2016-2017
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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Acknowledgement & Call to Anti-Colonial Resistance

QPIRG Concordia acknowledges that we are on the traditional territory of the Kanien'kehá:ka people. The Kanien'kehá:ka are the keepers of the Eastern Door of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy. The island we call Montreal, called Tiotia:ke in the language of the Kanien'kehá:ka, has historically been a meeting place for other Indigenous nations, including the Algonquin peoples.

QPIRG Concordia believes it is not enough to just acknowledge the keepers of this land. We encourage everyone to get informed and educated, and to actively resist colonialism and neo-colonialism in the many forms it takes, and in the diversity of forms that resistance can take too. QPIRG Concordia, and its related projects and working groups, are one place to get informed. In that spirit, we would like to highlight a few current efforts:

- Tomorrow (!), September 28, members of the Kanehsatà:ke community are organizing a demonstration against land fraud in their community, including the installation of gas pipelines by TransCanada and Gazoduc. Supporters from Montreal are welcome and encouraged to attend in support of Kanien'kehá:ka Land Defenders (12pm at the entrance to Parc national Oka).

- There is ongoing resistance to hydrocarbon extraction by Junex in the Gaspésie, with the active support of local Indigenous Land Defenders. Learn more at: https://www.facebook.com/JuneXit/

- Finally, we would like to highlight the upcoming “Fall Feast: An anti-colonial evening of food, film and resistance” to take place at the Native Friendship Center of Montreal on the evening of November 23. This is a QPIRG Concordia co-sponsorship in collaboration with Frigo Vert and many other groups.

More generally, we encourage everyone to get in touch with QPIRG Concordia about anti-colonial and decolonization efforts.
Message from the Board of Directors

This board’s term started with the election of 12 board members at the 2016 Annual General Meeting, 11 of who were new, (Sima, Eamon, Ciel, Jasper, Eli, Camille, Gabriel, Maidina, Lydia, Sharone, and Bronwyn) and one of whom was a returning board member (Rana). The board worked to support the staff, the working groups, and QPIRG’s core projects, as well as to distribute discretionary funding according to the organization’s guidelines and to improve the organization in general. As part of our work, board members participated in several different committees: the Finance Committee, the Policy Committee, the Programming and Working Groups Committee, the Accessibility Committee, and the Staff Liaison Committee.

Hiring and Staff Liaison Committee
The Board participated in hiring five part-time staff this year, most of whom were Concordia students or alumni. We would like to thank all of our part-time staff for their presence and energy and their awesome work. QPIRG was lucky to have such vibrant and creative people making things happen this year and we hope that they will stay involved in some ways in the future.

What was done this Year
Board members were active on many fronts throughout the year and were instrumental in various capacities in a number of core projects and events such as the Anti-Colonial Fall Dinner, DisOrientation, School Schmool, and Israeli Apartheid Week (which was massively supported and coordinated by Board member Rana). Another great project that happened this year was the Learn to Resist conference, which took place last March and hosted workshops on various ways to resist and get informed about the Far-right movement. Overall, over 100 people attended the workshops, which stretched over one full weekend.

The Board also supported staff during the fee-levy increase campaign last fall, which ran during the month of November and ended in a successful passing of QPIRG’s referendum question to increase per credit fees paid by undergraduate students.

A new committee was introduced this year, namely The Burn Unit. This committee is a great addition to the SLC committee and aims to prevent burnout and professional exhaustion of QPIRG staffers. The Board was also active, alongside with the staff, in training and visioning processes, which are essential for preserving institutional memory while allowing for the organization to evolve and adapt.

Ongoing discussions and proposals for the coming year
Many projects have started throughout this last year and QPIRG is foreseeing many great and exciting changes in a near future. However, the question of capacity is a conversation that needs to keep on going at QPIRG. The Board is hoping that some good changes and adjustments will come out of the
conversation that was initiated on the subject this year. As it is still an on-going conversation, the current Board strongly recommends that future members of the Board keep the conversation alive.

Finally, some Board members had to leave throughout the year, and others sometimes struggled to make time in their schedule to be available for QPIRG. We would, therefore, recommend next year's board to make sure that they have time to fulfill their duty as board members and to maybe also reconsider some of QPIRG policies related to board terms and membership.

Gratitude
Thank you to all the working groups for your amazing work! Keep on your great efforts, as you are a huge and crucial part of QPIRG. As always thanks to Adrienne, Amir, Chelsy, Eli, Emma, Estefania, Hannah, Jack, Jaggi, Lexi, Lillian, Melinda, Noah, Swetha, Tram, and Xindi. Thank you for training and supporting us and always being there to keep QPIRG running and ready to resist!
Message from the QPIRG Concordia Staff

The QPIRG Concordia core staff work together to maintain and nurture QPIRG Concordia and our various projects, groups and initiatives. This year was the second full year that the three of us worked together as a team.

QPIRG Concordia is a busy hive of activity, and this Annual Report as a whole reflects the ongoing organizing emerging from our space; this short introductory message simply shares some highlights as staff from the past year.

Our main priority as core staff is to ensure QPIRG remains transparent and accountable to its members. This is reflected in our efforts to provide institutional and financial transparency and accessibility, third-party audited financial statements, minutes and institutional documentation, hassle-free opt-outs, an annual report, an updated website and social media, a constitution and other key documents that are available on our website, and more. Maintaining accountability to our members is important behind-the-scenes work that took up much of our collective time and effort in the past year. More generally, QPIRG Concordia continues to support Fee Levy Advocacy at Concordia (FLAC), and works hard to maintain transparency and accountability to all students by all fee levy groups.

One of our other main priorities as core staff is to maintain a welcoming, accessible office space for campus and community volunteers and allies. We worked and met together weekly to maintain our space and encourage its use by volunteers, students, and community members. We were satisfied this year that many different space users were able to access and make use of QPIRG’s office and resources. This is a very fulfilling part of our daily work.

Our work is directed by a Board of Directors, and this year we decided to organize our Board training over a period of several weeks, rather than one weekend. We continue to reflect, taking into account Board feedback, about how best to train and integrate board members in the future. We were able to undertake a successful Board Visioning this summer, and participate in a staff evaluations process. We have learned many lessons that we will try to apply in the coming year.

We would like to thank, by name, everyone who served on this year’s Board of Directors: Eamon, Camille, Sharone, Ciel, Gabriel, Jasper, Bronwyn, Sima, Hesser, Madeleine, Lydia, Maida, Rana, and Eli.

We had many challenges this year related to long-term sustainability, capacity, and increased costs. We have undertaken much effort in the past year interacting with our landlord about operating costs. We would like to improve volunteer outreach and retention. This year, it was decided that Study In Action should continue to be put on hiatus for a second year. Surfacing questions about organizational capacity motivated this disruption of organizational
routine, underlining the need for the initiation of a process of conscious deliberation and critical reflection.

