- Pervers/Cité: The Underside of Pride (August 5-15)
Supported by QPIRG Concordia, Q-Team, the Prisoner Correspondence Project and many others.
- Criminalizing risk: Discussion and presentations on the criminalization of HIV transmission (August 12)
Presented by the Prisoner Correspondence Project, Politi-Q, and AIDS Community Care Montreal.
- Criminal Queers Backyard Film Series & Performances (August 12)
Organized by the Ste-Emilie Skillshare
- Cinéma sous les étoiles (13 août)
Organisé par le Centre social autogéré, un groupe de travail du GRIP Concordia.
- Queer Between the Covers: 3rd Annual Queer Bookfair in Montreal (August 14)
Organized by Q-Team.

September 2010

- Ethnoculture 2010: Dialogue & Communauté (September 25-26)
Organized by Ethnoculture, a solidarity group of QPIRG Concordia.
- Got Your Back!: A forum on building radical support into our movements (September 25-26)
Got Your Back was co-sponsored by QPIRG Concordia.
- Vélo! Vélo! 2010: Bicycle Collective Conference (September 24-26)
Vélo Vélo was organized by RésoVélo, a solidarity group of QPIRG Concordia.

And much, much more!

“As a professor and researcher in the Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science, I value organizations such as QPIRG Concordia for the awareness they raise around numerous causes and issues. [T]here is certainly a great deal of overlap between the humanitarian concerns of QPIRG and Concordia’s engineers. I myself volunteered for QPIRG as a young student, and I encourage current graduate students to do the same.”

Professor Nadia Bhuiyan, Engineering and Computer Science Department

Co-Sponsorships (Discretionary Funding):

In addition to working group budgets, every fiscal year, QPIRG creates a discretionary fund that is open to student and community initiatives that promote social justice in a variety of formats, from conferences and guest speakers, to demonstrations and radical art projects. This discretionary fund is accessed by making an application to the Board of Directors for co-sponsorship. The standard application form is accessible on the website: www.qpirgconcordia.org. Groups whose initiatives fall within the parameters of QPIRG's mandate generally receive between \$50 to \$250 per application and, if a group has more than one initiative throughout the year, it can re-apply for co-sponsorship as new ideas take root. From October 2009 to October 2010, the Board of Directors made discretionary decisions usually every other week, allocating roughly \$250 per session.

From October 2009 to October 2010, QPIRG Concordia discretionary funding supported the following projects and events:

- **US - El Salvador Sister Cities:** Montreal stop of a trans-Canadian tour by two representatives from the National Coalition Confronting Mineral Mining in El Salvador.
- Printing costs for posters for the performance of a monologue play called "Bolsheviki" by David Fennario, **a fundraiser for the Immigrant Worker's Centre.**
- **"No Olympics on Stolen Native Land"** outdoor mural painted in both English and French with a large image of an eagle holding the five rings of misery in its mouth. An initiative of community organizers and youth from the Native Friendship Centre.
- **Forum Against Police Violence and Impunity**, which took place January 29 – 31 2010.
- Apatrides Anonymes publication of flyers, posters, and stickers drawing people's attention to the **"Top 10 racists in Quebec"** as a popular education tool.
- **No Bosses, No Borders**, for the publicity material of a project whose aim it was to create a company that provides job opportunities for people who are non-status and have difficulty accessing jobs.
- **Festival VIHsion**, a film festival highlighting local and international films on the topic of HIV/AIDS with the goal of encouraging exchanges between those living with HIV and the surrounding community.
- **Sovereign Nations Alliance**, a group of local indigenous folks fundraising to send warrior flags out west in solidarity with the native youth resistance to the 2010 Vancouver Olympics.
- **Migrant Expressions Photography Exhibition** featuring the work of Yeavior, an artist who interweaves his own personal narrative as a queer migrant into his work in order to raise awareness about important social justice issues facing migrants today.
- Ethnoculture's fundraiser party for **Doctors Without Borders** and **Partners in Health in Haiti**, following last year's earthquake.
- **In + body**, Concordia's annual HIV/AIDS art show taking place April 8 – 15 2010.
- **"Street Clean-Ups, Street Protests: Criminalization and Resistance from '76 – 2010,"** a public lecture and book launch organized by Qteam,

