

2010-2011

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 2010-2011 year has been a great one for QPIRG Concordia. We have continued to grow, starting several new projects and programs, and we have solidified and strengthened our existing programs and internal structures.

The year started off with a packed AGM and a competitive board election where 12 board members were elected. We began with a weekend-long training shared with QPIRG McGill, where we learned about QPIRG's mandate and operations. Later in the fall, we also attended a conflict-resolution training hosted by the Centre for Community Organizations (COCO). As a board this year, we were involved in every part of QPIRG's functioning, including programming, finances, the resource library, policy development, CURE, Study in Action, and various hiring committees. We conducted an accessibility audit of our space, and have begun to implement the suggested changes. In addition, we finalized, and implemented a new employee evaluations policy.

Following the brutal police repression at the G20 last year, one of our staff members was given harsh conditions and faced potential charges. The board was glad to provide the support that we could during this period and were relieved to see the conditions end this spring and the charges get resolved. In addition, one of QPIRG's other full time staff members, Tasha, left this year after 5 years at QPIRG. She will be missed very much, but we are happy that Noah has since joined us as the new Finance and Fundraising Coordinator.

QPIRG's programming this year was incredibly extensive. Some major highlights are *Disorientation*- QPIRG's alternative orientation, which featured a block party in Bethune Square and *Study in action*- an undergraduate research conference on social and environmental justice. We also hosted monthly Activism 101 workshops, as well as a new research workshop. The library and programming committee put on an author series which included several book launches. Our regular programming schedule included diverse films, workshops, and skillshares, as well as co-sponsorships with campus and community allies. QPIRG also issued three major publications this year: *School Schmool*- the alternative agenda, *At the Heart of Resistance* - a working groups' journal, and *Convergence: a journal of undergraduate and community research*.

CURE (Community-University Research Exchange) has continued to expand with more student involvement and completed projects than ever. We also began the Poster Archive project, which documents the local history of grassroots struggles by putting event posters into an online database.

We'd like to thank all the staff who help make QPIRG the wonderful place that it is. The School Schmool coordinators (Kerri Flannigan and Kristin Li), Alternative Resource Library coordinators (Rebecca Carson and David Koch), CURE coordinators (Yuseph Katiya and Siji Kompanal), our summer translator (Alexandre Leclerc), our summer stipend coordinator (Jean-Luc St-Amour), as well as the behind the scenes support staff Jessica Charest and Amir Al-Shourbaji, who help with bookkeeping and tech support respectively. Finally, much of the strength of QPIRG comes from the hard work and dedication of QPIRG's three full time staff members, Ashley Fortier, our Administration Coordinator, Jaggi Singh, our Programming and Working Groups Coordinator, and Tasha Zamudio and Noah Eidelman, our outgoing and incoming Finance and Fundraising Coordinators.

Along with them, all of our volunteers, and our working groups, we hope to grow and thrive throughout the coming year and continue to be a force for social and environmental justice on the campus and in the Montreal community.

In solidarity,
The 2010/11 QPIRG Concordia Board of Directors

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. We collaborate with QPIRG members, volunteers, and allies to ensure that QPIRG is active and accessible to both our community and student membership. The Annual Report as a whole reflects that work, and this short introductory message simply shares some highlights as staff from the past year.

This year marked an important transition for the staff, with Noah taking on the role of Finance & Fundraising Coordinator from Tasha in April of this year. We want to acknowledge the valued contributions of Tasha during her five years at QPIRG; she played a crucial role in nurturing and supporting the growth of QPIRG Concordia, both internally and externally. We are also pleased to see her in the space frequently as a working group member, and an important mentor to many students and activists.

It has also been a great process for Ashley and Jaggi to get to know Noah, and the amazing skills and talents that he brings to QPIRG. For one month, Tasha, Noah, Ashley and Jaggi worked together in the space, which ensured a very smooth transition.

Internally, we've enjoyed working with motivated board members. We had a successful organizational visioning process in the summer, as well as a board training weekend in the fall. With our board members we worked together on finance, policy, and programming in committees.

We also enjoyed working with all our part-time and contract employees over the past year: Jessica (bookkeeping), Amir (tech), Alexandre (translation), Dave & Rebecca (resource library), Siji & Yuseph (CURE), and Kerri & Kristen (School Schmool). We value not just their skills and talents, but the workplace camaraderie we've had with them.

We worked hard this year to ensure QPIRG remains transparent and accountable to its members. This 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, and a constitution that is available on our website. We have also, slowly but surely, increased the use of French within our organization, and in our documents.

Through our relationships with other fee levy associations, we've also created and contributed to important alliances and coalitions to strengthen the position of social justice groups and organizing in the face of administration and corporate pressures. This was reflected in our work within Fee-Levy Advocacy at Concordia (FLAC), but also in ongoing links with allies at the Concordia Student Union (CSU), Graduate Student Association (GSA) as well as the varied groups with whom we organized a "Bethune Block Party" this year.

Day-to-day, we maintained 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 continue to access 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 media coverage in campus, community, and mainstream media.

We dedicated a large amount of our time and energy as staff to support QPIRG's core projects. We worked together on the recent "DisOrientation" week, which included important ally work with campus and community organizations. We also collaborated on another successful Study In Action conference, and have begun planning for next year. In both cases, we worked with a strong group of volunteers.

We were able to actively support another core project, the Community-University Research Exchange (CURE), which has grown extensively in the past year, and all staff have participated and contributed to the long-term vision of CURE.

One new project by staff this year was "At The Heart Of Resistance: QPIRG Concordia's working groups journal." As staff, we solicited, designed, edited, and published this new publication, which we intend to publish once a year.

We actively supported two other core projects that are also annual publications: the School Schmool alternative agenda and dayplanner, as well as *Convergence: A Journal of Undergraduate and Community Research*.

As in past years, we've worked closely on School Schmool, CURE, Convergence and Study In Action with our sister-organization, QPIRG McGill, and we continue to develop links with GRIP-UQÀM.

Together, we organized and facilitated monthly "Activism for Students" workshops, as well as initiating a new "Community-based social justice research" workshop. As staff, we've also worked together this year on two Community Bike Tours, as well as our now annual "New Year's Revolution" series of events in January.

Working at QPIRG is challenging, and a lot of hard work, but it's also many times 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 are privileged to be able to contribute to social and environment justice in such a way.

We look forward to building on a successful 2010-11 in the coming 2011-12 year.

In solidarity,
Noah Eidelman, Finance & Fundraising Coordinator
Ashley Fortier, Administration Coordinator
Jaggi Singh, Working Groups & Programming Coordinator
October 13, 2011

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 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

Public Interest Research Groups (PIRGs) emerged and spread around the continent after the initial PIRG was founded by Ralph Nader in Washington in 1970. 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 PIRG complements 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 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. Paid staff now accompany the volunteers that 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 plays an important role in the life of the university, forging a crucial link between our institution and the many cultural, socio-economic and political communities of which Montreal is comprised and that bring such vitality to the city. For graduate students, many of whom conduct research about, for, and within these communities, QPIRG offers many resources that help us to pursue and advance our research goals as well as to participate in numerous grassroots activist endeavours that enable us to make a positive contribution to society and to help raise awareness about and alleviate some of the pressures that burden the oppressed. In many ways, QPIRG functions as a research partner to graduate students, putting people first above all else. Indeed, QPIRG's presence at Concordia has only served to enhance its image as a university of, for, and about the people.

Alan Wong, Doctoral Candidate – Special Individualized Program

QPIRG Structure

Since 2007 all undergraduate students at Concordia become automatic members of QPIRG Concordia through the 0.31\$ per credit paid with regular school tuition. Beginning in Fall 2010, all graduate students at Concordia also become automatic members through the 0.50\$ per student per semester paid with regular school tuition. Membership also consists of active volunteers and members of our working groups.

Board of Directors:

At QPIRG, the board 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, and support the staff. Members gain valuable experience and training in anti-oppression, how to be an employer, community organizing, and consensus building. A new board is elected during the fall semester at QPIRG's Annual General Meeting (AGM), although new members can join with consensus from the current board at any time there is a vacant seat. The Board of Directors consists of 12 seats – 6 seats are reserved for Concordia student members, and the other 6 are reserved for Community members who may or may not be Concordia students. This reflects our mandate to create campus-community links.