Our community, rooted in a commitment to social justice and anti-oppression, was genuinely shocked, angered and concerned by the Trump election and how it would affect our futures. As a response, QPIRG coordinated a community meeting to both debrief the implications of the US Presidential Election, and to talk about future organizing efforts, as members of the Concordia campus-community. This meeting was a starting point for the social justice community around Concordia to discuss, support each other, and get organized for the future. This meeting inspired “Learn to Resist: Solidarity Safety Kit,” a two-day teach-in and conference about resisting the far-right.

Another initiative that QPIRG was involved in through a co-sponsorship was “Taking a Knee, Taking a Stand: Resistance in Sports Today,” a panel discussion on resistance to oppression in sports today, featuring Dave Zirin, Shireen Ahmed, and JD Drummond of the Sexual Assault Resource Centre of Concordia. Rana Salah, a member of QPIRG’s Board of Directors, also spoke on the panel, addressing the Quebec City mosque shooting and the climate of racism and islamophobia.

It’s been almost a decade since QPIRG Concordia asked undergraduate students, our main source of funding, for a fee levy increase. After an extended period of discussion and reflection, including the Board visioning process in the summer, we decided that we would ask students for a modest 8 cent per credit increase to our funding this fall. Our campaign for a fee levy increase was successful, and beginning January 2017 students began paying 39 cents per credit.

Because of the fee levy increase this year, we were able to support a summer stipend to Teeanna Munro for her Captive Minds residency project. As well, we were able to increase funding for discretionary requests, and this year we will be able to increase funding for working groups and even more for discretionary requests.

While there were challenges, there were other successes and satisfying moments. Another beautiful, informative version of School Schmool was published, and we are looking forward to a new edition of the Convergence Journal. We were able to organize a successful DisOrientation, as well as improve and expand both our Alternative Library and our new Grassroots Resistance Archive. As staff, we undertook training together on francisation. Throughout the year, we organized and supported many programming events, as well as supported our amazing working groups and allied community organizations. These projects and activities are described in more detail throughout this year’s Annual Report.

Our core staff work and tasks are not done alone. A large part of our work this year was to secure funding for part-time jobs, as well as to train our part-time employees. We want to highlight the contributions of all our part-time, work
study and contract employees over the past year, as well as our active volunteers: Jac.k (bookkeeping), Amir (off-site tech), Lise (cleaning), Émilie (francisation), Estefania, Lexi and Chelsey (Alternative Library), Swetha and Melinda (Grassroots Resistance Archive), Chloe and Sam (School Schmool), Eli (Disorientation) and Hannah (Convergence and At the Heart of Resistance).

Overall, QPIRG is a challenging work environment, and involves a lot of hard work and communications with hundreds of people, but it remains a stimulating and satisfying organization to work for. 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.

Again, we are especially proud of the many new faces that continue to access QPIRG and QPIRG events in the past year, and the support we are able to provide to campus and community social justice initiatives. As staff, we thrive on working in collaboration with curious, engaged and dynamic volunteers, who access our space on a daily basis. We have lots of lessons and experiences to learn from in the past year, and we are looking forward to building and improving in the upcoming year.

In solidarity,
- Noah Eidelman, Finance & Fundraising Coordinator
- Adrienne Pan, Administration and Communications Coordinator
- Jaggi Singh, Programming & Working Groups Coordinator

September 27, 2017
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 unions. 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 Quebec Public Interest Research Group (QPIRG) at Concordia has been an important link between campus and the community on issues related to social and environmental justice and progressive social change. From their origins in Canada in the early 1980s, PIRGs have provided a forum and training ground for students and non-students alike to become critical and engaged community participants.

QPIRG at Concordia started in 1981 as a club funded by the student union. QPIRG’s popularity grew until a student referendum in 1989 determined that QPIRG would be funded by a student fee levy. In 2010, Concordia graduate students voted in a referendum to become members of QPIRG Concordia as well. QPIRG Concordia is an autonomous group on the Concordia campus, with both student and community membership.

In the 1980s and ’90s, QPIRG, like other campus-based social justice groups, was active in solidarity with human rights movements in Central America, campaigns for nuclear disarmament and global peace, opposition to apartheid in South Africa, feminist and anti-racist organizing, GLBT rights, consumer activism, and environmental justice.

Some of the projects and activity of QPIRG in the 1980s and ’90s is reflected in the working groups and projects that grew out of QPIRG, including: Right to Move/La Voie Libre; the Popular Film Series (evolved into Cinema Politica); Urgence Manif; Sustainable Concordia; Blood Sisters; Un Juste Café; Santropol Roulant; the Concordia Recycling and Composting Committee; the Vegan Lunch Program (became the People’s Potato); Project Take Root (evolved into the Frigo Vert); Action Rebut; ASEED (became Equiterre); and others.
In the late 1990s, QPIRG, like other PIRGs, was active in solidarity with international self-determination and liberation movements, from Latin America to the Middle East to South Asia. This period was also marked by increasing involvement and support with indigenous sovereignty efforts on Turtle Island.

QPIRG contributed to the growing global justice movement of this period, and was associated with demonstrations and popular education work around institutions like the World Trade Organization (WTO) and the Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA). Our programming and working groups also increasingly reflected queer, prisoner solidarity, migrant justice, and trans struggles and self-organizing.

QPIRG Concordia has evolved from its original mandate and projects to include a wide range of community activism and research, rooted in an explicit grassroots, anti-oppression organizing framework and prioritizing consensus-based decision-making. This is reflected in QPIRG’s current working groups, our core projects and publications, and our resource library as well as our support for campus and community groups through co-sponsorships, endorsements, and discretionary funding.

In the past seven years, QPIRG has specifically developed a community-based social justice research model through core projects like Study in Action, the Community-University Research Exchange (CURE), and the Convergence Research Journal.

PIRGs were set up as consumer advocacy groups in the United States in the early 1970s, but PIRGs in Canada have operated on a different model. They involve and empower students and the majority of their funding comes directly from students, unlike the NGO model of PIRGs currently operating in the US. Most PIRGs in Canada operate on a consensus decision-making model, and are directed by a volunteer board of governors composed of students and other community members. The diversity among PIRGs reflects the diversity of each group’s membership and volunteer board. PIRGs in Canada communicate with each other, especially PIRGs in geographical proximity, but they are ultimately autonomous organizations that are directly accountable to their campus and community memberships.