- aiming to bring together historical and contemporary perspectives on queer resistance to state repression and policing.
- **CKUT's Homelessness Marathon**, an annual event of fourteen hours of people-powered radio, broadcasting from multiple cities throughout Canada with the goal of providing homeless people and their allies a chance to take to the airwaves and raise awareness about homelessness.
 - **Radical Queer Semaine**, which took place March 5 – 14 2010, was the second annual week of events surrounding gender and sexuality, during which were held workshops, performances, concerts, debates, parties, film screenings, art exhibits, direct action, collective kitchens and community building actions.
 - **Subtitling/closed captioning for the film "Maggots and Men,"** an antiauthoritarian leftist queer utopian fiction film which was screened at Radical Queer Semaine.
 - Promotional costs for the Women of Diverse Origins' **International Women's Day March**
 - Association des Transsexuels et Transsexuelles du Quebec - **Trans Pride Day** (May 1 2010).
 - **Solidarity for Palestinian Human Rights at Concordia's** promotional materials for their academic boycott campaign against the Technion Exchange Program.
 - **Safer Wheels Project**, a group of queer feminist artists and activists who crossed Canada by bicycle in summer 2010 spreading safer sex education along the way.
 - Indigenous Solidarity Committee panel to **commemorate the 20th anniversary of the Oka Crisis** featuring community members from various Mohawk nations.
 - **Qteam's queer poster archive zine project** which brought together a visual archive of the past five years of radical queer organizing in Montreal.
 - Printing costs for **CLAC 2010's anti-capitalist reader** as part of the popular education initiatives used to mobilize for the demonstrations against the G20 in Toronto in June.
 - GRIP UQAM's **"Vivre à l'échelle locale"** a weekend-long event to discuss and reflect on the relevance and environmental implications of eating and living "local."
 - Union Communiste Libertaire's **Anarchist History Walking Tour** of Montreal during the Festival of Anarchy in May 2010.
 - **Prisoner Solidarity Working Group**, a collective of individuals working to raise awareness on the current restructuring of the Canadian penal system by traveling throughout Quebec and Ontario to encourage activists to support local struggles against new developments or expansion of prisons.
 - People's Commission **CSIS video project** meant to raise awareness about what to do if/when one is visited by someone from CSIS in order to protect our communities against the repressive national security apparatus in Canada.
 - CKUT and the Native Friendship Centre's **Aboriginal Celebration Day**, an afternoon of radio programming featuring indigenous story tellers, poets and musicians, on June 17th 2010.
 - 2nd Annual **Montreal Rock Camp for Girls**, a week-long music camp designed to be a safe all-girl space where girls can come together, discover and express their talents, and become leaders in creating their own brand of cultural production through music. This year's festival took place from August 2 – 7, 2010.

- CLAC 2010 **legal defense fund** in support of G20 protest arrestees.
- **Rad School film series** during the Festival of Anarchy which featured the two films on alternative education called "The War on Kids" and "Summerhill," both shown on Concordia campus in May 2010.
- **Spanish translation for Stella's pamphlet** about its medical clinic and other materials used for outreach in sex worker communities in Montreal.
- Project 10's **Summer Camp for LGBTTIQ** youth and adults 14 to 25.
- **Action Santé TravestiEs et TranssexuelLEs du Québec's** upcoming events featuring Argentinean trans, sex work and migrant justice activist Monica Leon.
- **Hoodstock**, a forum organized by folks in Montreal-Nord to draw attention to the social and political issues of the neighbourhood and the injustices faced by people living there, in particular racial profiling and violence by the police.
- **Pervers/cité**, an annual collectively organized series of events and workshops that address issues of importance to the non-hegemonic queer community, with a special emphasis on providing spaces by and for underrepresented groups within that community.
- **Artists Against Apartheid XIII**, a concert which took place July 22 2010 and featured a diverse range of artists seeking to raise awareness, solidarity and support for the Palestinian grassroots struggle by uniting artists and activists from various struggles within Montreal and beyond.
- Facilitator training for Head and Hand's **Sense Project**, a peer-based sex-ed program for high school aged youth in Montreal.
- **Ethnoculture**, an annual conference organized to raise awareness about issues of oppression and discrimination that have a particularly profound impact on queer people of colour and queer indigenous people.
- QPIRG McGill **Culture Shock** panel featuring Ponni Arasu, a queer feminist activist from New Delhi, India whose work involves a range of human rights issues including gender, sexuality, labour and conflict and who will be speaking in mid-October 2010.
- **Nuit des Sans-Abri**, a night-long community event at the Comité Social Centre-Sud to raise awareness around homelessness in the city of Montreal on October 15 2010.
- **Subversive Judaica**: a Collaborative Ceramic Art Project - an inter generational, dialogue-based collaborative ceramic art project that brings together Jews who are critical of the Israeli state and the military occupation of Palestine.