For the year 2010-2011, we were proud to have on our Board of Directors:

Ali Ahmed, Concordia Student (resigned June 2010)
Lydia Ould Brahim, Community Member (appointed June 2011)
Laura Copeland, Community Member (resigned September 2011)
LeeLee Davis, Concordia Student (resigned September 2011)
Meg Leitold, Concordia Student
Tanya Magni, Concordia Student
Bruce Manson, Community Member (appointed May 2011)
Anna Mathen, Concordia Student (resigned August 2011)
Kyle McLoughlin, Concordia Student
Rushdia Mehreen, Concordia Student (appointed June 2011)
Keetha Mercer, Concordia Student (resigned September 2011)
Angèle Mutshioko, Community Member (resigned December 2010)
Ting Shen, Concordia Student
Kayle Towsley, Community Member
Tessa Vikander, Community Member (resigned June 2011)

Conflict Resolution and Complaints Committee:

At the Annual General Meeting in October 2010, the following QPIRG members were elected to the Conflict Resolution and Complaints Committee (CRCC): **Nora Butler Burke, Shannon Franssen, Sarah Kizuk, and Abbey Mahon**. The CRCC follows a CRCC policy to address complaints involving QPIRG members that cannot be resolved by the board of directors. The CRCC can be emailed directly at crcc@qipirgconcordia.org, though for most matters it is best to email QPIRG at info@qipirgconcordia.org.

Staff:

For the year 2010-2011, QPIRG employed 3 permanent staff members (4 during the time of transition between outgoing and incoming Finance and Fundraising Coordinators), 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 2010-2011 were:

Ashley Fortier, Administration Coordinator
Jaggi Singh, Working Group and Programming Coordinator
Tasha Zamudio, Finance and Fundraising Coordinator (until April 2011)
Noah Eidelman, Finance and Fundraising Coordinator (as of April 2011)

In the Fall and Winter semesters of 2010-2011, we were glad to have **Siji Kompanal** as our part-time Community University Research Exchange (CURE) Coordinator. This summer, Siji was joined by **Yuseph Katiya**, our part-time CURE summer coordinator, to form an awesome CURE team. We are also happy that Siji will be continuing with us this fall! We also welcomed **Rebecca Carson** as a part-time coordinator of QPIRG's Alternative Resource Library for the Fall and Winter semesters. Their positions are supported partially by Concordia's Financial Aid and Awards Office work-study program.

In May 2010, **Kerri Flannigan** joined the QPIRG team as our summer Alternative Resource Publication coordinator, working on the School Schmool Alternative Agenda in partnership with QPIRG McGill. Our summer team also included **David Koch** as our Resource Library Coordinator, **Alexandre Leclerc** as our summer translator, and several members of **Solidarity Across Borders** who received a summer stipend to create a resource guide about resisting deportations.

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.

“As a campus-based community organization, QPIRG provides Concordia students with the ideal structure for contributing to social justice efforts. The annual ‘Study in Action’ conference and the ‘CURE’ project are perfect examples of how QPIRG facilitates scholarship that is meaningfully engaged with the world outside of classrooms.”

Professor Gada Mahrouse, PhD, Simone de Beauvoir Institute

QPIRG Committee Reports:

Resource Library Committee

With the support of Rebecca Carson (our library coordinator from September 2010 - May 2011), David Koch (our library and poster archive coordinator from June - September 2011), and a team of dedicated volunteers, the QPIRG library was very active this year and grew tremendously. Rebecca successfully promoted the library to a much wider audience by way of a number of a new initiatives. These included a new event series featuring book events with local authors; a blog that was linked to the library website featuring new resources, interviews with authors, and promotional materials for upcoming author events; and a bibliography project. Topical bibliographies can now be seen featured on the walls of our library as a resource for library users wishing to learn more about certain issues relating to social and environmental justice. This is an ongoing project that we are hoping to build upon this year. Rebecca was hired as a work-study student and her term finished in May. After this, we were fortunate to be able to hire David Koch for the summer with the help of an HRSDC student employment grant.

David built upon the existing projects coming out of the library while also working incredibly hard to expand its scope in countless different directions. Many new volunteers got involved over the summer which was a testament to the amount of outreach that David was able to accomplish. QPIRG's library was featured on CKUT 90.3fm and CUTV, among other places. It also gained increased visibility online, primarily through a rapidly-growing facebook presence. Volunteers assisted David in many tasks, from making purchasing decisions and cataloguing new resources, to identifying technical gaps in the database in need of improvement, to fundraising for the library at an Eco-Quartier garage sale! David also helped to drastically improve the physical space of the library by finding two racks to better display our diverse zine collection. Finally, David worked diligently with a number of library science/archiving student volunteers to lay very solid groundwork for QPIRG's poster archive project. Digital copies of our posters are being catalogued online (qipirgconcordia.org/poster) and this is an ongoing project that will see further growth in upcoming years.

Over the course of the past year, QPIRG's library went from being a useful but oft-neglected project at our organization, to a thriving, active, and vibrant one. We are very excited to see what new directions the library projects will take in the upcoming year.

Policy Committee

This year's policy committee consisted of three board members and one staff member. The committee successfully completed and received board approval for the newly revised employee evaluations policy as well as a new hiring policy, both of which were put to effective and successful use in the months following their adoption. The policy committee has since been working on making small changes to both of these policies based on feedback from hiring and evaluation committees who tried out the policies for the first time. Members of the policy committee also worked to draft proposed constitutional amendments based on conversations that took place at the summer staff/board visioning weekend.

Due to organizational capacity, very little work took place via the policy bank this year. Each of the three member organizations felt that their time and energy was spent focusing inward on policies specific to their own needs and contexts. The spirit of collaboration and mutual support on organizational policy continues to exist, however, and in the future QPIRG Concordia is excited to work with QPIRG McGill and the 2110 Centre for Gender Advocacy on policy draft initiatives, should the need arise.

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 go 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 also oversaw the successful completion of a 3rd party financial audit by a Chartered Accountant.

Staff Liaison Committee

This 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. Five board members sat on this committee at different times throughout the year and took on tasks such as staff check-ins, monitoring staff overtime, coordinating staff evaluations, initiating staff appreciation efforts, and generally maintaining positive relations between employees and the employer. This year, QPIRG was fortunate enough to have received funding for many part-time employees throughout the year and across the summer. Supporting these part-time positions added additional work to the staff liaison committee which they managed successfully. One of the contributions of a long-time board and staff liaison committee member, upon her resignation, was to create a comprehensive timeline and checklist of tasks for future staff liaison committees. This will be a very helpful tool for maintaining consistency from one board term to the next.

Programming Committee: see programming report, **page 17**

“QPIRG Concordia is a fantastic resource for students, faculty and others in the Concordia community and beyond who want a better world. Through its many activities and roles, QPIRG not only helps to engage the campus community in crucial local and global struggles for social and ecological justice, but offers a unique space for critical ideas, education, knowledge production, reflection and action, complementing – and sometimes challenging – the more formal kinds of learning which take place in school. QPIRG was a vital part of my graduate student experience at Concordia!”

Dr. Aziz Choudry, Ph.D. (Concordia), Assistant Professor, Dept. of Integrated Studies in Education, McGill

Working Groups and Solidarity Groups 2010-2011:

Working Groups are the heart of the Quebec Public Interest Research Group (QPIRG) at Concordia in Montreal. They are small groups of volunteers who 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. Internally, we distinguish between Solidarity Groups, who are supported by QPIRG Concordia but do not receive a budget, and Working Groups who receive a budget.

Our 2010-2011 Working Groups:

Anarchist Tech Support

ATS (Anarchist Tech Support, Anarchistes pour des technologies solidaires) is a collective seeking to make the use of technology in our communities more secure and resistant to state surveillance and repression. We do this by researching, distributing tools, skill sharing, and doing popular education on secure technology.

Solidarity Group; no budget from QPIRG Concordia.

