



Year in Review At QPIRG Concordia

2022-2023

The Annual Report of the Quebec Public Interest Group of Concordia

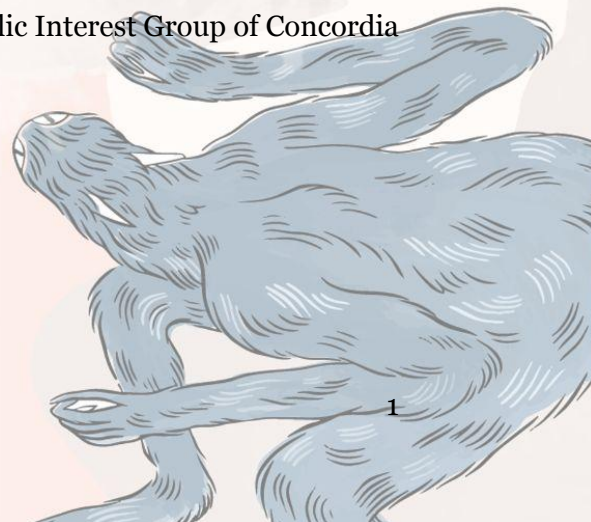


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Acknowledgement & Call to Anti-Colonial Resistance

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 Anishnaabe 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 in the many forms it takes, and in the diversity of forms that resistance can take too. We view indigenous solidarity as an ongoing process as we continue to learn and seek out tangible ways to support anti-colonial action.

We would like to highlight a few current issues, resistance efforts and events:

- Support the Kahnistensera (Mohawk Mothers) protect unmarked graves. Land at the foot of Tekanonkak (Mount Royal, Montreal) is currently earmarked for the construction of McGill University's "New Vic " project on the site of the former Royal Victoria Hospital. However, McGill is on unceded Kanien'kehá:ka (Mohawk) territory and evidence suggests that the site contains remains of a pre-colonial Iroquois villages, as well as the unmarked graves of Indigenous children who were experimented on as part of the CIA-funded MK ULTRA project. In response to this persistent injustice, they are joined by a research committee investigating McGill's history of medical experimentation and its expropriation of Indigenous funds. The Kahnistensera took McGill, the Société Québécoise des Infrastructures, the Attorney General of Canada and the City of Montreal to court for an injunction to stop the construction project and avoid the destruction of the gravesites. They had a historic win and an injunction was granted in October 2022. Even though several discoveries confirm the possibility of unmarked burials at the New Vic site, McGill is now once again pushing forward with construction. These discoveries require further follow-up to determine whether the New Vic development work can safely proceed. If nothing is done, the graves and forensic evidence could be destroyed, causing irreparable harm and profound disrespect to Indigenous communities and the spirits of the children buried at the site.

For more information and to support visit mohawkmothers.ca
(edited text sourced from crowdfunding campaign)

- There are Settlement Reparations Facebook groups and various crowdfunding campaigns to give indigenous people the monetary and material support they need to survive on their own lands. To sign up to give monthly reparations locally email settlementreparationsmtl@gmail.com
- Solidarity with Palestine and anti-colonial struggles around the world.

As a community organization committed to justice for Indigenous peoples on Turtle Island and beyond, QPIRG Concordia stands in solidarity with the Palestinian people.

The so-called Palestinian-Israeli 'conflict' began with the creation of the State of Israel in 1947 and the violent displacement of hundreds of thousands of indigenous Palestinians from their homes and their land. The occupation has now lasted for over 70 years and resulted in immense suffering for everyone, in particular the indigenous Palestinian population that exists as second-class citizens in an apartheid state where they are constant civilian targets of deadly state violence.

We support the Palestinian people's right to live in a sovereign and independent state, free from oppression, discrimination, and displacement. We stand in solidarity with the Palestinian people in their quest for justice, dignity, and self-determination. **We support the demands for the Canadian Government to stop enabling this genocide, and for an immediate end to the siege on Gaza. We stand with hundreds of thousands of people demanding an immediate ceasefire, and an end to Canada's complicity in this genocide.** We support Palestinian liberation and call for an end to the killing and harming of all civilians. In this spirit of solidarity, we call upon our community members to join in supporting the Palestinian people.

For all of our marginalized community members, we remind you that we are here to support. Please reach out if you require assistance (eg., financial legal support, a list of legal resources, letters of support).

We also provide assistance for community members involved in community mobilization. Contact us for resources such as discretionary funding, computers & internet access, photocopies, first aid supplies, megaphones & mobile sound equipment, and spaces for meetings & events.

You can follow the following accounts for more information on upcoming protests and actions in support of Palestine and Gaza.