"I cannot think of a single local source that provides such a rich array of thought-provoking information as QPIRG-Concordia. The organization is a remarkable and perhaps necessary forum for intelligent community engagement in these deeply troubled times."

- **Matthew Brett**, columnist for *The Link* and Political Science graduate student

Endorsements:

QPIRG Concordia has also lent its political support to campaigns and organizations who have asked for it, and which fit within the mandate of our organization. Our endorsements during 2009-2010 include:

- Campaign to **support Ganesaratnam Thuraisamy**, a Sri Lankan Tamil man fighting deportation.
- Stella's **March Against Violence Against Sex Workers**
- **Justice and Freedom for John Moore**, committee supporting an Ojibway man wrongfully convicted of second degree murder.
- **Project Fly Home: Justice for Abousfian Abdelrazik.**
- **Talk given about Victor Serge on police brutality**, co-organized by Lux Press.
- 14th Annual **International Day Against Police Brutality.**
- Simone de Beauvoir Institute's **Statement in Response to Bill 94** and endorsement of the No to Bill 94 National Coalition.
- PolitiQ's campaign: **Down with STERILE civil status rules!** Trans people demand their citizenship!
- TAPthirst's campaign for **a bottled water free Concordia.**
- **Got Your Back!** A forum on building radical support into our movements.
- **Concordia Eats**, a sustainable food fair.
- 2010 **Boycott Divestment and Sanctions Conference** Against Israeli Apartheid, October 22 – 24 2010.
- **Montreal International Women's Conference**, organized by the Women of Diverse Origins March 8th Committee, August 13 – 16 2010

“Through QPIRG Concordia, students have an excellent opportunity to apply their education in real life situations. It also provides a great opportunity for students to get involved with the community and make a difference, particularly through the CURE (Community-University Research Exchange) program. It is an untapped resource that every student should make use of during the course of their studies. QPIRG is instrumental in raising awareness among students with regards to social and environmental issues – through the various working groups, it helps students form a well-rounded, well-informed opinion.”

- **Rushdia Mehreen**, Masters Student – Geography, Planning and Environment, GSA
Arts and Science Candidate

Study In Action - An Undergraduate Conference Linking Students with Community Activism :

The fourth annual Study In Action Conference, presented by QPIRG Concordia, was held at Concordia University in Montreal on March 12th, 13th and 14th, 2010. The aim of the conference was to provide an opportunity for students and people outside the academic community to come together to work on and discuss approaches to social and environmental justice, while creating a forum to highlight undergraduate research. This year, the conference took a closer look at environmental justice and where social and environmental issues meet.

Building upon the strengths of previous years, the conference was a great success with our biggest year ever. Over the course of three days, there were: 19 undergraduate paper and community group presentations; 3 key events (an opening keynote panel, a post-keynote social event and a 2-day conference); 7 undergraduate visual art installations; over 350 student and community member participants; student participants from all four of the major Montreal universities, and also from across Canada including Dalhousie University, Ryerson University and University of Waterloo.

The conference began with an opening keynote panel, where panelists were invited to speak to their thoughts, experiences and research regarding environmental justice, posing the question of how to move "*beyond sustainability and towards environmental justice.*" The panelists were; **Gord Hill**, Indigenous artist and activist, author of *500 Years of Indigenous Resistance*; **Sharmeen Khan**, environmental justice and anti-racist activist, writer, and researcher; **Poya Saffari**: farmer and activist with *le Coop jardins de la résistance*; **Catherine St-Arnaud-Babin**: queer feminist activist and member of *Collectif de recherche sur l'autonomie collective* (CRAC) at Concordia University. The post-keynote social event took place at QPIRG Concordia, where conference participants had the opportunity to speak informally with panelists over food and beverages.