In essence, PIRGs complement the university experience by linking theory with practice while breaking down barriers and creating links between knowledge work on campus and in the community.
QPIRG Structure

From 2007 until November 2016, all undergraduate students at Concordia paid 0.31$ per credit, making them automatic members of QPIRG Concordia. However, since November 2016, with the successful referendum campaign that was run through the Concordia Student Union in the Fall semester of last year, QPIRG now receives 0.39$ per credit from undergraduate students. This much-needed increase in our fee levy will allow us to better serve our membership – both students and community members – and we have already been able to increase funding to our discretionary fund and our research stipend program. Since September 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 2016-2017, we were proud to have on our Board of Directors:

Lydia Belhimeur, Community Member (resigned August 16, 2017)
Madeleine Cohen, Community Member (interim, appointed September 6, 2017)
Sharone Daniel, Community Member
Ciel Doell, Concordia Student
Bronwyn Lira Dyson, Community Member
Hesser Garcia, Community Member (interim, appointed September 6, 2017)
Maidina Kadeer, Community Member
Eli Lynch, Concordia Student (resigned April 5, 2017)
Jasper Rasmussen, Community Member
Rana Salah, Community Member (resigned April 10, 2017)
Camille Thompson, Concordia Student
Eamon Toohey, Concordia Student
Gabriel Velasco, Concordia Student
Sima Youssef, Concordia Student (resigned September 10, 2017)

Conflict Resolution and Complaints Committee:
At the Annual General Meeting in September 2016, the following QPIRG members were elected to the Conflict Resolution and Complaints Committee (CRCC): Stéphanie Dufresne, Shayla Chilliak (resigned January 2017) and
Sophia Salem. Following Shayla’s resignation from the CRCC, Sophia Sahrané and Andrea Figueroa were appointed to our CRCC on February 7, 2017 and April 20, 2017, respectively. 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@qprgconcordia.org, though for most matters it is best to email QPIRG at info@qprgconcordia.org.

Staff:
For the year 2016-2017, QPIRG employed a total of 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 2016-2017 were:
Noah Eidelman, Finance and Fundraising Coordinator
Adrienne Pan, Administration and Communications Coordinator
Jaggi Singh, Programming and Working Groups Coordinator

In the Winter and Summer semesters of 2016-2017, we were glad to have Melinda Topilko as our part-time Grassroots Resistance Archive Coordinator and Lexi Searcy as a part-time coordinator of QPIRG’s Alternative Library in the Fall and Winter semesters. These positions are supported partially by Concordia’s Financial Aid and Awards Office Work-Study Program – a program which allows groups like QPIRG to hire Concordia students.

In May 2016, Sam Neboschizkij joined the QPIRG team as our summer School Schmool co-coordinator, working on the School Schmool organizer in partnership with QPIRG McGill. Through a grant from Canada Summer Jobs, we were also able to employ a part-time Alternative Library coordinator, a DISorientation coordinator, and a social justice research and outreach coordinator.

QPIRG was supported by an external bookkeeper, J. Charest, a member of the Concordia community. In addition, QPIRG systems received the support of our network administrator and computer technician, Amir Al-Shourbaji.
Conflict Resolution Complaints Committee (CRCC)

The purpose of the Conflict Resolution/Complaints Committee is to review complaints entailing decisions made by the QPIRG Board or Staff, or any other internal disputes, which cannot otherwise be resolved. The CRCC is voted by the QPIRG Concordia membership at the Annual General Meeting.

This year’s CRCC committee, along with Board members and core staff, participated in a conflict resolution training provided by Nathalie Cohen, a former QPIRG Concordia staffer. Otherwise, this year, as in previous years, there were no complaints to the CRCC, either formally or informally.

(This year’s CRCC (2016-17) was: Andrea Figueroa, Shayla Chilliak, Sophia Salem, Sophia Sahrane, and Stéphanie Dufresne)

QPIRG Concordia Board Committees

QPIRG Concordia’s core Board committees are Policy, Finance (Fincom), Programming & Working Groups (PWG) and Staff Liaison, as well as the newer Accessibility Committee. This year, we also formed a special building committee. QPIRG Board members, in conjunction with staff members, are active on the core committees (staff do not participate in the Staff Liaison Committee directly).

The Policy Committee, both through meetings, and through discussions at the board level, overviews QPIRG Concordia practices and guidelines, and when necessary, modifies and creates new policies. This year, the Committee prioritized an overview of current QPIRG policies and continues the process of updating policies, as well as looking at potential constitutional changes, such as longer board member terms. These changes will be considered by the Board of Directors and QPIRG membership in the future.

The Finance Committee has the 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. This year, the Finance Committee helped to oversee QPIRG’s budgeting process and budget review. The Financial Reports section of this Annual Report provides information about our Financial Statements as well as our Audited Statements.

The Programming and Working Groups Committee has the joint responsibility for undertaking and supporting QPIRG programming initiatives, as well as supporting QPIRG’s core projects and working groups. Some highlights from this year’s programming are included in the next section. Aside from QPIRG Programming, we supported the multifold organizing, events and projects undertaken by our 30 working groups, which are too numerous to list in this Annual Report. QPIRG Concordia’s office space and related resources are an important and ongoing source of support of the diverse activities and organizing of our working groups.
The most active board committee for the 2016-2017 term was the SLC or Staff Liaison Committee. The SLC provides board liaison-people for QPIRG staff to discuss their daily needs and challenges at QPIRG, and provides recommendations to the board that aim to address unmet needs of staff members. The SLC is also tasked with keeping track of policy and practice surrounding labour issues at QPIRG, and bringing relevant issues back to the board for discussion as necessary for discussion and decisions.

The Accessibility Committee has been one of the ways QPIRG has tried to center accessibility and issues of access in the work that we do. Accessibility has been – and continues to be – a priority at QPIRG, and we are continually working to try and make our space and our work as accessible as possible. This year, with the active collaboration of Board members, we have been more conscious of deliberately prioritizing accessibility for our membership.

An important new committee this year is our Building Committee. The Building Committee prioritized communications with our landlord concerning the QPIRG Concordia space, but also has undertaken research into possible new office spaces for QPIRG Concordia, since our lease expires in October 2019. There is a strong possibility that QPIRG Concordia might need to move earlier (in 2018), if the current building owners succeed in approving and moving forward with a new building development.

*(All of QPIRG Concordia’s six committees have involved the direct involvement of core staff and Board members.)*
Special Message to Our Membership

This year, we wanted to highlight the support and trust shown to QPIRG Concordia by its membership, particularly Concordia undergraduate students. In November, undergrads voted decisively to increase our fee levy from 31 cents per credit to 39 cents per credit. This was the first time we asked for an increase in almost a decade. Before, during, and after the campaign, we were reminded time and time again of the dynamic progressive social justice community at Concordia University that actively supports diverse initiatives against oppression and for genuine social change.

QPIRG Concordia takes accountability to all our members seriously as well. This detailed Annual Report is one part of that effort.

Other aspects of QPIRG Concordia’s structural accountability include:
- The annual election of a Board of Directors (comprised of six student seats and six community seats) as well as a Conflict Resolution and Complaints Committee;
- A publicly accessible constitution;
- Regular office hours, as well an up-to-date website and social media presence;
- Hassle-free fee levy refunds three times a year;
- Public and up-to-date incorporation as a non-profit (OSBL) with the Registre des entreprises du Québec;
- Transparent and accessible financial statements and budget;
- Annual third-party verified financial statements;
- Regular programming and events;
- and more!
Core Projects, Activities, and Supported Initiatives

Alternative Library
This year, much work was done on our library by a core of hardworking volunteers as well as Alternative Library coordinators.