<https://worldbeyondwar.org/canadastoparmingisrael/>

[@pymontreal](#)

Montreal chapter of the [@palestinainyouthmovement](#)

[@SPHRConcordia](#)

[@SPHR McGill](#)

[@montreal4palestine](#)

[@palsolidaritysitin](#)

QPIRG Mandate and History

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); ProjectTake 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.

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 0.43\$ 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.

In the 2022-2023 year, QPIRG Concordia brought Titas Banerjee, Lacey Boudreau, Debdeep Chaterjee, Innah Park and Bella Richmond joining as new Board members, and Kate Hardin, Allan Matudio, Georgia Therriault, Mark Filipowich, Ra Araya and Maggie Smith returning for their second term.

For the year 2022-2023, we were proud to have on our Board of Directors:

Kate Hardin (Concordia student)

Titas Banerjee (Community Member)

Bella Richmond (Concordia Student)

Ra Araya (Concordia student, resigned October 2023)

Mark Filipowich (Concordia student)

Allan Matudio (Community Member)

Georgia Therriault (community member)

Innah Park (community member)

Maggie Smith (community member)

Lacey Boudreau (Concordia student, resigned October 2023)

Debdeep Chaterjee (community member, resigned October 2023)



Message from the Board of Directors

Operations

The QPIRG Board had formal Board Meetings once a month, with meetings being in-person at QPIRG Concordia or online over Zoom. In-person meetings were hybrid, with several members joining remotely. In August, our meetings had to take place online from home because the wifi at QPIRG Concordia was not functioning and thus we could not facilitate the hybrid format. Holding consistently hybrid meetings was a more accessible and flexible way to hold board meetings. Recent technology upgrades to QPIRG Concordia, including updates to computers, will further our ability to hold accessible hybrid and online meetings.

The QPIRG Board changed the meeting structure in 2023, increasing the frequency and regularity of meetings. This was a successful change that allowed more knowledge transfer and task sharing between board members and staff. For most of the year, we met all together every two weeks, alternating between committee meetings and board meetings. Board members split into their respective committees for committee meetings, but the entire board and staff came together at the end of the meeting time to discuss and update the rest of the group on plans, accomplishments, and tasks they need support on. Meeting frequency decreased during the last half of the summer through October because many board and staff members experienced increased workloads and irregular schedules.

This year, QPIRG Concordia's board and staff participated in visioning, for the first time since 2019. Visioning took place over two days, Wednesday March 22 and Thursday March 30. During visioning, the board worked with staff to highlight areas where board members can be more involved and how to facilitate engagement and efficacy of board members. Changes to committee structures, increasing the number of board members that are key trained so that they can open QPIRG Concordia, and changing the type and schedule of board trainings were all top priorities related to board functioning.

Board Trainings

QPIRG Concordia's Board Trainings took place on November 8, December 8, February 2, and February 16. Trainings were conducted on the following topics: QPIRG History and Structure; QPIRG Finances; Consensus Decision-Making, Minute-Taking and Facilitation; How to Be an Employer; and Conflict Resolution. Other trainings were planned, but were not completed because it was difficult to find time to do trainings and work on committees related to QPIRG. Moving forward, the board has suggested setting training days at the beginning of the board's tenure, having 1-2 days dedicated to multiple trainings, and only requiring new board members' presence for redundant trainings such as QPIRG History and Structure.

Committees

Previously, QPIRG Concordia committee structure included committees on accessibility, finance, staff liaison, policy, working groups/programming, visioning, and the alt library. Historically, board members served on multiple committees at once and committees varied in activity level. At the beginning of the 2022-2023 year, the committee structure was similar and each board member selected the committees that interested them the most. An emergency space committee was also formed to find QPIRG Concordia a new roommate.

Following visioning, the committee structure was revamped. There are now three committees, that reflect the domain of each staff member, plus the staff liaison committee. The three committees are the Programming & Working Groups committee, the Finance, Accessibility, Space & technology) (FAST) , and the Policy committee . Board members are encouraged to select one committee, so that there is minimal overlap and it is easier to progress on projects and schedule meetings. All three committees and the staff liaison committee are active.

The Staff Liaison Committee consists of a team of board members, each designated as the liaison for a particular staff member. The board members conduct check-ins with the staff about workload, accessibility, conflict and any other needs. This year, pairing staff to SLC members took much longer than it should have but we have all had a chance to check in at least once. We expect to meet with staff on a more regular basis now. The SLC has started brainstorming ways to improve the staff's task management. Overall staff dynamic has improved, and staff responsibilities have been clarified and are within their capacity.

Difficulties

Getting the board started and managing to plan time for both meetings and trainings provided a challenge at the start of the year. However, once trainings had been taken care of and visioning occurred, committees operated much smoother and staff and board members were better able to support each other.

In general, low attendance at events is a challenge that QPIRG Concordia (and many other organizations) are struggling with in the ongoing pandemic. This issue was addressed in visioning, and we hope to build our programming and attendance in the coming year.