Feedback from the conference panelists, presenters and participants was overwhelmingly positive. A photo essay is available on the Study In Action website along with a full schedule of events, information on student and community group presenters, and details about the art installations. The Study In Action organizing committee, with the support of QPIRG Concordia staff, has already begun planning for next year's conference, with many new ideas on how to make Study In Action even more effective in connecting undergraduate studies with community engagement.

“QPIRG Concordia is an important campus organization which promotes debate and active involvement on important issues of the day. Be it supporting immigrant communities or standing up for our civil liberties – QPIRG’s contribution is critical.”

- Sameer Zuberi, past Muslim Student Association Concordia member and graduate student

Community University Research Exchange (CURE):

The past year was by far the most successful year for the Community-University Research Exchange (CURE) since its inception in 2007. CURE's mission is to facilitate community-directed research collaborations between Montreal university students and grassroots community groups who work on environmental and social justice issues. This past academic year, CURE was able meet its mandate to a greater extent than ever before.

Its accomplishments are numerous: CURE facilitated more student researchers participating in CURE projects than ever before; over twenty new projects have been added to the CURE database; community outreach expanded to now include well over 300 grassroots organizations; numerous improvements to the CURE website have been made including the implementation of forms that facilitate the application process for both students and community groups.

Several CURE projects were highlighted this year in the new CONVERGENCE undergraduate research journal, as well as at the annual Study in Action conference.

Importantly, this year CURE hosted four popular "5 à 7" events at QPIRG Concordia – during "Old School/New School" (September 2009), "New Year's Revolution" (January 2010), "CURE Final" (April 2010), and again at "DisOrientation" (September 2010) -- where interested students met with community group representatives and heard professors speak to the importance of research for social transformation.

This year, CURE was coordinated by Concordia student Siji Kompanal, with the support of a CURE committee of board members and staff. CURE continues to be joint initiative of QPIRG Concordia and QPIRG McGill.

"QPIRG is a great organization for maintaining a connection between Concordia and the many unique communities that make up Montreal. As a researcher, I believe that public interest organizations such as QPIRG can help graduate students become more aware of the communities they will serve and of the issues that affect those communities in order to strengthen their capacity to be socially and environmentally responsible."

Professor Terri R. Lituchy, Associate Professor, Management at the JMSB

Alternative Orientation:

This year's Alternative Orientation program, DisOrientation, took place from September 20–24, 2010 and was an enormous success. The schedule was jam-packed, the events were all popular and the feedback from the week was very positive. More than six hundred people participated throughout the five days of programming, which took place on or close to the downtown Concordia campus. Events included workshops, panel discussions, a campus-community tabling fair, a bike tour, a radical walking tour, and a closing fundraiser party. The content of the week represented a wide range of the topics and issues at the heart of QPIRG Concordia's social and environmental justice mandate and offered new and returning students alike an introduction to social and environmental issues as well as a window into the types of events, resources and volunteer opportunities they could access throughout the rest of the year.

One of the highlights of the week was a panel featuring Montreal **journalist Meg Hewings** and renowned sports commentator **Dave Zirin** who made his first-ever appearance in Montreal. They discussed "the politics of sports," a topic which drew out a diverse crowd - many of whom had never attended a QPIRG Concordia event before. Other notable events included a second speaking event co-presented with the 2110 Centre for Gender Advocacy, with indigenous youth activists **Jessica Yee** and **Melissa Elliott**. Both spoke with great passion and insight about the ongoing impacts of colonialism on their communities and what they were doing to inspire the youth to fight back. The workshops during the week included our monthly "Activism for Students 101" as well as three others hosted by some of our working groups on topics of bottled water, silk-screen printing, and the prison system. The campus and community groups tabling fair offered students an opportunity to learn more about volunteer opportunities and services offered on- and off-campus, and gave witness to the first ever **CJLO Radio** Concordia and **CKUT Radio** McGill joint live broadcast, in collaboration with **Concordia University Television** (CUTV). The week drew to a close with an incredibly successful dance party which doubled as a launch for the 2010 School Schmoool Agenda and the new QPIRG Concordia poster archive project. The event also featured a "skills auction," the proceeds from which went towards the Prisoner Correspondence Project, one of our long-standing working groups.