Centre Sociale Autogéré/Autonomous Social Center

Le projet de centre social autogéré vise à occuper un espace dans le quartier Pointe-St-Charles afin d'en faire un lieu d'activités sociales, culturelles et politiques autogéré. Différents comités et projets autonomes déjà actifs composent ce projet : bar/spectacles, centre de médias indépendant, atelier vélo-libre, « tube digestif », cinéma itinérant, éducation populaire, etc.

2010-2011 budget from QPIRG Concordia: \$700

Certain Days Political Prisoner Calendar Committee

The Certain Days Political Prisoner Calendar Committee 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.

2010-2011 budget from QPIRG Concordia: \$1500

Collectif Opposé à la brutalité policière (COBP)

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.

2010-2011 budget from QPIRG Concordia: \$425

Committee to Support Dany Vilaneuva

We are a group of individuals from the Collective Opposed to Police Brutality, the Coalition Against Police Abuse and Repression, No One Is Illegal Montreal, and Solidarity Across Borders, working in solidarity with the Villaneuva family to stop the unjust deportation of Dany Villaneuva, and call for an end to the double punishment of all (im)migrants.

Solidarity Group; no budget from QPIRG Concordia.

Dignidad Migrante

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).

2010-2011 budget from QPIRG Concordia: \$400

L'ecole libre radicale/Rad School

The Rad School provides a space for children to pursue their own interests, explore at their own pace and participate in a democratic community. They are encouraged to learn what they are passionate about, to explore, question, discover and grow! This working group is focused on making student centered learning available to everyone, freedom in education for all! If you are interested in getting involved with this project, please visit our website.

2010-2011 budget from QPIRG Concordia: \$225

End Exploitation

End Exploitation Temporary Agency Workers Association is a workers collective actively engaged in connecting foreign and temporary agency workers to unite against workplace injustice. END EXPLOITATION works to end unfair temporary agency practices and ensure quality workplace standards that foster respect, equality, and security for foreign / temporary agency worker communities.

2010-2011 budget from QPIRG Concordia: \$250

Ethnoculture

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, trans, and queer (LGBTQ) ethnic and racialized minorities and Two-Spirited people living in Montreal and beyond.

Solidarity Group; no budget from QPIRG Concordia.

Haiti Action Montreal

Haiti Action Montreal was founded in 2005 to shed light on Canada's role in Haiti's 2004 coup d'etat and the grave human rights abuses that followed. We work to oppose Canadian government policy in Haiti, as well as the destructive actions of many corporations, NGOs, and the UN occupation while building links of solidarity between ordinary Haitians and Canadians.

2010-2011 budget from QPIRG Concordia: \$300

Indigenous Solidarity Committee

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, from an anti-colonial and anti-capitalist perspective. We have organized efforts in opposition to the 2010 Olympics, supporting Indigenous-led efforts in particular. We are also active in support of other Indigenous self-determination efforts, including direct solidarity work with communities in Kanesatake, Akwesasne, Tyendinaga, Kahnawake, Six Nations, Grassy Narrows, as well as Churchill Falls, Labrador.

2010-2011 budget from QPIRG Concordia: \$800

Justice Pour les Victimes de Bavures Policières

Justice Pour les Victimes de Bavures Policières is a coalition of family and friends of victims of police killings in Montreal that are demanding justice for their loved ones. The coalition is planning an annual march, a vigil, and popular education against police violence and killings in Montreal. The march is family-led, family-friendly demanding truth and justice for those who have lost loved ones to police violence.

2010-2011 budget from QPIRG Concordia: \$280

Montreal Anarchist Bookfair

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 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!"

Solidarity Group; no budget from QPIRG Concordia.

Montreal Childcare Collective

The Childcare Collective offers strategic childcare in response to the fact that childcare is frequently overlooked and underappreciated. We aim to assist parents, caregivers, youth and children, including but not limited to low-income communities, non-status and immigrant communities of colour and queer and trans communities.

2010-2011 budget from QPIRG Concordia: \$450

Montreal Sound Team/Équipe Sonore

Équipe Sonore/Soundteam provides sound services for Montreal area 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.

2010-2011 budget from QPIRG Concordia: \$450

Not In Our Name – Concordia

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.

Solidarity Group; no budget from QPIRG Concordia.

Open Door Books

The Open Door Books (ODB) collective is part of an informal network of Books to Prisoners programs throughout North America. ODB seeks to support and work in solidarity with imprisoned 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.

2010-2011 budget from QPIRG Concordia: \$1450

Parc X Citizens' Committee

The Committee is a group of residents of Park-Extension who are working, in a friendly spirit, to improve the place they live in and the community they belong to and will highlight its diversity. The Citizens' Committee sets up action groups to deal with different issues and is interested in debates about the neighbourhood and will mobilize the population to defend its best interests.

Solidarity Group; no budget from QPIRG Concordia.

People's Commission Network

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.

2010-2011 budget from QPIRG Concordia: \$1550

Prisoner Correspondence Project

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, 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 which touch on the broader issues relating to criminalization and incarceration of queers and trans folk.

2010-2011 budget from QPIRG Concordia: \$1850

Project X

Project X is a community-based group that's mission is to give all of those affected by racial profiling from 'authorities' 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 neighborhoods. We also have a workshop put together on knowing your rights AND on knowing what to do when your rights aren't respected (which we know they often aren't). CONTACT US if you have any testimonials you want to share, or if you want us to give a workshop at your community centre or schools.

2010-2011 budget from QPIRG Concordia: \$700

QTeam

Qteam is a radical queer collective that organizes around the intersections of oppressions and strives to consciously unsubscribe from the corporate versions of queerness that devalue our realities. Qteam has been a working group of QPIRG McGill and QPIRG Concordia for the past four years. Qteam began in 2007 and was originally an initiative of members of the Anti-Capitalist Ass Pirates. Qteam does queer, anti-racist, anti-oppressive programming and solidarity work with other struggles throughout Montreal and beyond.

2010-2011 budget from QPIRG Concordia: \$1050

Radical Reference

Radical Reference is a collective that supports activist communities, progressive organizations and independent journalists by providing experienced research support, education, and access to information. Services include online reference, workshops and training, and street reference.

Solidarity Group; no budget from QPIRG Concordia.

Re-Con

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.

2010-2011 budget from QPIRG Concordia: \$1500

Résovélo

RésoVélo is an umbrella group that provides resources and assistance to bicycle collectives and community bicycle shops on the Island of Montreal. Our main event is the yearly Vélo! Vélo! bicycle collective conference. Current members of Vélo! Vélo! include representatives of Vélogik, Right to Move/La voie libre and Caravane.

Solidarity Group; no budget from QPIRG Concordia.

Right to Move/La Voie Libre

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 is on the Concordia Campus.

Solidarity Group (previously an Affiliate Group); no budget from QPIRG Concordia.

Solidarity Across Borders

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, an end to double punishment, 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.

2010-2011 budget from QPIRG Concordia: \$1200

Ste-Emilie Skillshare

Based in Montreal's South-West, the Ste-Emilie Skillshare is a politicized community art space run by a collective of trans people, queers and people of colour. We are artists and activists, working together within an anti-oppression framework and moving towards social transformation. As historically marginalized people, sharing our art and skills are revolutionary acts as the art we produce can be used as a tool for political change. Functionally, the Skillshare hosts a paper and fabric silkscreen studio, a black and white darkroom, sewing machines and a multi-functional space that plays host to meetings, vernissages and parties. These facilities are available to all on a pay-what-you-can, sliding-scale fee. We also play host to workshops throughout the year on a variety of skills, including regular workshops on how to use the equipment. Everyone is welcome.

2010-2011 budget from QPIRG Concordia: \$1550

TAPthirst

TAPthirst (Tap drinkers against privatization) is an initiative dedicated to promoting awareness of the social, environmental and monetary costs of the bottled water industry, as well as issues of water privatization on a global scale. We aim to empower people at a grassroots level by supplying them with the information and tools necessary to question the commodification of water and its effect 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.

2010-2011 budget from QPIRG Concordia: \$300

New Working Groups and Solidarity Groups 2011-2012

On October 4, 2011, our Board of Directors selected the Working Groups and Solidarity Groups for 2010-11. Working Groups receive a budget from QPIRG, while Solidarity Groups receive support and resources, but do not receive a direct budget.