Changing the structure of trainings, moving forward with the new committees, and continuing to commit to visioning are all things that the current board believes will bring QPIRG Concordia closer to our goals in the year to come.

Staff

For the year 2022-2023, 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 2022-2023 were:

Adrienne Pan, Administration and Communications Coordinator

Wade Walker, Finance & Development Coordinator

Sharone Daniel, Communications and Working Groups Coordinator

Fall & Winter semesters of 2022-2023, we were glad to have **Kelsey Blair** as a part-time coordinator of QPIRG's Alternative Library. This position is 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 2023, **Talah Ezeddin** joined the QPIRG team as our summer School Schmool co-coordinator, working on the School Schmool organizer in partnership with QPIRG McGill (and **Jessie Dzandu**).

Through a grant from Canada Summer Jobs, we were also able to employ a part-time DisOrientation coordinator (**Ken Downe**).

In the beginning of the year, QPIRG was supported by an external bookkeeper, **Noah Eidelman**. This was then taken on by Brynna Childs and finally **Dan Lacroix and Fanie Blais** are our current bookkeepers. In addition, QPIRG systems received the support of our network administrator and computer technician **Titas Banerjee**



Message from the QPIRG Concordia Staff

The QPIRG Concordia core staff work together to maintain QPIRG Concordia and our various projects, groups and initiatives. After slowly reopening last year, this year the organization and space started to bounce back to life, but in a more sustainable way than before the pandemic.

We are pleased that more and more groups are using the space to meet, hold events, and use resources. Staff are now working from the office Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays and are there to answer the questions and queries of anyone who drops in.

This was our first full year in a while with three full time staff and it has continued to make a difference. We're proud to say that we were able to identify and address certain recurring pitfalls in the division of labour that unintentionally created unfair dynamics, and restructure in a way that has left all three of us feeling more fulfilled and with tasks better covered.

We continue to treat COVID-19 as the serious pandemic that it is. We always have masks available, encourage everyone using our space to wear masks and enforce mask wearing at our own events. Our space has three air filters and testing kits are available on request.

We had a successful visioning process in March with the whole board and staff. It was a wonderful time for us to discuss what we want to keep and see more of, what doesn't make sense anymore, and what we want to start doing. We came up with concrete plans, such as gathering WG's to share and create internal policies and guides, providing more horizontal ways of accessing resources and communicating with each other in working groups and improving our resources and space signage.

We also reorganized our committees into just three groups - FAST (Finance, Accessibility, Space, and Technology), PPP (People, Projects, and Policy), and Working Groups and Programming (no cool acronym), with one full time staff member responsible for coordinating each committee. This has helped considerably in having consistent committee meetings and moving forward with plans. Each visioning goal has been connected to a committee, thus ensuring that we don't forget about them!

We're happy to report that we have (reactivated) our relationship with the other two PIRGs/GRIPs in town - QPIRG-McGill and GRIP-UQAM - so we can work together in offering all our working groups and space users better services. One of our collective projects is to begin work on a new conflict and complaints resolution framework to replace the one that we had which was defunct in all but name.

School Schmool, our alternative agenda, flew off the shelves this year and we're happy to announce we have only a handful left. We're especially pleased that the resource section was updated this year as folks find it particularly useful.

Titas, our technological support staff, has been amazing at overhauling our IT systems so that we now have actual working computers in the lounge that are hooked up to the printer! Titas has also been working hard to move our server over to Koumbit so we have a more reliable system and support. We're very grateful for all the work that Titas has accomplished.

Our core staff work and tasks are not done alone. We want to highlight the contributions of all our part-time, work study, grant based and contract employees over the past year. Dan Lacroix and Fanie Blais (bookkeepers), Titas (tech and web development), Kelsey Blair (Alternative Library), Talah Ezeddin and Jessie Dzandu (School Schmoool), Brynna (archiving), and Ken Downe (Dis-Orientation).

Another priority of the core staff is to ensure that QPIRG remains transparent and accountable to its members. We provide institutional and financial transparency and accessibility, third-party audited financial statements, minutes and institutional documentation, fee levy opt-outs, an annual report, a regularly-updated website and social media, a constitution and other key documents. These are all accessible either publicly online, or upon request. QPIRG Concordia continues to support Fee Levy Advocacy at Concordia (FLAC), and works hard to maintain transparency and accountability to all students on behalf of all fee levy groups.

Our work is overseen by a Board of Directors. We are grateful to the Board for their time and fidelity and are delighted that so many will be continuing to serve QPIRG-C in this capacity in the coming year! We would like to thank by name everyone who served on this year's Board of Directors:

Allan Matudio, Bella Richmond, Debdeep Chatterjee, Innah Park, Kate Hardin, Georgia Therriault, Lacey Boudreau, Rahwa Araya, Maggie Smith, Mark Filipowich, and Titas Banerjee.