The success of the program is also a great testament to the commitment of the tireless volunteers who helped out leading up to and during the week of events.

"QPIRG has a long history of activism on issues of importance to all of us such as the environment and social justice. It provides an important bridge between the university and the many communities that make up Montreal."

- **Professor Steven High**, Canada Research Chair in Public History

School Schmool Alternative Agenda:

School Schmool is resource publication that acts as both a practical day-planner and resource publication on social and environmental justice issues and projects. Previously geared towards the McGill campus, after years of consistent popularity amongst Concordia students, this year School Schmool expanded into a joint project between QPIRG McGill and QPIRG Concordia. Two coordinators were hired this summer to realize this project along with a team of volunteers. **Julia de Montigny** (QPIRG Concordia) and **Kim Roos** (QPIRG McGill) were this year's coordinators.

School Schmool began in 1994 as a bi-annual publication out of QPIRG McGill that sought to bring together information, groups, and practical tools of use to all students, but particularly those interested in social justice, equity, and sustainability issues. In the summer of 2006, School Schmool was resurrected as a day planner and progressive resource book.

This year's shiny new edition, developed through the summer of 2010, features a diverse range of articles and group profiles to guide students and others towards a more socially and environmentally just Montreal experience. The year-long calendar provides users with the space to keep track of their lives while the featured historical dates help to archive important moments in Montreal's history. New features include: the inclusion of Concordia University academic dates and more Concordia-based groups, a larger format to accommodate people's busy activist and academic schedules, a moon calendar, thick divider tabs to that make the guide easier to navigate, a small month by month calendar section and extra blank pages at the back for notes and ideas.

School Schmool has received an overwhelming amount of positive feedback from community and campus members for its appealing aesthetic, the featured artwork, its practical layout and its engaging and useful content. With the development of a partnership with QPIRG Concordia, School Schmool 2009-2010 has had its biggest year to date, with a distribution of almost 2,000 copies across the city.

The goal of School Schmool is to encourage students and non-students alike to engage with and participate in the issues affecting them as members of both academic and non-academic communities in Montreal. With more information and resources, School Schmool is connecting individuals and activist projects more than ever before. The project continues to successfully aid School Schmool users to engage with articles, resources and practical tools so that they may participate in social and environmental justice activism and find their place in the city.

Summer Stipend Program:

In May 2010, QPIRG offered a summer stipend program to provide members of the QPIRG Concordia community with a budget/honorarium to work over the summer doing research leading towards action and change within the Montreal community. This year, QPIRG expanded the program to include two summer stipend projects to represent a broader range of campus-community connections.

Stipend 1 – Queer Archive Zine Project

The Queer Archive Zine Project was highly successful, with over two hundred copies of *Crée par des QUEERS Made This: Un recueil d'oeuvres visuelles des luttes queer à Montréal 2005-2010/ A visual archive of queer organizing in Montréal 2005-2010* assembled. Over one hundred copies have already been sold, and many have been issued to volunteers, sponsors, alternative libraries, archives, and contributors. Requests for distribution have been received from Toronto to Vancouver.

The final version of the zine is 8.5" by 11", in full colour, forty pages long, printed on 100% recycled paper, and bound in a silkscreened cover. The layout features slightly more than half of the pages completely filled with high quality scans of posters and flyers from local queer events from the past five years in Montreal, and the rest are made up of textual descriptions of queer groups that have been active in Montréal in that time-span. The content is completely bilingual. The zine was launched alongside a month-long radical queer poster exhibition (many of which were included in the zine) at le Cagibi on August 9th, as part of Pervers/Cité. Feedback from the event was extremely positive, with a turnout of more than a hundred people.

QPIRG Concordia thanks the two stipend coordinators, **Emma Russell** and **Kat Butler**, the Qteam solidarity group who initiated and collaborated on the project, and all the volunteers who contributed to the success of this project.