Our new Working Groups in 2011-12 will be:

Anarchist Tech Support (ATS)
Association pour la Liberté d'Expression
Convergence des luttes anticapitalistes (CLAC)
PROS&CONS: Drugs and criminal justice system
Right to the City
Termite Collective

*Anarchist Tech Support was a Solidarity Group in 2010-11.

Our returning Working Groups for 2011-12 will be:

Certain Days Political Prisoner Calendar Committee
Centre Social Autogéré/Autonomous Social Center
Montreal Childcare Collective
Collectif Opposé à la Brutalité Policière
Dignidad Migrante
L'école-libre radicale de Mtl Rad school
Équipe Sonore / Soundteam
Free Education Montreal
Indigenous Solidarity Committee
Justice for the Victims of Police Killings
Open Door Books
People's Commission Network
Prisoner Correspondence Project
Project X
QTeam
Re-Con
Solidarity Across Borders
Ste-Emilie Skillshare
TAPthirst

*Free Education Montreal was accepted as a new Working Group in the summer of 2011.

Our returning Solidarity Groups for 2011-12 will be:

Ethnoculture
Montreal Anarchist Bookfair Collective
Radical Reference Montreal

“QPIRG Concordia is a crucial site for student organizing, for building bridges between campus and community, and for critical knowledge production in and about the university. In a time of corporatized education, QPIRG's Study in Action Conference, Community-University Research Exchange and Alternative Libraries Database, numerous working groups and programming enable and demonstrate Concordia students' ongoing commitment to engaged and autonomous learning and to research that is critical, self-reflexive and that meaningfully contributes to the lives of Concordia students, the Montreal community, as well as to broader struggles for social justice.”

Professor Trish Salah, former Faculty Member – Simone de Beauvoir Institute

Programming at QPIRG Concordia 2010-2011:

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. This was accomplished in many ways.

For the second year in a row, QPIRG Concordia's staff organized a monthly "Activism 101" workshop between September to April. This was a crucial, open, welcoming space to learn more about social and environmental justice.

Importantly, we also initiated a parallel monthly "Community-based social justice research" workshop, which allowed QPIRG to create a space for discussions related to the various forms of community and campus research.

Both Activism 101 and Community-based social justice research workshops will continue in the coming year. They are core to welcoming new students and community members to the work and mandate of QPIRG.

Once again, we presented the "Keeping it Reel" film series, as well as varied skillshare workshops. Our co-sponsorships included Indigenous Sovereignty Week, Anti-Colonial Thanksgiving, and Israeli Apartheid Week.

The programming committee actively organized and supported our core projects, including DisOrientation and Study In Action, as well as the New Year's Revolution (for the second year in a row).

We launched a book series with three events featuring talks by local and out-of-town authors. This series will continue in the new year.

Also worthy of mention, this year we organized our first political comedy night with great success.

QPIRG's programming efforts is partially reflected in the Highlights section of this Annual Report (note: the monthly Activism 101 and Community-based social justice research workshops are not included).

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

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

"The best thing about QPIRG is that it is not merely a talk-shop. The people involved directly with QPIRG and people who use QPIRG as a resource not only do crucial research and bring otherwise hidden issues to light, but provide the means and connections to act on them, and have a palpable, positive effect on the university and wider communities."

Robert Sonin, Graduate Student Association President & Philosophy graduate student

Highlights of October 2010-September 2011 QPIRG-supported Programming and Working Group Events:

[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.]

October 2010

- Stop the deportation of Dany Villaneuva: Rally in support of the Villanueva family (October 13). *A joint call out from the Coalition Against Police Repression and Abuse, Montréal-Nord Républik, No One Is Illegal-Montreal and Solidarity Across Borders.*
- Justice for Victims of Police Killings! Commemorative March & Vigil (October 22-23). *Organized by the Justice for the Victims of Police Killings Coalition.*

November 2010

- Manifestation et spectacle surprise devant la mairie d'arrondissement du Sud-ouest à l'occasion de la séance publique du conseil d'arrondissement (2 novembre). *Organisé par le Centre Social Autogéré.*
- Anti-Capitalist Demonstration: Resist the G20! From Toronto to Seoul ... and in Montréal! (November 12). *Endorsed by QPIRG Concordia.*
- Book Launch: Concordia Professor Julie Norman in conversation about her new book, *The Second Palestinian Intifada: Civil Resistance*. Projections by Montreal-based photojournalist Valerian Mazataud: *Olive War in Palestine* (November 17). *Part of the QPIRG Concordia Resource Library Book Reading Series. Co-sponsored by Solidarity for Palestinian Human Rights (SPHR). Supported by the Concordia Community Solidarity Co-op Bookstore.*
- Skillshare Workshop: Sculpt This! (November 20). *Organized by the Ste-Emilie Skillshare.*
- Anti-colonial Thanksgiving! Celebrating our cultures of resistance to colonialism (November 23). *Presented by Frigo Vert with the support of QPIRG Concordia, QPIRG McGill, People's Potato, Midnight Kitchen, the Barrière Lake Solidarity Committee & the Indigenous Solidarity Committee. Part of Indigenous Sovereignty Week in Montreal*
- Panel discussion on Bottled Water with Tony Clarke, Polaris Institute (November 24). *Organized by TAPthirst.*
- Montreal Premiere Film Screening: The Chicago Conspiracy. Part of Indigenous Sovereignty Week in Montreal (November 25). Part of QPIRG Concordia's KEEPING IT REEL Subversive Cinema Series, in collaboration with the Indigenous Solidarity Committee.
- Public Talk: Mexico - Big Problem, Insecurity Grows (in Spanish) with refugee Susana Benitez (November 26). *Organized with the support of Solidarity Across Borders, Dignidad Migrante, No One Is Illegal-Montreal and the Immigrant Workers' Center*
- Skillshare Workshop: Active Listening (November 27). *Organized by the Ste-Emilie Skillshare.*

December 2010

- Picket in support of Temporary Migrant Farm Workers (December 2). *Endorsed by Solidarity Across Borders.*
- Workshop: Silkscreening 101 (December 4). *Organized by the Ste-Emilie Skillshare.*
- Day of Action in Solidarity with Abdelrazik and Against the UN 1267 Regime (December 11). Organized by Project Fly Home of the People's Commission Network.
- Montreal Launch of the book "Our Friendly Local Terrorist" with Suleyman Goven (December 20). *Organized by the People's Commission Network.*

January 2011

- Film Screening: Les Ordres (Orders) about the War Measures Act and the 1970 "October Crisis" (January 11). *Co-presented by the People's Commission Network. Part of QPIRG Concordia's KEEPING IT REEL Subversive Cinema Series.*
- Illegal Assembly? A Guided Tour of Symbolic Sites of Political Repression in Montreal (January 16). *Organized by the People's Commission Network.*
- NEW YEAR'S REVOLUTION 2011 (January 17- 20). To bring in a new year, and to highlight social justice projects, campaigns and initiatives in 2011, QPIRG Concordia -- your campus-community link for social change -- presented a week long New Year's Revolution. The activities included: Activism 101 Workshop & Community-based Social Justice Research Workshop; Radical Walking Tour of Concordia; Panel: The Real History of Concordia: from Computer Riots to Corporatization; Working Groups "5 à 7" & QPIRG Open House. *Organized by QPIRG Concordia.*
- Discussion: Political Prisoners & Prison Solidarity Work in North America: History & Current Context (January 19). *Organized by Kersplebedeb and the Certain Days Freedom for Political Prisoners Calendar Collective.*
- Danger & Beauty: An evening with Leah Lakshmi Piepzna-Samarasinha and Vivek Shraya (January 19) *Organized by the Simone de Beauvoir Institute. Supported by QPIRG Concordia. Co-presented by the Ste. Emilie Skillshare*
- Beats Against National Security Benefit Concert (January 27). *Organized by the People's Commission Network.*
- Book Event: "Everybody Talks About the Weather ... We Don't! The Writings of Ulrike Meinhof" A conversation with Professor Karin Bauer. Including a projection of artwork by political prisoners & prisoners of war, and their allies, from the Certain Days: Freedom for Political Prisoners Calendar (January 27). *Part of the QPIRG Concordia Resource Library Author Series.*