QPIRG-C continues to be both a challenging and deeply rewarding place to work and be connected to. Each day can bring with it surprises and new experiences and involves a lot of hard work and communication 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 work with us, in-person and remotely, 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, and feel incredibly lucky to be a part of this community.

In solidarity,

Adrienne Pan, Administration and Communications Coordinator

Wade Walker, Finance & Development Coordinator

Sharone Birapaka Daniel, Communications and Working Groups Coordinator

Core Projects, Activities, and Supported Initiatives

Alternative Library

The QPIRG Concordia Alternative Library is a free library that is committed to fulfilling the QPIRG Concordia mandate, which aims to promote social and environmental justice.

Our library carries hundreds of books, magazines, zines and audio-visual items, mostly in English. Our resources specialize in social and environmental justice covering subjects such as anti-racism and colonialism, queer issues, economics and globalization, sexuality and gender, (un)popular history, media, art and culture, prison issues, labour, environmental issues and more.

Our Librarian can be contacted for questions or comments at library@qpirgconcordia.org.

Kels B. was the Alternative Librarian for the 2022/23 school year. Due to illness, this position was mostly on hiatus.



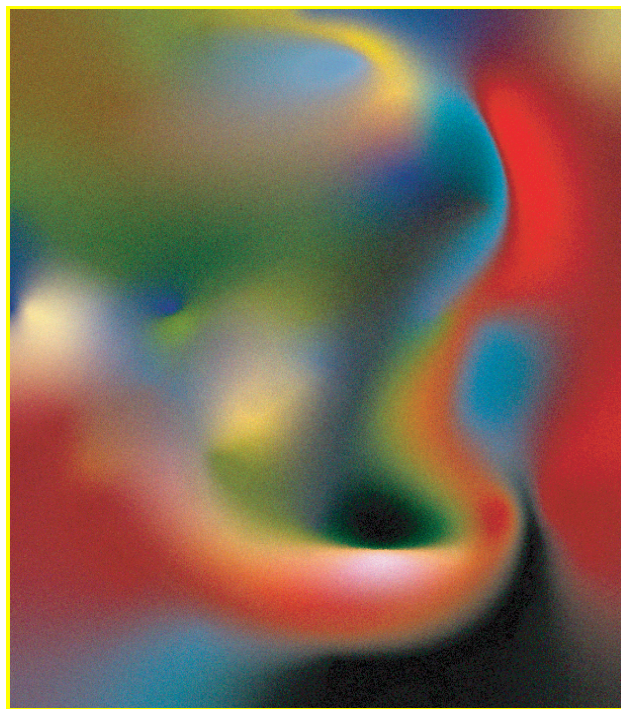
School Schmool Alternative Agenda

School Schmool, the agenda produced each summer as a joint project between QPIRG-McGill and QPIRG-Concordia, was successfully put out again this year. The 2022-2023 edition of School Schmool was coordinated by Talah Ezeddin and Jessie Dzandu.

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 the Concordia, McGill and Montreal communities ever since.

This year, School Schmool is embracing the theme of THRIVING. Capitalism and white supremacy leave many of us struggling to have our most basic needs met, to simply get by: what does it mean to thrive, to grow, to flourish beyond basic survival?

We had an exceptional number of submissions this year, over 200, which led to more time being required for the selection process than usual. We printed 1000 copies this year and were able to distribute almost all of them during September and October.



DisOrientation

QPIRG's annual Dis/Orientation provides an alternative orientation for incoming and returning Concordia students, and the communities within the Greater 'Montreal' area, and is based in an intersectional social justice praxis. Dis/Orientation aims to situate Concordia, as an institution, within larger structures that contribute to social inequalities and provide participants with the skills, knowledge, and resources to engage in social justice activism on campus, and beyond. The 2023 event series ran throughout the third week of September, ending with a final weekend-long workshop from the 18th to the 24th.

Dis/Orientation 2023: Thriving in Solidarity

Report by Ken Downe

Theme

This year's theme prompted participants to think about the relationships underpinning struggles for social justice. What do we need to thrive so that we can show up in solidarity as our whole selves? How do relationships of solidarity create thriving and resilient communities? In what ways can we practice thriving in solidarity across struggles, across borders, between generations, and with our plant and animal relatives?

Organizational collaborations

Dis/Orientation programming included collaborations with the following organizations: the Concordia Food Coalition, the Concordia Office of Sustainability, the Sustainability Action Fund, SEIZE, FASA, and the People's Potato.