Estefania Alarcon and Lexi Searcy were our library coordinators throughout the Fall and Winter student semesters. Chelsy contributed significantly to the maintenance and coordination of the library during the summer. She worked with Emeline, a volunteer, and updated the labels in the Library, as well as catalogued the books and zines to make navigating around easier and more comfortable for everyone. Chelsy also reached out to different Libraries and Collectives in Montreal to spread the word about the Alternative Library here at QPIRG. Recently, at the CSU community fair, the Alternative Library gained a lot of interest and new members!

(The Alternative Library was coordinated this year by Adrienne Pan, with the contributions of Chelsy, Emeline, Estefania, and Lexi)

Convergence Journal of Undergraduate & Community Research

Operating as a collective and joint endeavour between QPIRG Concordia and QPIRG McGill, the 2017 edition of Convergence is an opportunity for student and community voices to come together for the theme of “borders” contributing audio pieces, artwork, and written content. More largely, Convergence represents a collection offering space and voice to critical research, resistance pieces and expression. The format for this year’s publication will be both in zine and, for the second year, in mix tape (with an online soundcloud also available). In considering the format for this year’s Convergence the editorial collective has committed to increasing the accessibility of the publication, making production and access easier, while prioritizing a multi-media approach. Featured among this year’s content are submissions related to immigrant and refugee rights; colonialism and labour; indigenous pipeline activism; food justice and community; housing for marginalized communities; and prison abolition. We anticipate having the publication ready and available for late October 2017.
School Schmool has come out again for another amazing school year and has made its way across Concordia and McGill campuses as well as various locations in 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 coordinators of this year’s School Schmool aimed to include more original content this year and those efforts were successful. The majority of submissions and commissions were from QTBIPOC, and this year’s coordinators recommend that future coordinators continue to solicit commissions and prioritize submissions from Black and Indigenous people, specifically those who identify LGBTQIA2S+ and/or disabled. All commissions were done by QTBIPOC creators in this year’s edition of School Schmool.

As part of our commitment to the Indigenous people of the land, this year’s School Schmool coordinators aimed to center Indigenous voices within our publication, specifically women and LGBTQIA2S+ Indigenous voices. We reject the settler colonial occupation of this territory by so called “Canada”. In light of the recent 150/375th settler colonial celebrations, this year’s coordinators adopted Idle No More’s UNsettling 150 as one of the primary mandates for the publication. The School Schmool coordinators attempted to utilize language that reflected this mandate such as requiring the use of quotations around colonized names of locations.

In soliciting content for this year’s School Schmool agenda, the coordinators also mandated that the content had to engage critically and thoughtfully with a non-judgemental, anti-oppressive, decolonial and intersectional perspective. Writers submitting content to School Schmool were encouraged to write in an accessible manner that does not overly rely on academic language.

(The 2017-2018 edition of School Schmool was coordinated by Chloe Cavis-Haile and Sam Neboschizkij)
DisOrientation
This year’s alternative orientation program, DisOrientation, took place from September 18th-22nd. DisOrientation is a week of events which focus on a wide range of the topics and issues at the heart of QPIRG’s social and environmental justice mandate, and offers new and returning students, as well as community members, an introduction to social and environmental issues as well as a window into the types of events, resources, and volunteer opportunities they can access throughout the rest of the year.

The schedule featured a number of events including workshops, a film screening, a radical history tour of Concordia’s downtown campus, an outdoor tabling fair, and a reading, and a benefit concert. The events were all popular and the feedback from the week was very positive. More than two hundred people participated throughout the five days of programming, which took place on the downtown Concordia campus.

The workshops given as part of Disorientation this year were:
* Solidarity Not Charity: Activism in Montreal
* Community-Based Social Justice Research
* Accessibility and Anti-Ableism
* Bookbinding

Other highlights from this year’s Disorientation included:
* A reading and performance by Cason Sharpe and Whitney French
* A QTBIPOC performance night and fundraiser for the Karihwanoron Mohawk Immersion School

(This year’s DisOrientation was coordinated by Eli Lynch with support from QPIRG full-time staff and the QPIRG Board)
Since 2009, QPIRG Concordia has stored posters, flyers and publications that have been produced or posted in the space. The project has evolved and developed, with the crucial support of QPIRG Concordia staff, interns and volunteers. From storing posters and flyers into boxes, the project has become more organized; we have:

- organized the boxes of posters and flyers stored over the years;
- created a filing system with categories;
- created and maintained a website;
- created and updated a digital archive; maintain a physical archive (with map cases in the QPIRG C space).

All posters (QPIRG Concordia, Working Groups, Community Groups) have been digitalized. Flyers are stored physically, but could be digitalized in the future. The project has grown significantly, and recently took on an official name: The QPIRG Concordia Grassroots Resistance Archive.

The Grassroots Resistance Archive maintains physical and digital copies of the organizing by QPIRG Concordia, QPIRG Concordia Working Groups and allied Community Groups, though preservation of posters, flyers and publications (as well as banners, and potentially buttons, stickers and patches). We aim to provide easy public access to social justice archival materials. We want to retain a memory of social struggles of the past, and ensure that these materials can be used again, and be relevant, to current struggles.

(This year the Grassroots Resistance Archive has been coordinated by Concordia student Melinda Topilko, with the support of Alexandra Brullo, Swetha Keerthi, Vince Teeteart and Jaggi Singh)

Fee-Levy Advocacy at Concordia

QPIRG Concordia continues to actively participate and contribute to Fee-Levy Advocacy at Concordia (FLAC) that brings together more than 15 campus-based fee-levy groups. Last year, we successfully won a referendum and defeated an attempt to undermine the autonomy and funding of fee-levy groups. This year, we have actively outreached together on-campus, co-organizing community tabling fairs at Bethune Square, the Hall Building, the JMSB Building, the EV Building, as well as Loyola. We collaborate together to promote Concordia community via the ConcordiaCommunity.org website. Fee levy groups also collaborate together on a common opt-out period, and support each other via trainings and policy.
Summer Research Stipend: Captive Minds

Captive Minds is a 7-week political education program designed for Black youth ages 12-17 from low-income neighbourhoods in Montreal. The initial intention of the program was to not only provide abolitionist-based workshops surrounding the prison industrial complex touching on subjects from school to prison pipeline, to hip hop industry and the PIC, but also to pair youth with a prisoner for a pen-pal mentorship. The goal of the project is to make links between incarcerated mentors and the young people in the community and provide a reality check, of the prison system and “game,” that these youths may be unaware of.

Captive Minds provides a nonacademic space where youth can speak to folks who are from their same neighbourhoods and from a similar background—capitalizing off of the rich knowledge within our own communities in hopes of empowering them within their community.
Programming and Working Groups Highlights

QPIRG Concordia undertakes programming year-long. In addition to core projects like DisOrientation (a full-week of events described elsewhere in this Annual Report), as well as the hundreds of activities organized by working groups. Here are some selected highlights from QPIRG Concordia programming in the past year.