“The vitality of a university can be gaged by the meaningful relations that are maintained with surrounding communities. QPIRG helps strengthen those vital links.”

Professor Liz Miller, Communication Studies

Stipend 2 – *Convergence* undergraduate journal

Convergence is a journal of undergraduate research on politics and social justice. Initially developed as a companion journal to QPIRG Concordia's annual *Study in Action* conference on social and environmental justice, *Convergence* grew to include research papers developed through the Community-University Research Exchange (CURE) and in partnership with the CURE programs at QPIRGs McGill and Concordia – an expansion that opened up the possibility for more diverse content, and strengthened the journal's new purpose to facilitate and affirm the important work done by undergraduate students at both universities.

Convergence brings intellectual labour out of the classroom and into the community, be it through emphasizing political content – discovering alternatives and supporting struggles – or by virtue of its united, physical form that allows such discussions to reach a greater audience and that serves as an accessible reference piece.

This September, the journal was successfully launched alongside a CURE event during QPIRG Concordia's "DisOrientation" week to a packed room of students, community members, and professors. Together, the attendees proved their desire to be part of QPIRG Concordia's commitment to transform academic culture, making it relevant to struggles for justice while also looking to strengthen those movements through critical analysis and important research.

QPIRG Concordia thanks stipend recipient **Derek Lappano** for developing this project and all the many volunteers who contributed to the success of this project.

"If you want to get involved with a group who organizes volunteers, students and community members to work around local and international social justice struggles, meet QPIRG Concordia. I've witnessed hard work and very creative projects come from this centre. I definitely feel that their contribution to academic life is super important, even necessary, simply because of their presence in the community. I appreciate their efforts in making research in University circles useful to grassroots community circles. And if you don't wish to necessarily get involved, but you want to find a place to hang out, meet nice people and read real good books, I'd still recommend QPIRG."

- **Melanie Hughes**, recent graduate of the Community Economic Development Graduate Diploma Program at Concordia

Draft Financial Statements - Unaudited
PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT:
NOVEMBER 2009 – AUGUST 2010

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE FISCAL YEAR END IS OCTOBER 2010

REVENUES:

Concordia Student Fees	175,000	
Interest Revenue	75	
Programming Revenue	687	
Miscellaneous Income and Donations	815	
Alternative Resource Publication	1,200	
Employment Grants	12,458	
TOTAL REVENUES:		<u>190,235</u>

EXPENSES:

Working Groups		<u>11,866</u>
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Projects

Orientation, Programming and Accessibility	5,591	
External Discretionary Fund	8,976	
Community-University Research Exchange (CURE)	422	
Alternative Resource Library	772	
Volunteer Training and Support (Board)	1,874	
Summer Stipend Program	2,921	
Advertising and Promotions	2,165	
Internal Initiatives (Misc)	873	
Total Projects		<u>23,594</u>

Permanent Staff Expenses

Salaries	69,713	
Mandatory Employment Costs	6,467	
Staff Well-Being Fund	924	
Vacation Pay	1,526	
Total Permanent Staff Expenses		<u>78,630</u>

Grant Staff Expenses

31,334

Administrative & Operational Expenses

Board Elections	0
Employer and Staff Expenses	807
Campaigns and Referendum	250
Bookkeeping and Audit Expenses	3,300

Computer Technical Support	1,800	
Office Supplies	3,481	
Communications Expenses	2,569	
Rent and Electricity	30,601	
Space Improvement and Maintenance	6,964	
Administrative Fees	640	
Insurance	776	
Petty Cash Short/Over	-9	
Suspense	2,415	
Total Administrative & Operational Expenses		<u>53,595</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES:		<u>199,019</u>
NET PROFIT/LOSS		<u><u>-8,784</u></u>

AUDITOR'S REPORT


To the directors of
**QUEBEC PUBLIC INTEREST RESEARCH
GROUP - CONCORDIA INC.**

I have audited the balance sheet of **QUEBEC PUBLIC INTEREST RESEARCH GROUP - CONCORDIA INC.** as at August 31, 2009, and the statements of revenues and expenses, surplus and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the company's management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that I plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In my opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the company as at August 31, 2009, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

Denis Larouche comptable agréé Inc.