Workshop proposal submissions

Total submissions received: 13

- Seeking Queer Penpals
- Thriving with lino printing
- Sustainable process and project development
- Accessible Art making and self-care
- Unpacking Consent and Care for Performers of Intimacy
- eco-grief circle
- Seriously, we are in the same boat: Community Mobilization 101
- Plantcestors - Decolonizing herbalism and growing the future we all need
- Unity in Play: How Sports Foster Social Development and Integration in Diverse Communities
- Penning Community Almanacs for The Future: Persisting and Resisting Corporate Climate Crisis
- Demilitarization and disarmament : On Campus, In Canada and the world - Nuclear Disarmament for Dummies
- Art & Accessibility: An Archipelagic Approach to Art & Community Care

Schedule of events

Monday, September 18	Tuesday, September 19	Wednesday, September 20	Thursday, September 21	Friday, September 22	Saturday, September 23
<p>AFTERNOON: The Food Revolution Game Launch: Explore Student Organizing for Food Justice on Campus w. The Concordia Food Coalition Time: 1-3pm</p> <p>EVENING: Seeking Queer Penpals w. the Prisoner Correspondence Project Time: 6-8pm</p>	<p>AFTERNOON: Boundaries Are My Love Language workshop w. Camellia Jahanshahi (hybrid) Time: 1-3pm</p> <p>EVENING: Sustainable Process and Project Development w. the Concordia Office of Sustainability (hybrid) Time: 5-7pm</p>	<p>AFTERNOON: Seriously, we are in the same boat: Community Mobilization 101 w. Sana Poomasiri (hybrid) Time: 1-3pm</p> <p>EVENING: Lean on Me : Flipping the Script on Dynamics of Power and Patterns of Control w. Mael Cheff (Theatre Workshop Series part 1) Time: 5-8pm</p>	<p>AFTERNOON: Concordia Underground Tours w. SEIZE Time: 1-2pm</p> <p>EVENING: We Are Family: Setting the Stage for Communities of Care w. Mael Cheff (Theatre Workshop Series part 2) Time: 5-8pm</p>	<p>AFTERNOON: Art & Accessibility: An Archipelagic Approach to Art & Community Care w. Andi Vicente (hybrid) Time: 1-3pm</p> <p>EVENING: Queer Cabaret Night co-hosted with FASA Time: 9pm-1am</p>	<p>MORNING: Seeds to Sovereignty: An Introduction to Food Justice Systems at Concordia w. The People's Potato Time: 9am-1pm</p> <p>AFTERNOON: Basics of Solidarity Work: Indigenous Solidarity for Settlers and Immigrants w. Camellia Jahanshahi (with food service from the People's Potato) (hybrid) Time: 2-4pm</p>

Budget

\$3,052.13 with a surplus of \$1,512.87

Communications Material

DIS/ORIENTATION

THRIVING IN SOLIDARITY

CALL FOR PANEL AND WORKSHOP PROPOSALS

This year's event series runs from September 18 - September 23. We are seeking panel and workshop proposals on topics related to the theme Thriving in Solidarity.

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SEPTEMBER 2023

DISORIENTATION 2023 : THRIVING IN SOLIDARITY

Theatre Workshop Series

LEAN ON ME : FLIPPING THE SCRIPT ON DYNAMICS OF POWER AND PATTERNS OF CONTROL

with Neal Cheff


Wednesday, September 20th @ 5-8pm

A social justice theatre workshop exploring themes of: nonhierarchical futures, collective or circular leadership, social status, discrimination, the unifying power of intention, personal power as a collective asset, authority, and consent.

DISORIENTATION 2023 : THRIVING IN SOLIDARITY

SEEKING QUEER PENPALS WORKSHOP

With The Prisoner Correspondence Project



Monday, September 18th @ 6-8pm
QPIRG Concordia, 2100 rue Guy #205

For 16 years, the PCP has been working to break the isolation of LGBTQIA2+ communities inside and outside of prison. In this workshop, we'll give a brief presentation on our project and advice on writing to an inside penpal. Then, we'll invite participants to look through a selection of boxes of prisoners who are waiting to be matched, and find someone they'd like to write to. Participants will leave with more information about LGBTQIA2+ struggles in prison and a new friend to write to!

DISORIENTATION 2023 : THRIVING IN SOLIDARITY

THE FOOD REVOLUTION GAME LAUNCH: EXPLORE FOOD STUDENT ORGANIZING FOR FOOD JUSTICE ON CAMPUS

With The Concordia Food Coalition



Monday, September 18 @ 1-3pm
The Hive Coop Cafe, 1455 Blvd. De Maisonneuve Ouest (H-239)

Join us for our Food History Art reveal, free food, and a chance to win our latest campus food game! You can play our game by visiting a selection of checkpoints on the Concordia campus that reference milestones from the Concordia Food Movement. These checkpoints (and art landmarks) serve as gateposts for a self-directed walking food tour, where players will uncover stories, facts, and further readings about the food movement through QR codes linked to this interactive map. Complete 75% for a chance to win free food!