Among our co-sponsorships, QPIRG Concordia was actively involved in the following events and initiatives:

- November 24, 2016: QPIRG Concordia co-sponsored the annual FALL FEAST: An anti-colonial evening of food, film and resistance, with the participation of members of the West Coast Women Warriors Media Cooperative live, via internet video, from Standing Rock, North Dakota. This event took place at the Native Friendship Center of Montreal.

- February 17, 2017: QPIRG Concordia co-sponsored Taking a Knee, Taking a Stand: Resistance & Sports In The Age of Trump. This campus event involved panelists: Dave Zirin, Shireen Ahmed, The Sexual Assault Resource Centre at Concordia University and Rana Salah

- March 6-15, 2017: QPIRG Concordia co-sponsored Israeli Apartheid Week in Montreal, including several campus-based event. The week included popular education panels, workshops, and cultural events, including an Apartheid 101 workshop by QPIRG Concordia staff and board members.

- Fall 2016 / Spring 2017: QPIRG Concordia again hosted American Sign Language (ASL)101 courses, a project we have undertaken for the past three years. This year we offered ASL 101 in the fall and spring, and plan to continue to offer ASL 101 in the coming year.

- March 25 & 26: QPIRG Concordia co-organized LEARN TO RESIST: Solidarity Safety Kit. Teach-in and conference about resisting the far-right. Two Days of Workshops, Discussions and Skill-sharing. This event took place at Concordia University and Cégep Vieux Montréal and involved the participation of more than 200 people.

Among other programming and working group highlights:

- October 22, 2016: Our working group Justice for the Victims of Police Killings organized their annual vigil.

- November 10, 2016: We co-organized and supported the Resist Trump! Community and supported subsequent efforts of the Resist Trump & The Far Right Network. The new network is autonomous from QPIRG Concordia.

- November 13, 2016: We hosted and supported the Certain Days, Clandestine Occupations: Montreal Double Launch Against Prisons.

- November 26, 2016: Our working group Re: Bodies organized a Solidarity Fundraiser Healing Clinic & Market.
- November 26, 2016: Our working group Tout le Hood en Parle organized a panel entitled: "Violence: à l'intersection des oppressions + 5 à 7".

- December 3, 2016: Our working group Contempt of Court organized an Access to Information (ATI) workshop for political activists.

- January 10, 2017: QPIRG Concordia endorsed and supported the Resist Trump! Montreal demonstration against Donald Trump and the far-right in Montreal.

- February 8, 2017: QPIRG Concordia co-hosted the launch of Convergence VII: a journal of community and undergraduate research.

- March 15, 2017: Our working group the Collective Opposed to Police Brutality organized their annual demonstration against police brutality.

- March 17, 2017: QPIRG Concordia and several of our working groups actively supported the Public Talk with Albert Woodfox and Robert King, ex-prisoners at the notorious Angola prison in Louisiana.


- May 1, 2017: Our working group la Convergence des luttes anticapitalistes (CLAC) organized an anti-capitalist MayDay. QPIRG Concordia endorsed and supported an Open The Borders Anti-Fascist contingent.

- May 11 & 12, 2017: Our working group Projections Insurgées organized a two-day radical film festival.


- May 27 & 28, 2017: The Montreal Anarchist Bookfair, organized by one of our workshop groups.

- August 13, 2017: QPIRG Concordia endorsed and supported a demonstration against the far-right and in solidarity with anti-racist protesters in Charlottesville, Virginia.

- August 19, 2017: Queer Between The Covers Bookfair, organized by one of our working groups.

- September 15, 2017: QPIRG Concordia organized a Community Bike Tour.

This year QPIRG Concordia also actively supported projects such as Food Against Fascism, Hoodstock, Pervers/cité, an emergency Black Lives Matter demonstration after the police killing of Pierre Coriolan, the Trans March, and much much more. The events highlighted above are simply a selection of the hundreds of activities undertaken in the past year.
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 (qpirgconcordia.org). Groups whose initiatives fall within the parameters of QPIRG’s mandate generally receive between $50 and $400 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 2016 to August 2017, the Board of Directors made discretionary decisions usually once per month, allocating roughly $400 per session. Because of the fee levy increase, beginning in September 2017, QPIRG raised the maximum amount allowable for groups to apply for funding up to $700 per month.

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 some of the groups who received discretionary support or endorsements from QPIRG in the past year:

- CKUT Homeless Marathon (discretionary)
- Groupe de soutien avec migrantes LGBTQ / AGIR (discretionary)
- Get To the Point! (discretionary)
- Non-Status Women’s Collective of Montreal (discretionary)
- BDS referendum campaign (endorsement)
- Solidarity for Palestinian Human Rights (SPHR) Concordia “Decolonize Palestine” (endorsement)
- The Dominion / The Media Coop (discretionary)
- Centre For Gender Advocacy “The Mapping Project” (endorsement)
- McGill Solidarity for Palestinian Human Rights (discretionary)
- Stella (discretionary)
- Social Justice Days 2016 (discretionary)
- Journées de Self-Love, Politics & Care (discretionary)
- Rap Battles for Social Justice (discretionary)
- Anti-oppressive French grammar exercise book (discretionary)
- The Ex-Worker Podcast / Invisible City (discretionary)
- Riposte Feminist (discretionary)
- Paul Z. Simons Speaking Tour : "Rojava Dispatches" / Film + presentation (discretionary)
- "Women Fighting for El Barrio, the Community, and Another World." Movement for Justice in El Barrio (discretionary)
- Theoretically in the Gutter: A Manga Essay Collection (discretionary)
- Lezboi (endorsement)
- Collectif pour un espace autogéré dans Saint-Henri (discretionary)
- Borders are Bonkers Theatre Action / Solidarity Across Borders (discretionary)
- Indigenous Media Panel at the Anarchist Bookfair (discretionary)
- ANAKBAYAN (discretionary)
- Ad Astra Comix (discretionary)
- PARcours / Head & Hands (discretionary)
- Rex Project (endorsement)
- “Indigenous Resistance In Five Minutes” (discretionary)
- “Taking a Knee to Stand - Resistance in Sports Today” Panel (discretionary)
- Sisters in Motion (discretionary)
- DAPL Resistance Benefit - Bouteloua Collective (discretionary)
- Slut Island Festival (discretionary)
- War of the Elements Ball (discretionary)
- Queer Fight Club (discretionary)
- Fierté trans - Euphorie dans le genre (discretionary)
- Studio 303 - Queer Performance Camp (discretionary)
- Young Roots Farm and Wilderness Camp (discretionary)
- Sexual Assault Centre of the McGill Student Society (SACOMSS) trainings (endorsement)
- “Policing Black Lives” Book Launch (discretionary)
- Rad Frosh McGill (discretionary)
- The Termite Collective (endorsement)
- Games Curious (endorsement)
- POP Montreal (endorsement)
- Concordia Underground Tours (endorsement)
Working Groups 2016-2017:

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.