February 2011

- Popular Forum: Whose Security? Our Security! Countering the National Security Agenda. (February 4-6). *Organized by the People's Commission Network.*
- Migrant Cinema Cycle! Film Screening: "Without a Name" (January 21). *Organized by Dignidad Migrante.*
- Film Screening: GHOSTS; with a special multi-media presentation by guest speaker Abdullah Almalki (February 9). *Part of QPIRG Concordia's ongoing KEEPING IT REEL Subversive Cinema Series.*

- Workshop: Basic Tech and Computer Security (February 9). *Facilitated by Anarchist Tech Support.*
- Certain Days: Freedom for Political Prisoners Calendar - an evening of letter-writing to political prisoners (February 10). *Presented by the Certain Days Collective & the SteEmilie Skillshare.*
- Student Day Of Action: Join The Love Train! (February 14). *Endorsed by QPIRG Concordia.*
- Workshop: Security and Awareness Culture 101 (February 16). Facilitated by Montreal Anarchist Security and Awareness Culture Collective; *Endorsed by QPIRG Concordia.*
- Winter Feast & Community Dinner (February 19). *Organized by Solidarity Across Borders and Dignidad Migrante.*
- WorkIt Skillshare Workshop Series (February 12-March 26). *Organized the Ste-Emilie Skillshare.*

March 2011

- Special Film Screening: DREAMLAND (March 2). Part of QPIRG Concordia's Monthly KEEPING IT REEL Subversive Cinema Series. *Presented by QPIRG Concordia, Study in Action & Cinema Politica.*
- "BDS on Campus: From Education to Action": 7th annual Israeli Apartheid Week (March 8-15). *Co-sponsored by QPIRG Concordia.*
- International Women's Day: "The Slaves of the Slaves Rise Up!" (March 8). *Organized by the 8th March Committee of Women of Diverse Origins [WDO], supported by QPIRG Concordia.*
- STUDY IN ACTION: An undergraduate conference linking students with community activism (March 11-13). *A core project of QPIRG Concordia.*
- The 15th International Day Against Police Brutality! (March 15). *Organized by the Collective Opposed to Police Brutality.*
- Tough on Crime, Tough on Queers, part of Radical Queer Semaine (March 16). *Organized by the Prisoner Correspondence Project.*
- Immigration Support Workshops: "Breaking down the Canadian Immigration System" & "Doing Immigration Support Work" (March 21 & 28). *Organized by Solidarity Across Borders.*

April 2011

- CURE FINAL: A night of food, drinks, music and research, with the Community-University Research Exchange (CURE) (April 14). *The Community-University Research Exchange (CURE) is a joint project of QPIRG Concordia & QPIRG McGill.*
- Feather Leather Cosmic Homoverse fundraiser dance party! (April 15). *Organized by QTeam.*

May 2011

- Immigrant Rights are Workers Rights Contingent at Anti-Capitalist Mayday Demonstration (May 1). *Organized by Solidarity Across Borders, No One Is Illegal Montreal, JOC-Montreal, the Immigrant Workers Center and Dignidad Migrante.*
- Stop the Sprawl - Defending the Land from Suburban Development (May 4). *Presented by the Indigenous Solidarity Committee.*
- Haven: art auction to benefit the Native Women's Shelter of Montreal (May 6). *Organized by the Ste-Emilie Skillshare.*
- Book Launch: Feminism FOR REAL: Deconstructing the Academic Industrial Complex of Feminism (May 7). *Co-presented by QPIRG Concordia as part of the QPIRG Concordia Resource Library Author Series.*
- Prisoner Letter Writing Night in Solidarity with the J 18 Defendants (May 8). *Organized and presented by Certain Days Calendar Committee, Open Door Books and the Ste-Emilie Skillshare.*
- Resisting Colonial "Justice" - Indigenous land struggles, state repression, and solidarity (May 12). *Presented by the Indigenous Solidarity Committee.*
- Walking Distance Distro Zine & Mix Tape Party at the Skillshare! (May 14). *Presented by the Ste-Emilie Skillshare.*
- Community Bike Tour: Interactive tour of the neighborhoods near Concordia, including Little Burgundy, Shaughnessy Village, St-Henri, Griffintown and Point-St-Charles (May 20). *Presented by QPIRG Concordia.*
- Status for All! March for justice and dignity for all migrants and refugees (May 28). *Organized by Solidarity Across Borders, No One Is Illegal-Montréal, Dignidad Migrante, the Immigrant Workers Center & JOC-Montreal.*
- Montreal Anarchist Bookfair (May 21-22). *Organized by the Montreal Anarchist Bookfair Collective.*

June 2011

- Get on the Bus: Take the Capital! Give the Tories the welcome they deserve! (June 10). *Endorsed by: Collective Opposed to Police Brutality, Immigrant Workers Centre, Peoples Commission Network & Solidarity Across Borders.*
- Anarchist key signing party at the Foulab (June 15). *Organized by Anarchist Tech Support.*
- Repressive Montreal: A guided tour of mythic sites of political repression of the metropolis (June 18). *Organized by the People's Commission Network.*
- Anarchist struggle and state repression, from the Green Scare to the G20 (June 18). *Co-presented by the Certain Days Freedom for Political Prisoners calendar and Open Door Books.*
- Skillshare: Screenprinting 101 (June 19). *Presented by the Ste-Emilie Skillshare.*
- Aboriginal Day Celebrations: 8-Hour Radio-a-thon, Mini Pow Wow, Art Expo, and Native Friendship Centre Montreal's Grand Re-Opening (June 21 & 22). *Co-sponsored by DIRA, anarchist lending library, QPIRG Concordia, QPIRG McGill, 2110 Centre for Gender*

Advocacy, Projects Autochtones du Quebec (PAQ), First People's House McGill, KANATA, Missing Justice, Frigo Vert, People's Potato, Barriere Lake Solidarity.

- Skillshare: Darkroom Black & White Photograph Developing (June 26). *Presented by the Ste-Emilie Skillshare.*

July 2011

- Defending online privacy, anonymity, and freedom: a workshop with Jacob Appelbaum (July 6). *Organized by Anarchist Tech Support.*

- Weekly Pickets to Support California Prisoners On Indefinite Hunger Strike (July 8 and following). *Supported by several QPIRG working groups and endorsed by QPIRG Concordia.*

- Migrant Labour & Food Production: A Discussion with members of the Immigrant Workers Centre and Dignidad Migrante about Temporary Foreign Worker Programs (July 29). *Presented by Campus Crops, the Midnight Kitchen, the Immigrant Workers Centre and Dignidad Migrante.*

August 2011

- Pervers/cité 2011: The Underside of Pride (August 4-14). *Member organizations include Qteam, the Ste-Emilie Skillshare, and the Prisoner Correspondence Project.*

- Commemorative March & Vigil for Fredy Villaneuva (August 7 & 9). *A joint call from the Dany Villanueva Support Committee made up of members from the Coalition against Police Repression and Abuse, Montréal-Nord Républik, No One is Illegal-Montreal, and Solidarity Across Borders.*

- Queer Between the Covers Bookfair (August 13). *Organized by Qteam.*

- Radical Typography: An Introduction to Graphic Design (August 21). *Organized by the Ste-Émilie Skillshare.*

September 2011

- A night of political comedy with Hari Kondabolu (September 8). *Co-presented by CKUT 90.3fm, QPIRG Concordia & QPIRG McGill.*

- End of Summer SWAP! (September 10). *Organized by the Ste-Émilie Skillshare.*

- Dinner, panel & discussion: Standing up to state intimidation and criminalization (September 15). *Organized by the People's Commission Network.*

- DISORIENTATION 2011: A different side of student life! (September 19-23). HIGHLIGHTS: Keynote Panel: "*Don't Let School Get in the Way of Your Education*" with Matt Hern, Ellen Gabriel & Marty Fink; Campus / Community Tabling Fair + BBQ Lunch; Bethune Block Party: A teach-in and demonstration to reclaim campus and community space; QPIRG Open House; Workshops: Activism 101 & Theatre for Change; Radical Walking Tour of Concordia; Convergence Journal Launch / CURE 5 à 7; Harper Mutiny! A People's Assembly. *Organized by QPIRG Concordia.*

- Ethnoculture 2011: Solidarity. An annual event aimed at two-spirited, lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans and queer people from indigenous and racialized communities (September 25). *Organized by Ethnoculture.*

Discretionary Funding and Endorsements:

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. The standard application form is accessible on the website (qipirgconcordia.org). Groups whose initiatives fall within the parameters of QPIRG's mandate generally receive between \$50 and \$250 per application and, if a group has more than one initiative throughout the year, it can re-apply for funding as new ideas take root. From October 2010 to October 2011, the Board of Directors made discretionary decisions usually every other week, allocating roughly \$250 per session.