DISORIENTATION 2023 : THRIVING IN SOLIDARITY

BOUNDARIES ARE MY LOVE LANGUAGE WORKSHOP

With Camellia Jahanshahi



Tuesday, September 19th @ 1-3pm
QPIRG Concordia, 2100 rue Guy #205

Join us in this workshop, Boundaries Are My Love Language, to learn about the importance of grounding into our values as a way to help us set boundaries in the community sector. This workshop will include both practical ideas and reflection spaces meant to help guide you through this work. Together we will explore how we can honour the multitudes we all contain to create the better world we all dream of.

DISORIENTATION 2023 : THRIVING IN SOLIDARITY

ART & ACCESSIBILITY: AN ARCHIPELAGIC APPROACH TO ART & COMMUNITY CARE

With Andi Vicente



Friday, September 22nd @ 1-3pm
QPIRG Concordia, 2100 rue Guy #205

For this participatory art workshop, we will be critically exploring traditional binaries of continentalism and islandness as well as reimagining spaces that are decolonial and relational. We will be collectively building a geometric collage and assemblage based on our discussions. Andi aims to broaden an understanding of oppressed experiences and encourage collective empowerment through the answering of the questions "Who is not here with us and how can I be there for you?".

DISORIENTATION 2023 : THRIVING IN SOLIDARITY

SERIOUSLY, WE ARE IN THE SAME BOAT: COMMUNITY MOBILIZATION

With Sana Poornasiri



Wednesday, September 20 @ 1-3pm
QPIRG Concordia, 2100 rue Guy #205

This workshop will focus on developing campaigns and movements that effectively engage communities and individuals not directly impacted by the issue at hand. We'll delve into mobilization techniques, highlighting the importance of showcasing the intersectionality of movements and how to leverage it for the collective benefit. The training sessions will guide participants on building and executing mass community-involved campaigns, explore online and offline tools and discuss the dos and don'ts of mobilizing communities beyond the immediate campaign scope.

DISORIENTATION 2023 : THRIVING IN SOLIDARITY

SUSTAINABLE PROCESS AND PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

With The Concordia Office of Sustainability and the Sustainability Action fund




Tuesday, September 19 @ 5-7pm
QPIRG Concordia, 2100 rue Guy #205

Join The Sustainability Action Fund and the Concordia Office of Sustainability Living Lab are teaming up to share knowledge and best practices for project proposals, grant writing and implementation. Come learn how to navigate bureaucracy within the university, how to turn an idea into a strong proposal, how to build a sustainable budget, and how to reach out and collaborate with relevant stakeholders. Let us guide you from sustainability towards thriveability, one project at a time!

DISORIENTATION 2023 : THRIVING IN SOLIDARITY

BASICS OF SOLIDARITY WORK: INDIGENOUS SOLIDARITY FOR SETTLERS AND IMMIGRANTS

With Camellia Jahanshahi



Saturday, September 23rd @ 2-4pm
QPIRG Concordia, 2100 rue Guy #205

This is a 2 hour workshop that explores some of the historical contexts around Indigenous communities in Canada, a brief look at some treaties, and the contemporary effects of those historical contexts. It also includes some practical advice around being a better ally and activist for both individuals and organizations, and a list of amazing organizations and other resources to connect to after the workshop. Food will be served by the Peoples Potito.

QUEER CABARET *fortune*

LA SALA ROSA
(4848 Boul. St-Laurent,
Montréal)

SEPT. 22ND
9 PM - 2 AM



A fundraiser
for The Centre of
Gender Advocacy's
Gender Affirming
Gear Program.



Grassroots Resistance Archive (Community Archiving Project)

The QPIRG archive includes hundreds of posters made by activists for organizational activities, events, and programming. The purpose is to preserve these ephemeral symbols of grassroots resistance. This archive has been maintained by various volunteers and coordinators over the years and exists in both physical and digital forms. This year we did not have any permanent staff to coordinate the project, so it has mostly been on hiatus. Brynna Childs worked on the archive for a few months!



Research stipends

This year (2023) QPIRG Concordia picked a total of 2 projects for our stipend:

Mera Laung Gwacha (play & two workshops)

Gaurav Sharma & Nitu Sharma

The play, Mera Laung Gwacha, was performed in Park Extension's William Hingston Community Centre on the 4th of November, 2023. To promote the play, we advertised around the neighborhood as well as regularly on the radio, and did a half hour interview on local radio station, Humsafar. Our team of mostly amateur actors practiced for months to prepare and the play was a resounding success.