The following projects were working groups at QPIRG Concordia during the 2016-2017 year:

**Accessibilize Montreal!**
Accessibilize Montreal! aims to make Montreal a more accessible place in every way: from the mindsets and interactions between Montrealers to the infrastructure that surrounds us. By holding workshops like Why Accessibilize Montreal, and Gender; Disability and Sexuality: Real Talk with Accessibilize Montreal, we challenge mainstream perceptions of disability, and through advocacy and direct action we protest transit and systemic discrimination. Join us in our movement beyond ableism and a respect of diversity!

**2016-17 budget from QPIRG Concordia: $1250**

**Black Indigenous Harm Reduction Coalition**
The Black and Indigenous Harm Reduction Alliance is a community-based harm reduction service and resource coordination initiative, by and for the Indigenous and/or Black communities. The alliance provides reflexive harm reduction options with empathy and care, and develops resources, materials, and research on self-determined HIV/AIDS service, care, and support for our communities.

**2016-17 budget from QPIRG Concordia: $1700**

**[Blank] Collective**
[Blank] Collective is a new journal based on Kanien’kéha:ka and Omàmiwininiwak unceded territory, otherwise known as Montreal. We are a collective of writers and artists and we publish queer, trans and People of Colour voices in our biannual publication.

**2016-17 budget from QPIRG Concordia: $250**

**Certain Days Freedom for Political Prisoners Calendar Collective**
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.

**Solidarity Group; no budget from QPIRG Concordia**

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Collectif opposé à la brutalité policière (COBP)
Le Collectif Opposé à la Brutalité Policière (COBP) est un groupe autonome qui regroupe des personnes victimes, témoins et/ou concernés par la brutalité policière et tout abus perpétré par la police. Le COBP a pour but non seulement de dénoncer les harcèlements, violences, intimidations, arrestations et abus de pouvoirs policiers et d’informer les gens sur leurs droits face à la police, mais aussi de soutenir les victimes en les aidant par exemple à porter plainte en déontologie et à faire face à des accusations abusives.
2016-17 budget from QPIRG Concordia: $1000

Collectif TechnoLibre
TechnoLibre (aka Free Geek Montréal) is a community centre, hardware education centre and e-waste recycling and reuse centre that’s launching in 2016. For updates on the project, check out the Project Status page. At TechnoLibre we aim to change the way people relate to computer technology. The computer industry is based on planned obsolescence, a system where computers are designed to break down after a few years and new ones are bought all the time, despite the massive damage to the environment this causes and the labour exploitation this requires.
2016-17 budget from QPIRG Concordia: $750

Comité d’action des personnes sans-status/Non-status Action Committee
The Non-Status Action Committee supports Haitian refugees, and others, facing deportation from Canada. More recently, the committee has extended its mandate to support recent arrivals of refugees into Canada from the United States. The Committee demands a universal, global solution to end deportations, namely the regularization of non-status people.
2016-17 budget from QPIRG Concordia: $300

Contempt of Court/Outrage au tribunal
The Contempt of Court legal clinic is an initiative by and for activists whose mission is to support those having to deal with the legal system as a result of political activity or actions that fit within our principles. Our work is grounded in solidarity and is complementary to work of other support and legal defense groups and initiatives. Whether it’s through our monthly or bi-monthly clinics, individual support or workshops on specific legal charges, we seek to recognize activists’ legal experience and want to pool our shared experience with the judicial system, be it theoretical or practical. Our goal is to contribute to a shifting of the balance of power with regards to the judicial system that isn’t simply on a case by case basis. Join us if you are facing charges or looking to file a complaint or would like to share your own experience or support.
Solidarity Group; no budget from QPIRG Concordia
Convergence des luttes anticapitalistes (CLAC)
La Convergence des luttes anticapitalistes - Montréal est un espace de convergence et de coordination pour le milieu anticapitaliste radical de la région de Montréal. La CLAC a le mandat de porter publiquement le discours anticapitaliste par l’organisation de diverses campagnes et manifestations, dont la mobilisation anticapitaliste du 1er mai à chaque année. La CLAC se conforme à un mode de fonctionnement antiautoritaire et adhère aux principes de l’Action Mondiale des Peuples. La CLAC est un espace explicitement anticapitaliste, antipatriarcal, antiautoritaire et anticolonialiste.
*2016-17 budget from QPIRG Concordia: $750*

C-Uni-T (Community-University Talks)
Community-University Talks is a collective of students, teachers, and community members committed to the pursuit of accessible education informed by anti-colonial and critical race discourses. Our mission is to create spaces for dialogue in which the diversity of experiences and strengths of Black communities are centred.
*2016-17 budget from QPIRG Concordia: $500*

L’École-Libre Radicale de Mtl 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!
*Solidarity Group; no budget from QPIRG Concordia*

Équipe Sonore/Sound Team
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.
*2016-17 budget from QPIRG Concordia: $700*

Filipino Indigenous People’s Organization in Quebec (FIPOQ)
FIPOQ is a non-profit grass root organization. We are in the process networking with other indigenous groups of Filipinos and non-Filipinos in the community. Our objective is to strengthen and expand network in the Quebec and around Canada so our campaigns will be more visible and more progressive and more productive.
*Solidarity Group; no budget from QPIRG Concordia*

La Grange
La Grange Farm Collective is a group of Montreal and Laval residents who like to play in the dirt. Working on, restoring, and maintaining a piece of land located near Terrebonne in Laval (accessible via STM), the group aims to create a space where people can come together to share DIY farming skills and the joys of organic, local food.
*Solidarity Group; no budget from QPIRG Concordia*
Justice for the Victims of Police Killings
The Justice for the Victims of Police Killings Coalition brings together directly affected families and friends of the victims of police killings, as well as their allies. Our main goals and purpose as a coalition are to remember the victims who lost their lives due to police violence, impunity and abuse; and to support their families and friends in any way we can. The Coalition follows from years of struggle and support for the families and friends of police killing victims. The Coalition currently involves the family members and friends of Anas Bennis, Claudio Castagnetta, Ben Matson, Quilem Registre, Gladys Tolley, Jean-Francois Nadreau and Fredy Villanueva, all of whom died as a direct result of police actions and interventions. We continue to reach out to family and friends of other victims of police killings.

2016-17 budget from QPIRG Concordia: $400

March 8th Committee Women of Diverse Origins
Women of Diverse Origins is a grassroots anti-imperialist women’s network that organizes public events particularly around International Women’s Day, to educate and discuss the links between global policies and the situation of women locally, share experiences of struggle and mobilize against injustice and for the right of all to live with dignity.

Solidarity Group; no budget from QPIRG Concordia

Montreal Anarchist Bookfair Collective
The Montreal Anarchist Bookfair and month-long Festival of Anarchy 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.

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, communities of colour, and queer and trans communities.

2016-17 budget from QPIRG Concordia: $700

Open Door Books Montreal
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 people. We believe that prisons and the (in)justice system act as institutions of social control and oppression, further targeting marginalized people as a result of patriarchy, racism, homophobia, transphobia, classism, disableism, and colonialism.