Denis Larouche C.A., auditor

Granby, November 18th, 2009



QUEBEC PUBLIC INTEREST RESEARCH GROUP - CONCORDIA INC.**STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES**

Year ended August 31

	2009	2008
	\$	\$
<u>REVENUES</u>		
Student's fees	209 537	201 126
Grants - Summer Career Placement, HRDC	12 270	7 792
Fundraising	-	821
Interest income	314	442
Other revenues	<u>4 309</u>	<u>57</u>
	<u>226 430</u>	<u>210 238</u>
<u>EXPENSES</u>		
Depreciation	2 011	1 768
Working groups and projects - note 4	16 704	33 194
Insurance	929	915
Utilities	1 989	1 948
Repairs and maintenance	109	-
Discretionary fund	7 535	4 904
Refund fees	-	16
General office expenses	7 655	8 516
Professional fees	10 311	8 530
Rent	30 313	28 634
Bad debts	2 215	3 054
Interest and bank charges	369	122
Publicity and election	3 507	3 584
Retreats and meeting	5 610	4 446
Salaries and benefits	108 571	119 934
Taxes and permits	163	163
Telephone	3 310	3 035
Miscellaneous	<u>288</u>	<u>482</u>
	<u>201 589</u>	<u>223 245</u>
<u>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES (EXPENSES OVER REVENUES)</u>	<u>24 841</u>	<u>(13 007)</u>

QUEBEC PUBLIC INTEREST RESEARCH GROUP - CONCORDIA INC.**SURPLUS**

Year ended August 31

	2009	2008
	\$	\$
<u>SURPLUS, BEGINNING OF YEAR</u>	44 955	57 962
Excess of revenues over expenses (expenses over revenues) - page 2	<u>24 841</u>	<u>(13 007)</u>
<u>SURPLUS, END OF YEAR</u>	<u>69 796</u>	<u>44 955</u>



QUEBEC PUBLIC INTEREST RESEARCH**BALANCE SHEET**

August 31

	2009	2008
	\$	\$
<u>ASSETS</u>		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash	80 050	48 892
Accounts receivable	4 938	30 491
Prepaid expenses	<u>3 330</u>	<u>3 388</u>
	88 318	82 771
FIXED ASSETS - notes 2 and 3	<u>4 618</u>	<u>4 528</u>
	<u>92 936</u>	<u>87 299</u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	10 746	25 050
Salaries and wages benefits payable	7 405	6 036
Deferred income	<u>4 989</u>	<u>11 258</u>
	23 140	42 344
<u>SURPLUS - page 3</u>	<u>69 796</u>	<u>44 955</u>
	<u>92 936</u>	<u>87 299</u>

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QUEBEC PUBLIC INTEREST RESEARCH GROUP - CONCORDIA INC.**CASH FLOWS STATEMENT**

Year ended August 31

	2009	2008
	\$	\$
<u>CASH FLOWS PROVIDED BY (USED FOR) :</u>		
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Excess of revenues over expenses (expenses over revenues) - page 2	24 713	(13 007)
Adjustment:		
Depreciation of fixed assets	<u>2 011</u>	<u>1 768</u>
	<u>26 724</u>	<u>(11 239)</u>
Net changes in non-cash working capital items:		
Accounts receivable	25 553	(12 277)
Deposits	58	8 407
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(14 176)	23
Salaries and wages benefits payable	1 369	(1 613)
Deferred income	<u>(6 269)</u>	<u>7 825</u>
	<u>6 535</u>	<u>2 365</u>
	33 259	(8 874)
INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES		
Acquisition - fixed assets	(2 101)	(1 593)
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES		
	-	-
<u>NET CHANGE</u>	31 158	(10 467)
<u>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING</u>	<u>48 892</u>	<u>59 359</u>
<u>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE END</u>	<u>80 050</u>	<u>48 892</u>

AUDITOR'S REPORT


To the directors of
**QUEBEC PUBLIC INTEREST RESEARCH
GROUP - CONCORDIA INC.**

I have audited the balance sheet of **QUEBEC PUBLIC INTEREST RESEARCH GROUP - CONCORDIA INC.** as at October 31, 2009, and the statements of revenues and expenses, surplus and cash flows for the year of two (2) months then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the company's management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that I plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In my opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the company as at October 31, 2009, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

Denis Larouche comptable agréé Inc.