The actors were phenomenal in their portrayal of complex characters and made our humble stage/set shine. The auditorium was packed with mostly people from a Punjabi background, with several rows of people standing behind the seats as well as a row of folks sitting on the floor in front of the seats.

Before the play, we invited several community groups to speak. They explained, in Hindi/Urdu so that the audience could understand, the ways in which they can support immigrants and especially women to access the services they need to take advantage of their rights and get support for whatever difficult circumstances they are passing through, whether it has to do with housing or domestic abuse. It was wonderful to be able to give a chance to community organizations to speak to a large audience.

We are extremely pleased with the final outcome and very grateful to QPIRG Concordia for its support of the project!

The play was about a Canadian family that goes to India to find a bride for their son. The dreams that were painted by the Canadian family to the bride in India turn out to be false. The troubles she faces here are present across many immigrant families. The play along with the workshop allowed the audience to learn how they can find safety through the Canadian legal system, in community centres, women's shelters, and other spaces. The play was performed in the Punjabi language with subtitles projected on screens to allow others to follow in English and French.

We chose this project because we have witnessed the issue of domestic violence a lot in our Punjabi and wider South Asian communities. In India, because of our work as grassroots social activists, people came to us all the time with their struggles. We found that intimate partner violence was a large-scale issue in society. After coming here in 2019, we have discovered that the situation is similar here. Looking at newspapers over the last few years, we found stories of femicides and infanticides to be disturbingly frequent, with 13 women and 6 children murdered by their partner/parent in 2022 in Quebec. In 2021 a woman from our own community was killed by her partner in Park Extension. Other terrible incidents have taken place in Park Extension in previous years, and we know that women and men who are isolated, having neither language, family, or the resources to look for help, are most affected. In an [article](#) from November 2021, the Shield of Athena, a community organization in Park Extension that supports victims of conjugal violence, said that the number one problem in 93 per cent of the cases when accessing help was a lack of information. This is what we intend to help change.



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MEDIA PARTNER

PRESENT A PUNJABI PLAY



MEERA LAUNG GWACHA

4th November 2023

Saturday | 5:00 PM

ਮੇਰਾ ਲੌਂਗ ਗੁਵਾਚਾ

SCRIPT BY LEGEND LATE S. GURSHARAN SINGH JI

(STORY BY LALY CHAUDHARY) **DIRECTED BY NITU SHARMA** MUSIC BY JIMMY JATINDER

ACTORS : Satinder Sarry, Balwinder Singh, Gurdeep Khinda, Narinder Singh Bittu, Anoop Bagwa
Bhupinder Kaur Nijjar, Harjinder Singh, Shewta

Venue: Complex William-Hingston, 419 - Rue Saint Roch, Montreal in Park-Extension, Gymnasium

15 Minutes Workshop on women issue will be conducted by CAPE & BIPE



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de Parc-Extension

For further information contact: +1 (438) 934-9999 | Email: info@iwc-cti.ca

Archives gaies du Québec

Mark Hamilton

To say we were pleasantly surprised with the community engagement with our exhibition of photos, posters, stickers, stamps, buttons and other ephemera related to ACT UP Montréal would be quite the understatement. Since the show's opening on June 13, 2023, the Archives gaies du Québec has welcomed over 1,100 visitors, received many donations (both financial and archival) and also sold through the entirety of the merchandise runs we created including tote bags and buttons. We received extensive media coverage including long-form articles in CULT MTL, La Presse and Fugues and further coverage on CBC radio and the online database the AIDS Activist History Project. Fierté 2023 also stepped in as co-promoter of the event, listing and promoting it as a part of this year's pride celebrations.

Linking the event closer with Concordia University, Professor Karen Herland instructed her HIV-related gender studies course (of close to 100 students) to visit the exhibition and for each to prepare an assignment on their impressions. I also presented to her class to give further insight and discuss the notion of queer elders and the lost connections due to the HIV/AIDS crisis. Furthermore, Dr. Herland has also added the exhibition to an upcoming eConcordia course, and the show was filmed by an eConcordia camera crew, including an interview between Dr. Herland and myself.

Finally, The Aesthetic Activism of ACT UP Montréal was also listed as part of the National Trust for Canada's Historic Places Days 2023:

<https://historicplacesdays.ca/events/the-aesthetic-activism-of-act-up-montreal-a-history-in-photos-and-posters-quebec-gay-archives/>

Given the success we experienced, we hope to perhaps propose a remounting of the show to local historical museums and Maisons de la culture both in and outside of Montréal. We're eternally grateful to QPIRG Concordia for your support of this project—your investment allowed us to access professional-level framing and installation, as well as the services of a design team to create placards and promotional posters for the show. QPIRG's support was an incredible boost, and has given us confidence to continue future exhibitions to share the Archives' extensive historical holdings.



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.