2016-17 budget from QPIRG Concordia: $1450
Open Source Birth Project//Accès Populaire à la Naissance
The Open Source Birth Project//Accès Populaire à la Naissance is a tiny pilot project in Tioit:i:ke (MTL) that dreams to create online and offline spaces which will increase access to information regarding reproductive health, reproductive rights, and reproductive justice for all. We hope to challenge the industrial medical complex which treats reproductive health as an illness by creating an online database of resources and hosting popular education events that are free and open to all.
2016-17 budget from QPIRG Concordia: $150

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 a 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.
2016-17 budget from QPIRG Concordia: $1750

Projections Insurgées
Formed in so-called Montreal during the spring of 2014 by Medi@s Libres, subMedia.tv and Ni Québec, Ni Canada, the folks who inhabit Projections Insurgées continue to recognize the vital importance of radical independent media and still work to build places where beautiful and dangerous ideas can live. Continuing to organize screenings in various venues around the city based on anti-capitalist, anti-colonial, anti-patriarchal and anti-authoritarian principles, we recently helped to facilitate the International Anarchist Film Festival held during the 2015 Montreal Anarchist Book Fair which saw 30 films from 14 countries screened over 2 days in May.
2016-17 budget from QPIRG Concordia: $500

Quoleur Collective
We are a grass-roots collective of artists, performers, writers and political activists based in Montreal, Quebec who have decided to volunteer our time and energy to bring awareness of racialized queer identities and experiences to the wider public. We work to bridge the gaps between communities and create an open space for voices that all too often go unheard.
2016-17 budget from QPIRG Concordia: $1050

Québec accessible
Québec accessible is a grassroots initiative aimed at developing a strong accessibility law in Quebec in order to combat systemic disability discrimination and increase the social participation of people with disabilities. Our group educates, unites and advocates for improved accessibility in the province.
2016-17 budget from QPIRG Concordia: $800
Queer Between The Covers

Queer Between the Covers is a volunteer collective that promotes and provides access to queer materials in Montreal. We organize an annual queer book fair, which attracts hundreds of people, and assembles both local and out-of-town authors, zinesters, independent bookstores, publishers, and community groups. The collective also runs a queer book/zine distro and organizes smaller queer-lit events.

2016-17 budget from QPIRG Concordia: $1300

RE:BODIES

RE: BODIES is a collective dedicated to supporting the well-being, bodily sovereignty, and creativity of two-spirited, queer, trans, gender non-confirming, intersex people of colour, black and indigenous folks through fostering and sharing body-centered knowledge, resources, practical skills, and community connections between and led by between members of these communities.

2016-17 budget from QPIRG Concordia: $475

Re-Con

Re-Con is a prisoner-initiated re-integration program created in 1999. The group is made up of people serving a life sentence at the Federal Training Center in Laval, formerly incarcerated members now serving their sentence on parole, and outside volunteers. It is Re-Con’s main goal to establish links between prisoners and the community after a long period of incarceration and isolation. We aim to diminish the effects of institutionalization through personal development workshops and by introducing those incarcerated to community resources which may help them re-integrate into society upon their release from prison. To this end, weekly meetings that take place both inside and outside the prison focus on exploring the various services, resources, and networks available outside the prison walls.

2016-17 budget from QPIRG Concordia: $1650

Sidetracks Screenprinting Collective

We are a superstar screen-printing team of volunteers whose mandate is to make screen-printing accessible to projects and organizations working for social change. Sidetracks was born out of the Ste-Emilie Skillshare and works to uphold its mandate.

2016-17 budget from QPIRG Concordia: $1050

Solidarité sans frontières/Solidarity Across Borders

Solidarity Across Borders is a Montreal-based network engaged in the struggle for justice and dignity of im/migrants and refugees. We are comprised of migrants, immigrants, refugees and allies, and come together in support of our main demands: the regularization of all migrants living with precarious status (Status for ALL!), an end to deportations and detentions, and the abolition of double punishment of migrants with criminal records. We are actively building a “Solidarity City” campaign, which aims to build networks of solidarity and mutual aid within the city of Montreal as well as demanding that essential services be accessible to everyone, regardless of their immigration status. 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.

2016-17 budget from QPIRG Concordia: $1050
subMedia.tv
subMedia.tv is an anarchist film collective whose aim is to spread radical information and aid social struggles. We achieve this by producing high quality videos that are disseminated on the internet and through community screenings. Also we take proposals from grassroots led movements who need video to spread the word about their struggle.
*Solidarity Group; no budget from QPIRG Concordia*

Tooti Footi Hindi/Urdu Sabha
This group is for people with a little bit of knowledge of Hindi/Urdu, or for fluent speakers. We want to create an environment where we support each other speaking and understanding Hindi/Urdu. It’s also a group for people who share progressive politics: anti-caste, anti-colonial, feminist, in support of Indigenous and adivasi self-determination, against all forms of oppression including sexism, racism, homophobia and ableism; support for progressive secular social justice movements on the subcontinent, and here in North America.
*2016-17 budget from QPIRG Concordia: $225*

Tout Le Hood En Parle
Tout Le Hood En Parle is a multimedia project that prioritizes the voices, testimonies, history and culture of people of colour. Tout le Hood En Parle supports Hoodstock and the Racines Bookstore in Montreal-Nord.
*2016-17 budget from QPIRG Concordia: $250*
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PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT:

October 2016 - August 2017

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**TOTAL EXPENSES:**  
**243,326**

**NET PROFIT/LOSS**  
**-4,740**
QUEBEC PUBLIC INTEREST RESEARCH GROUP (CONCORDIA)

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

AS AT AUGUST 31, 2016
QUEBEC PUBLIC INTEREST RESEARCH GROUP (CONCORDIA)

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the members of
QUEBEC PUBLIC INTEREST RESEARCH GROUP (CONCORDIA)

We have audited the balance sheet of QUEBEC PUBLIC INTEREST RESEARCH GROUP (CONCORDIA) which comprise the statement of financial position as at August 31, 2016 and the statements of operations, changes in net asset and cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements
Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility
Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We concluded our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. These procedures selected depend on auditor's judgment, including the assessment of risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.
Opinion
In our opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of QUEBEC PUBLIC INTEREST RESEARCH GROUP (CONCORDIA) as at August 31, 2016 and its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

APSV Chartered Professional Accountants inc.
APSV Chartered Professional Accountants inc.¹

Montreal, February 7, 2017

¹By Caroline Pombert, CPA auditor, CA
QUEBEC PUBLIC INTEREST RESEARCH GROUP (CONCORDIA)
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2016

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<td>Retreats and meetings</td>
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<td>Telecommunications</td>
<td>3,192</td>
<td>2,783</td>
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<td>Interests and bank charges</td>
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<td>474</td>
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<td>Bad debts</td>
<td>2,339</td>
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<td>1,991</td>
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<td>1,074</td>
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<td>294,586</td>
<td>265,552</td>
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<td>DEFICIENCY OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES</td>
<td>(18,381)</td>
<td>(9,235)</td>
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# QUEBEC PUBLIC INTEREST RESEARCH GROUP (CONCORDIA)