In addition to discretionary funding, groups will sometime ask for QPIRG's endorsement of their event or project, meaning that they are seeking political support and help with promotion through our networks, rather than financial support. Below is a list of all the groups who received discretionary support or endorsements from QPIRG in the past year:

- **Riseup Networks**
- **Convergence des luttes anti-capitalistes (CLAC) 2010**
- **Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions Conference** in Montreal, October 2010
- **"And What is Anarchism?"** a documentary project
- **DIRA** Anarchist Library
- **VIHsion** (HIV/AIDS Film Festival)
- Community speaking event in solidarity with **John Graham**
- The Concordia Initiative for a **Conflict-Free Campus**
- **Solid'ayiti**, Promoting self-sufficiency, independence, social justice and peace in Haiti.
- **Project 10**, a resource centre for queer and trans youth.
- a Performance night with **Leah Lakshmi Piepzna-Samarasinha**
- **Queer** Concordia
- Canadian **Prison Advocacy and Outreach** Coalition
- Justice for **Mohamed Harkat** Committee
- **Free Education Montreal**
- Solidarity for Palestinian Human Rights-Concordia **Remember Gaza** event
- **L'HIVER**, Concordia's annual HIV/AIDS art show
- **CKUT** Homelessness Marathon
- **Immigrant Workers Centre**
- The **March 8** Committee of **Women of Diverse Origins**
- Concordia **City Farm** Series Project
- **Ethnoculture** Conference
- **Pinay** Filipino Women's Organization in Quebec
- Movimiento por **Justicia del Barrio**/Movement for **Justice in El Barrio**
- Support for the family of **Fredy and Dany Villeneuve**
- **No One is Illegal**-Montreal
- **Pervy Calendar** and Zine Project
- Toxic Trespass event for **Environmental Sensitivities Month**, with ASEQ-EHAQ
- Fierté Trans Pride
- **Artung**, Ceci n'est pas une pub
- CKUT **Aboriginal Celebrations** Day
- **GRIP UQAM** - Vivre à l'échelle locale
- a workshop on **Challenging Anti-Asian Stereotypes**
- **Project Fly Home**
- **Darlington Declaration**, a choice for green energy
- Panel about **anarchist struggle and state repression** from green scare to G20
- **Perverscité**, the Underside of Pride
- Solidarity with the Pelican Bay **Prison Hunger Strikers**
- Global **Queer Desi** Project
- **Radical Frosh** 2011
- **Queerriot** 2011 in Kingston, Ontario
- **Fredy Villanueva** Memorial
- **Convergence des luttes anti-capitalistes (CLAC)** Newspaper
- **HAVOQ** Undoing Borders Tour
- **Pro-choice** Picnic
- QPIRG McGill's **2011 Culture Shock**
- **Missing Justice** presents **Andrea Smith**

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

The fifth annual Study In Action Conference, presented by QPIRG Concordia and QPIRG McGill, was held at Concordia University in Montreal on March 11th, 12th, and 13th, 2011.

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 economic justice, the economic recession and responses to austerity measures both at home and abroad.

Building upon the strengths of previous years, the conference was a great success. Over the course of three days, there were:

- 15 undergraduate paper and community group presentations
- 5 key events (an opening keynote panel, a post-keynote meet-and-greet, a 2-day conference, a special performative lecture, and a closing plenary)
- 7 undergraduate and community visual art installations
- over 250 student and community member participants
- student participants from across Montreal, and also from across Canada including Dalhousie University, Queens University, Laval University and University of Ottawa.

The conference began with an opening keynote panel, where panelists were invited to speak to their thoughts, experiences and research regarding economic justice, and recent responses to austerity measures in Quebec and abroad. The panelists were: Amélie Châteauneuf, welfare rights spokesperson for the Front commun des personnes assistées sociales du Québec; John Clarke, organizer with the Ontario Coalition Against Poverty (OCAP) in Toronto; Véronique Laflamme, community organizer with Quebec national housing rights organization FRAPRU (Front d'action populaire en réaménagement urbain); and Jean Saint-Vil - radio journalist, community organizer and founding member of the Haitian self-help organization AKASAN (Ayisyen ki ap soutni Ayisyen nètalkole). The post-keynote meet-and-greet event took place at QPIRG Concordia, where conference participants had the opportunity to speak informally with panelists over food and beverages. Given the focus of this year's opening keynote panel, Study In Action included as part of its program a delegation to the Quebec-wide march against budget cutbacks.

The full schedule, with individual paper and presentation titles, full names and presentation descriptions can be found on our website (www.qpirgconcordia.org/studyinaction).

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 and presentations. 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 links students to contemporary struggles in the world today – through conferences such as ‘Study-in-Action,’ lectures, and film screenings, they offer a critical lens on social, political, and economic crises and expose students to alternative visions that are not always broached in a traditional classroom setting. They are an invaluable resource to the lives of students, not to mention concerned citizens more generally.”

Professor Norma Rantisi, Geography – Planning and the Environment

Community University Research Exchange (CURE):

CURE's mandate is to facilitate community-directed research collaborations between Montreal university students and grassroots community groups who work on environmental and social justice issues. 2010-11 was a strong year of growth and development as a project, including several new initiatives.

At its heart, the CURE coordinators and committee made links between dozens of students and community organizations, helping to facilitate important research links. Outreach efforts included dozens of classrooms visits and talks. During the year, CURE outreached to more than 100 faculty at Concordia and McGill, as well as dozens of community organizations. Overall, CURE has been in touch with hundreds of community organizations in the past two years, and more than 65 community organizations are currently listed on the database, with many more groups who are considering submitting a project.

Some final CURE projects were highlighted at the Study In Action conference in March 2011, as well as in the recent Convergence Journal. Both these projects are close allies of CURE, and both are priorities for CURE coordinators and committee members.

CURE projects were also highlighted at the social events organized by CURE this year, which again included a "CURE Final" in April, and an introductory CURE "5 à 7" in September. Both events were successful, involving more than 50 people each. This year, CURE had a presence at the new monthly "community-based social justice research" workshops organized by QPIRG. CURE members also shared their reflections on community-based research on panels on campus this year, including the closing panel of Study In Action and a panel on "Activist Research" in the CSU lounge. CURE was also active on tabling at campus events.

Importantly, CURE had a visioning process in May, which provided guidance to the future development of the project, and led to a process to update our mandate and other written materials.

Towards the end of our year, we launched a new CURE logo, as well as a new, up-to-date website. In the coming weeks, we will launch a new up-to-date "CURE look" with new flyers and posters.

CURE's growth is manifested in the new CURE Advisory Board, comprised of community members, faculty, students, and former CURE coordinators. The Board will provide guidance to CURE as it grows and develops, and also shows the deep links and support CURE enjoys as a project.

Together, these initiatives and events have contributed to the growth of a supportive social justice research community at Concordia and beyond.

This year, CURE was coordinated by Concordia student Siji Kompanal, who was joined in the summer by Yuseph Katiya, also a Concordia student. They were supported by QPIRG staff, as well as an active CURE committee comprised of volunteers and board members from QPIRG Concordia and QPIRG McGill.