Denis Larouche C.A., auditor

Granby, January 12th, 2010



QUEBEC PUBLIC INTEREST RESEARCH GROUP - CONCORDIA INC.**STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES**

Year ended October 31

	(2 months)	(12 months)
	2009	2009
	\$	\$
<u>REVENUES</u>		
Student's fees	37 702	209 537
Grants - Summer Career Placement, HRDC	-	12 270
Revenues - project costs	157	-
Interest income	8	314
Other revenues	<u>4 347</u>	<u>4 309</u>
	<u>42 214</u>	<u>226 430</u>
<u>EXPENSES</u>		
Depreciation	218	2 011
Working groups and projects - note 4	12 216	16 704
Insurance	155	929
Utilities	331	1 989
Repairs and maintenance	269	109
Discretionary fund	1 100	7 535
Refund fees	4	-
General office expenses	1 383	7 655
Professional fees	2 016	10 311
Rent	5 350	30 313
Bad debts	-	2 215
Interest and bank charges	70	369
Publicity and election	413	3 507
Retreats and meeting	1 416	5 610
Salaries and benefits	18 997	108 571
Taxes and permits	32	163
Telephone	509	3 310
Miscellaneous	<u>(210)</u>	<u>288</u>
	<u>44 269</u>	<u>201 589</u>
<u>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES (EXPENSES OVER REVENUES)</u>	<u>(2 055)</u>	<u>24 841</u>

QUEBEC PUBLIC INTEREST RESEARCH GROUP - CONCORDIA INC.

SURPLUS

Year ended October 31

	(2 months)	(12 months)
	2009	2009
	\$	\$
<u>SURPLUS, BEGINNING OF YEAR</u>	69 796	44 955
Excess of revenues over expenses (expenses over revenues) - page 2	(2 055)	24 841
<u>SURPLUS, END OF YEAR</u>	<u>67 741</u>	<u>69 796</u>



QUEBEC PUBLIC INTEREST RESEARCH**BALANCE SHEET**

October 31

August, 31

	2009	2009
	\$	\$

ASSETS**CURRENT ASSETS**

Cash	39 660	80 050
Accounts receivable	173 932	4 938
Prepaid expenses	<u>3 270</u>	<u>3 330</u>

	216 862	88 318
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FIXED ASSETS - notes 2 and 3

	<u>4 400</u>	<u>4 618</u>
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	<u>221 262</u>	<u>92 936</u>
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LIABILITIES**CURRENT LIABILITIES**

Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	8 279	6 971
Salaries and wages benefits payable	2 050	7 405
Deferred income	<u>143 192</u>	<u>8 764</u>

	153 521	23 140
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SURPLUS - page 3

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	<u>221 262</u>	<u>92 936</u>
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Catherine Kandler
Kathleen Price



QUEBEC PUBLIC INTEREST RESEARCH GROUP - CONCORDIA INC.**CASH FLOWS STATEMENT**

Year ended October 31

	(2 months)	(12 months)
	2009	2009
	\$	\$
<u>CASH FLOWS PROVIDED BY (USED FOR) :</u>		
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Excess of revenues over expenses (expenses over revenues) - page 2	(2 055)	24 713
Adjustment:		
Depreciation of fixed assets	<u>218</u>	<u>2 011</u>
	(1 837)	<u>26 724</u>
Net changes in non-cash working capital items:		
Accounts receivable	(168 994)	25 553
Prepaid expenses	60	58
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	1 308	(14 176)
Salaries and wages benefits payable	(5 355)	1 369
Deferred income	<u>134 428</u>	<u>(6 269)</u>
	(38 553)	<u>6 535</u>
	(40 390)	33 259
INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES		
Acquisition - fixed assets	-	(2 101)
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES		
	-	-
<u>NET CHANGE</u>	(40 390)	31 158
<u>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING</u>	<u>80 050</u>	<u>48 892</u>
<u>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE END</u>	<u>39 660</u>	<u>80 050</u>