## CHANGES IN NET ASSET

FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2016

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<td>20,376</td>
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<td><strong>Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses</strong></td>
<td>(1,306) (^1)</td>
<td>-</td>
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<td><strong>BALANCE, END OF YEAR</strong></td>
<td>2,733</td>
<td>20,376</td>
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\(^1\) Consist of depreciation of fixed assets
QUEBEC PUBLIC INTEREST RESEARCH GROUP (CONCORDIA)
FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT AUGUST 31, 2016

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<td>251,404</td>
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<td>Grants receivables</td>
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<td>322</td>
<td>244</td>
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<td><strong>Total Current Assets</strong></td>
<td>99,603</td>
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<td>RENT DEPOSIT</td>
<td>3,240</td>
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<td>FIXED ASSETS (note 4)</td>
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<td><strong>Total Assets</strong></td>
<td>105,576</td>
<td>290,191</td>
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<td><strong>LIABILITIES</strong></td>
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<td>CURRENT LIABILITIES</td>
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<td>Accounts payable and accrued liabilities (note 5)</td>
<td>36,475</td>
<td>38,607</td>
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<td>Accounts payable - external projects</td>
<td>20,521</td>
<td>19,417</td>
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<td>Deferred revenues</td>
<td></td>
<td>165,206</td>
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<td><strong>Total Current Liabilities</strong></td>
<td>56,996</td>
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<td><strong>NET ASSET</strong></td>
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<td>INVESTED IN FIXED ASSETS</td>
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<td>INTERNALLY RESTRICTED (note 6)</td>
<td>20,376</td>
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<td>UNRESTRICTED</td>
<td>25,471</td>
<td>43,264</td>
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<td><strong>Total Net Asset</strong></td>
<td>48,580</td>
<td>66,961</td>
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<td><strong>COMMITMENTS (note 7)</strong></td>
<td>105,576</td>
<td>290,191</td>
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ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
QUEBEC PUBLIC INTEREST RESEARCH GROUP (CONCORDIA)

CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2016

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OPERATING ACTIVITIES

- Deficiency of revenues over expenses (18,381) (9,235)
- Item not affecting cash:
  - Depreciation of fixed assets 1,306 1,074

Net change in non-cash working capital items

- Grants receivable (8,479) (2,759)
- Accounts receivable 3,307 (509)
- Accounts payable and accrued liabilities (2,132) 2,292
- Accounts payable - external projects 1,104 1,104
- Deferred revenues (165,206) 165,206

Cash flows from (used in) operating activities (188,559) 157,173

INVESTING ACTIVITIES

- Investment in capital assets and cash flows used in investing activities (718) (2,327)

INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

- CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, BEGINNING OF YEAR 189,277 154,846
- CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, END OF YEAR 270,821 115,975
- CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS 81,544 270,821

Cash and cash equivalents are composed of cash.
Cash and cash equivalents consist of cash on hand and reserved cash - external projects.

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Cash 57,840 251,404
Reserved cash - external projects 23,704 19,417

Total 81,544 270,821
1 - GOVERNING STATUTES AND PURPOSE OF THE ORGANIZATION

QUEBEC PUBLIC INTEREST RESEARCH GROUP (CONCORDIA) is a not-for-profit organization and was incorporated under Part III of the Quebec Companies Act on May 5, 1992.

It is exempted of income taxes.

The objectives of the organization are the following:

- to contribute to social progress in Quebec and to encourage students to act as responsible citizens;
- to promote amongst other things, social justice, a healthy environment, participatory democracy, and governmental and corporate responsibility;
- to carry out projects related to research, education and social action;
- to promote active participation of more people in democratic functioning of the organization;
- to receive donations, bequests, and other monetary contributions of similar nature, in securities or real estate, and to administer these donations and contributions; to organize membership campaigns with the goal of fundraising for the financial needs of the organization;
- to not undertake activities except for activities that are not-for-profit and without the intention of monetary gain for the organization’s members;
- to use all profits or other organizational surpluses to facilitate the accomplishment of these objects;
- to do all that is pertinent and necessary for the promotion and achievement of these objectives.

2 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations and include the following significant accounting policies.

Accounting estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts recorded in the financial statements and notes to the financial statements. These estimates are based on management’s best knowledge of current events and actions that the organization may undertake in the future. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

Revenue recognition

Contributions

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

Students fees

Membership are recognized as revenue proportionately over the period they are effective, when the amount can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured.
2 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont'd)

Contributed supplies and services
The organization recognizes contributed supplies and services when the fair value of these contributions can be reasonably estimated and if it would have had to otherwise acquire these supplies and services for its normal operations. In such cases, the contributed supplies and services are valued at fair value.

Fixed assets
Fixed assets are recorded at cost and are depreciated on a diminishing balance basis over their estimated useful lives at the following annual rates:

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<td>Furniture and fixtures</td>
<td>20%</td>
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Financial instruments
The organization initially measures its financial assets and liabilities at fair value. They are subsequently measured at amortized cost.

Financial assets measured at amortized cost consist of cash, reserved cash and accounts receivable.

Financial assets measured at amortized cost consist of accounts payable.

The organization has a $2,500 credit limit on a credit card bearing interest at 19.9%.
### 3- Working Groups and Projects Costs

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<td>Q-team</td>
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<td>Prisoner Correspondence Project</td>
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<td>Convergence</td>
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<td>Central Programming</td>
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<td>1,430</td>
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<td>Re-con</td>
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<td>CLAC</td>
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<td>Sidetracks</td>
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<td>Qouleur Qollective</td>
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<td>C.U.R.E</td>
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<td>Solidarity Across Borders</td>
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<td>1,850</td>
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<td>Collective Against Police Brutality</td>
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<td>Montreal Sound Team</td>
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<td>Mad Pride Montreal</td>
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<td>Resource Library</td>
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<td>Women of Diverse Origins</td>
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<td>Contempt of court</td>
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<td>83</td>
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<td>Calendar Committee</td>
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| Total                                       | 46,941 | 61,347 |
QUEBEC PUBLIC INTEREST RESEARCH GROUP (CONCORDIA)
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AS AT AUGUST 31, 2016

4 - FIXED ASSETS

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<td>Furniture and fixtures</td>
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5- ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUED LIABILITIES

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6- RESTRICTED NET ASSET

The Board of directors decided to allocate a total of $20,376 for working groups in 2015-2016. This net asset cannot be used for another purpose unless duly authorized by the Board of directors.

7 - COMMITMENTS

The organization has entered into a long-term lease agreement for the rental of office space expiring in September 2019. The total rent is adjusted annually based on price consumer index as per Statistic Canada.

The organization also entered into a lease for equipment rental which call for monthly payments of $399 expiring in December 2016.

Minimum lease payments for the next years are as follows:

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<td>2019</td>
<td>$38,500</td>
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<td>2020</td>
<td>$3,220</td>
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8- FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Credit risk
The financial instruments that potentially expose the organization to credit risk are accounts and grants receivable. They are analyzed on an ongoing basis to ensure their recoverability.