Alternative Orientation:

This year's Alternative Orientation program, **DisOrientation**, took place from September 19–23, 2011 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 three hundred people participated throughout the five days of programming, which took place on the downtown Concordia campus. Events included workshops, a panel discussion, a campus-community tabling fair, a radical walking tour, and a closing street party/demonstration. 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 **Ellen Gabriel, Matt Hern, and Marty Fink**. They discussed alternative and radical education from a number of different perspectives. Other notable events included a teach-in entitled "**Harper Mutiny**," which drew a diverse crowd and gave people the space to discuss the policies of the Conservative government and how to resist them in coming years. The workshops during the week included our monthly "**Activism for Students 101**" as well as a theatre for change workshop facilitated by **Ponni Arasu**. The campus and community groups tabling fair offered students an opportunity to learn more about volunteer opportunities and services offered on- and off-campus. The week drew to a close with an incredibly successful event, the **Bethune Block Party** – a demonstration and teach-in on reclaiming campus and community space. QPIRG collaborated with a number of other campus groups to plan an all-day event in Bethune Square that filled the space with music, workshops, and art.

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.

"I came in contact with QPIRG by chance, the knowledge this group provided me was very essential to my contribution to the society around me. The orientation they hold in the beginning of the term is simply beautiful. It is important for everyone living in Quebec to be part of the Quebec Public Interest Research Group. It is an important link to arising issues concerning the core of Montreal. As part of your curriculum you can gain credits by doing something that touches your core. QPIRG is as diverse as Montreal, a great free zone to learn respect, and connect to people."

Ali Ahmed, MSC Quality System Engineering and BComm graduate in Supply Chain Operations Management,
JMSB

CONVERGENCE

QPIRG Concordia added a new core project this year by successfully publishing a second annual edition of *Convergence*. *Convergence*, a journal of undergraduate and community research, is a collaboration with QPIRG McGill, Study In Action, and the Community-University Research Exchange (CURE).

Convergence highlights the contributions of undergraduates, artists, and community members who contributed to either Study In Action or CURE. The *Convergence* committee was comprised of a large group of student and community volunteers, actively supported by QPIRG staff and board. It solicited content starting in March, just after Study In Action, and continued the process of editing, design, layout, and distribution into September, when the journal was launched. The process of bringing articles and artwork to publication involved many hours of support, and was a collaborative process. We have published 400 printed copies of the journal.

An important addition to *Convergence* this year is a beautiful new website - www.convergencejournal.ca - which includes the full print editions of the 2010 and 2011 editions of the journal, along with both web-based and pdf versions of articles and artwork.

This year's *Convergence* committee was comprised of: Anais Cadieux-Van Vliet, Noah Eidelman, Camillia Elachqar, Andrea Figueroa, Eryn Fitzgerald, Ashley Fortier, Priya Gandhi, Yuseph Katiya, Sarah Kizuk, Siji Kompanal, Derek Lappano, Anna Malla, Caitlin Manicom, Bruce Manson, Farid Rener, Jaggi Singh, Aaron Vansintjan and Tasha Zamudio.

“QPIRG Concordia is an indispensable component of academic and campus life at Concordia. QPIRG offers an adjunct educational experience to all students—including graduate—on a diverse range of topics, issues and interests. In particular QPIRG’s Study in Action Conference presents an incredibly rich opportunity for students to leverage their intellectual pursuits and research interests into action – the kind of praxis that is too often absent on universities in Canada. “

Ezra Winton, former graduate student at Concordia University and founder of Cinema Politica

School Schmool Alternative Agenda:

Once again, *School Schmool* made its way across the Concordia and McGill campuses, and throughout the city of Montreal.

The agenda dates back to 1994, beginning as a bi-annual publication that brought together group profiles, articles, and practical resources of use to all students, especially those interested in environmental and social justice issues. It was resurrected as an agenda and resource book in the summer of 2006, and has been connecting together the Concordia, McGill and Montreal communities ever since.

The 2011-2012 edition is bigger than ever, with more resources, articles, and beautiful illustrations from a diverse array of contributors. The agenda has been divided into four sections. "The Resources" provides practical tips and recommendations, ranging from cheap eats to affordable mental health support in the city. "The Issues" features introductory articles on a wide variety of topics, ranging from bike activism to building solidarity with international struggles. "The Group" lists profiles from local projects in a thematic order consistent with articles from the previous section. As always, a year-long calendar leaves space to plan our days while the featured historical dates help to archive important moments in Montreal's history.

This is the second year that QPIRG Concordia has been officially onboard to support *School Schmool*. Following efforts from the previous year, we continued to expand on submissions from Concordia-based contributors. We have also made a targeted effort to solicit profiles from Concordia campus organizations and services, such as The Concordia Student Union's Off-Campus Housing and Job Bank and CUTV. We have tabled with the agenda at numerous Concordia events, from People's Potato servings to the FASA barbeque. *School Schmool* has been featured in an article from *The Concordian* and the CKUT radio show "Dykes on Mikes" broadcasted an interview with the two co-coordinators. With help from QPIRG Concordia and McGill staff, we successfully fundraised to cover all of our printing and additional costs.

After seventeen years, *School Schmool* continues to encourage students and non-students to participate in social and environmental activism across the city. We hope the agenda lives on for many years to come!

"I finished my BFA and my MA at Concordia, and during that time QPIRG was an invaluable source bringing the students together with the greater Montreal community and issues that are critical to our time. Its independence, critical perspective, links to community activism and ability to involve students in learning beyond the classroom, all make it a fundamental asset to the vibrancy of Concordia."

Shannon Walsh, former Concordia BFA and MA student

Summer Stipend Program:

Every year QPIRG grants a summer research stipend to a project that fits our mandate and demonstrates the capacity to build campus-community links with lasting effects. Solidarity Across Borders (SAB) was selected for this year's stipend to create a resource guide/booklet on resisting deportations based on personal and collective experiences in Montreal titled: "**Resisting Deportations: A Community Guide.**" The booklet will be available in French, English and Spanish (with plans to continue translating it into as many languages as is possible). SAB will distribute copies of the guide throughout the city, and will also have it as a downloadable and printable document on its website.

The booklet is divided into **seven** sections:

The **Introduction** includes a description of what Solidarity Across Borders is and why we think this project is important. This is followed by a section of possible situations where this booklet could come in handy.

The **Quick Guide to the Immigration System** is just that. This section will not go through all of the intricacies of the laws since there are already comprehensive guides available that cover this information and it would also take a few volumes to do so.

The **Doing Support Work** section starts with an explanation of how SAB views support work as being not based on charity or pity, but rather on solidarity and mutual aid. This section then continues with a checklist of things not to forget and a list of do's & don'ts.

Direct Actions talks different strategies and tactics that fall outside of the legal framework that people have used to resist deportations. This includes sanctuary, resisting in airports or airplanes, occupations, postering/graffiti/flyering, and disrupting the 'business-as-usual' of bureaucracies. This section also includes an explanation of the Solidarity City campaign.

The **Preparing for a Deportation** part starts off by stating that deciding to follow a deportation order does not mean that the fight has been lost – something we all think is an important thing to keep reminding people of; this decision cannot be seen as an end point. We then talk about elements we feel are important to keep in mind when preparing for a deportation.

The **Living Underground** section is the centre of this booklet since we were able to find no similar resources in Montreal. This section starts with a note on keeping up hope and a scenario about the first days of deciding not to follow a removal order. It then goes on to talk about the details of dealing with the following without status: raids, the police, racial profiling, sex work, drug use, work, health care, mental health, domestic violence, housing, food resources, education, and legal recourses.

The **Rights in Immigration Detention Centres** section has a pretty self-explanatory title.

This booklet will be ready for distribution later this fall.

“A vital element of the Concordia experience, the work of QPIRG helps to open spaces for alternative worlds in Montreal and beyond.”

Professor Kevin Gould, Geography – Planning and Environment

Draft Financial Statements - Unaudited

PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT: October 2010 – August 2011

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE FISCAL YEAR END IS AUGUST 2011

REVENUES:

Concordia Student Fees	225,020	
Interest Revenue	49	
Programming Revenue	0	
Miscellaneous Income and Donations	50	
Alternative Resource Publication	1,559	
Study In Action 2011	3,991	
Employment Grants	7,606	
TOTAL REVENUES:		<u>238,275</u>

EXPENSES:

Working Groups		<u>18,883</u>
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Projects

Orientation, Programming and Accessibility	5,717	
External Discretionary Fund	5,265	
Community-University Research Exchange (CURE)	1,140	
Alternative Resource Library	1,209	
Volunteer Training and Support (Board)	3,244	
Summer Stipend Program	3,000	
Advertising and Promotions	290	
Study In Action	5628	
Publications	10,805	
Internal Initiatives (Misc.)	520	
Total Projects		<u>36,817</u>

Permanent Staff Expenses

Salaries	86,846	
Mandatory Employment Costs	11,136	
Staff Well-Being Fund	3083	
Vacation Pay	0	
Total Permanent Staff Expenses		<u>101,064</u>

Grant Staff Expenses

31,995

Administrative & Operational Expenses

Board Elections	368	
Employer and Staff Expenses	1,165	
Campaigns and Referendum	0	
Bookkeeping and Audit Expenses	5,900	

Computer Technical Support	3,720	
Office Supplies	4,602	
Communications Expenses	3,073	
Rent and Electricity	38,927	
Space Improvement and Maintenance	592	
Administrative Fees	1010	
Insurance	970	
Petty Cash Short/Over	18	
Suspense	105	
Total Administrative & Operational Expenses		<u>60,449</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES:		<u>249,208</u>
NET PROFIT/LOSS		<u><u>-10,933</u></u>

QUEBEC PUBLIC INTEREST RESEARCH

GROUP - CONCORDIA INC.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

August 31, 2010

QUEBEC PUBLIC INTEREST RESEARCH GROUP - CONCORDIA INC.

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AUDITOR'S REPORT

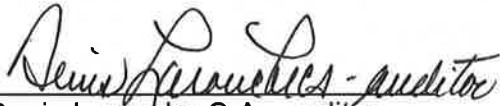
To the directors of
**QUEBEC PUBLIC INTEREST RESEARCH
GROUP - CONCORDIA INC.**

I have audited the balance sheet of **QUEBEC PUBLIC INTEREST RESEARCH GROUP - CONCORDIA INC.** as at August 31, 2010, 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, 2010, 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, March 24 th, 2011



QUEBEC PUBLIC INTEREST RESEARCH GROUP - CONCORDIA INC.

STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES

Year ended August 31

	2010	2009
	\$	\$
<u>REVENUES</u>		
Student's fees	212 702	209 537
Grants - Summer Career Placement, HRDC	14 890	12 270
Revenues - project costs	6 117	-
Interest income	81	314
Other revenues	<u>6 200</u>	<u>4 309</u>
	<u>239 990</u>	<u>226 430</u>
<u>EXPENSES</u>		
Depreciation	1 731	2 011
Working groups and projects - note 4	55 046	16 704
Insurance	931	929
Utilities	1 989	1 989
Repairs and maintenance	6 952	109
Discretionary fund	10 076	7 535
Refund fees	4	-
General office expenses	6 909	7 655
Professional fees	6 542	10 311
Rent	34 294	30 313
Bad debts	419	2 215
Interest and bank charges	397	369
Publicity and election	3 278	3 507
Retreats and meeting	3 948	5 610
Salaries and benefits	125 544	108 571
Taxes and permits	202	163
Telephone	2 739	3 310
Miscellaneous	<u>224</u>	<u>288</u>
	<u>261 225</u>	<u>201 589</u>
<u>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES (EXPENSES OVER REVENUES)</u>	<u>(21 235)</u>	<u>24 841</u>



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

Year ended August 31

	2010	2009
	\$	\$
<u>SURPLUS, BEGINNING OF YEAR</u>	69 796	44 955
Excess of revenues over expenses (expenses over revenues) - page 2	(21 235)	<u>24 841</u>
<u>SURPLUS, END OF YEAR</u>	<u>48 561</u>	<u>69 796</u>

QUEBEC PUBLIC INTEREST RESEARCH**BALANCE SHEET**

August 31

	2010	2009
	\$	\$
<u>ASSETS</u>		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash	48 690	80 050
Accounts receivable	36 824	4 938
Prepaid expenses	<u>3 718</u>	<u>3 330</u>
	89 232	88 318
FIXED ASSETS - notes 2 and 3	<u>4 297</u>	<u>4 618</u>
	<u>93 529</u>	<u>92 936</u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	22 981	10 746
Salaries and wages benefits payable	5 895	7 405
Deferred income	<u>16 092</u>	<u>4 989</u>
	44 968	23 140
<u>SURPLUS - page 3</u>	<u>48 561</u>	<u>69 796</u>
	<u>93 529</u>	<u>92 936</u>
APPROVED BY THE BOARD		

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

Year ended August 31

	2010	2009
	\$	\$
<u>CASH FLOWS PROVIDED BY (USED FOR) :</u>		
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Excess of revenues over expenses (expenses over revenues) - page 2	(21 235)	24 713
Adjustment:		
Depreciation of fixed assets	<u>1 731</u>	<u>2 011</u>
	(19 504)	<u>26 724</u>
Net changes in non-cash working capital items:		
Accounts receivable	(31 886)	25 553
Prepaid expenses	(388)	58
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	12 235	(14 176)
Salaries and wages benefits payable	(1 510)	1 369
Deferred income	<u>11 103</u>	<u>(6 269)</u>
	(10 446)	<u>6 535</u>
	(29 950)	33 259
INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES		
Acquisition - fixed assets	(1 410)	(2 101)
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES		
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>NET CHANGE</u>	(31 360)	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>48 690</u>	<u>80 050</u>

QUEBEC PUBLIC INTEREST RESEARCH GROUP - CONCORDIA INC.**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

August 31, 2010

1. JURIDICAL STATUTE AND NATURE OF ACTIVITIES

The organization is incorporated under the Quebec Companies Act (Part III).

The organization is a non-profit corporation dedicated to promoting and conducting research, educating the public based on that research, and undertaking appropriate action, all in an effort to develop effective citizenship skills in students and the general population, and work in the public interest for social change in Quebec.

2. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES**REVENUE RECOGNITION**

The organization follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions. Restricted contributions are recognized as revenue in the year in which the related expenses are incurred. Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue when they are received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured.

FIXED ASSETS

Depreciation of fixed assets is calculated on the declining balance method as a fixed-percentage:

Office equipment	20%
Computer equipment	30%
Software	100%

3. FIXED ASSETS

	Cost	Accumula- ted depre- ciation	Net book value 2010	Net book value 2009
	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>
Office equipment	3 765	3 149	616	770
Computer equipment	42 605	38 924	3 681	3 848
Software	<u>698</u>	<u>698</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>47 068</u>	<u>42 771</u>	<u>4 297</u>	<u>4 618</u>

QUEBEC PUBLIC INTEREST RESEARCH GROUP - CONCORDIA INC.

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August 31, 2010

4. PROJECT COSTS

	2010	2009
	\$	\$
IMCD training	249	45
Ste-Emilie Skillshare	1 922	2 994
Political Prisoner	(245)	545
Calendar Committee	2 750	-
TAPthirst	385	(275)
BLEM-Bloquez l'Emp	988	150
Accessibility	1 213	895
Cntrl Prgm tools for	-	3 092
Summer Research Stip	6 053	3 000
Autonomous Social Ce	468	218
Montreal Sound Team	1 812	39
Tadamon	(191)	492
Comittee to support K	-	321
Common front	285	15
Not in our name	225	-
Collective against police brutality	300	-
Dignidad migrante	292	-
Independent media center	1 353	-
Solidarity across borders	1 986	633
Indigenous solidarity committee	1 209	347
Childcare collective	700	-
Open door book	2 366	105
Re-con	3 016	1 039
People commission network	271	-
Prisoner correspondence project	1 900	-
Project X	798	-
Central programming	2 640	-
Community univ. research	422	-
Alternative resource publication	4 003	-
Internal initiatives	873	-
Montreal childare network	458	-
Haiti Action Montreal	479	422
Workstudy	10 714	-
Orientation	5 368	700
QTeam	(16)	1 927
	<u>55 046</u>	<u>16 704</u>

QUEBEC PUBLIC INTEREST RESEARCH GROUP - CONCORDIA INC.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

August 31, 2010

5. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The carrying amount of cash, accounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued liabilities is a reasonable approximation of their fair value given their short-term maturity.

6. CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS

The organization leases an office under a lease expiring on September 30, 2010. Future minimum lease payments total 185 \$ (before taxes) and include the following payments over the years: 2011, 185 \$.