Opt-outs continue to be processed online, due to 2021 conservative CSU campaigning. Initially, this greatly increased the number of students who opt-out, however, this year numbers did not continue to increase.

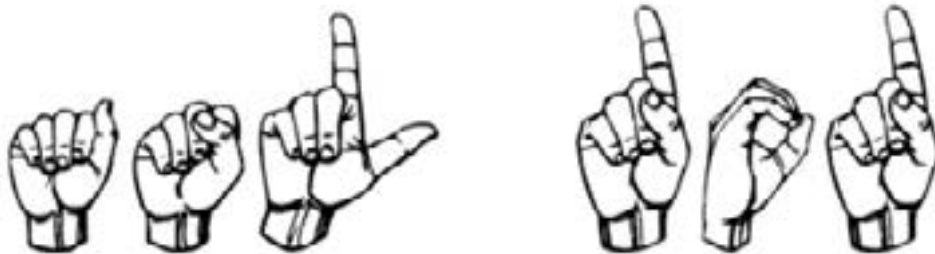
Programming

Our PROGRAMMING was back in action this year. We have had several events put on by ourselves and in collaboration with other fee-levy groups, working groups, and QPIRG/GRIP McGill and UQAM. Some of the events we hosted were the Blanket Exercise, on the history of colonization in Canada, and Farming in Community, with Cheyenne Sundance. The Bizarre! Ball held in May brought over a hundred people to our workshops - 'Ballroom History: Public Panel' and 'How to Make your Kiki Ball Effect' - while the ball itself was a fun, supportive, loud, roaring success. DisOrientation was a particular success this year thanks to the hard work of Ken Downe. There were 12 incredible events held over the course of a week ranging from "Lean on me: Flipping the Script Dynamics of Power and Patterns of Control" to "Basics of Solidarity Work", capped off with a super well attended Queer Cabaret Night.

We started having meetings focused on Internal Practices for consensus-based groups, thanks to a partnership with the wonderful and highly active Pan Asian Collective. The meetings are on a brief hiatus while we figure out the most effective and helpful way to move forward, with the help of a consultant from the Human Systems Intervention M.A. program, Franciele Souza, and our working groups. We are extremely excited about this project, and confident that through the slow but steady gathering of our collective wisdom we will be able to help each other build, develop and practice nourishing and generative internal dynamics that are anti-oppressive, horizontal, compassionate and accountable.

Together with QPIRG-McGill and GRIP UQAM, we are in the process of developing a Movement Building/Organizing Skills curriculum with and for our working groups and the Montreal/Concordia community. We're looking forward to having regular practical workshops that help our community to strengthen our resistance to oppressive systems, using the skills and knowledge that already exist within our community.

American Sign Language (ASL) 101 classes sessions of Introductory on Wednesdays in the Fall.



Working Groups

WORKING GROUPS are the heart of QPIRG Concordia. They are groups, collectives, networks, projects, and campaigns that organize together in the Montreal community, and beyond, on a wide variety of issues directly related to social and environmental justice.

Together, QPIRG Concordia's working groups share skills and knowledge, engage in popular education and art, organize events and protests, provide direct support and solidarity, publish alternative research and analysis, and, in general, contribute, encourage, and maintain resistance in diverse and creative ways.

Read more about what the groups have been up to this past year!

Collectif Opposé à la Brutalité Policière (C.O.B.P.)

Le Collectif Opposé à la Brutalité Policière (COBP) est un collectif 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, intimidation, 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 autres recours à faire face à des accusations abusives.

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cobp@riseup.net

www.cobp.resist.ca

2022-2023 Activities:

Nous avons continué les activités en cours de l'année passé comme les ateliers sur les droits face à la police, campagne de fonds pour un fond de soutien juridique, production de matériel ainsi que l'organisation des activités et manifestation du 15 mars dans le cadre de la journée internationale contre la brutalité policière.

Artemisia Mutual Aid Collective

The Artemisia Mutual Aid Collective is an alliance of community herbalists, medicine makers, gardeners, and activists living and working on the unceded lands of the Kanien'keha:ka and Omamiwininiwag Nations (Montréal and western Québec). Our goal is to provide support in the form of herbal medicine, knowledge sharing, and herbal consultations to communities and individuals made vulnerable by systemic oppression.

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www.instagram.com/artemisia.mutualaid/

2022-2023 Activities:

Our goal from the start has been to provide support in the form of herbal medicine, knowledge sharing, and herbal consultations to communities and individuals made vulnerable by systemic oppression, particularly in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic. We believe that herbal remedies have a role to play in alleviating the physical and psychological strain caused by the ongoing pandemic; this foundational mandate remains the same. We acknowledge that the circumstances of the current crisis are long in the making, and place certain individuals and communities at a disproportionately higher risk of both acute infection and of serious long term repercussions from the virus. That said, we have somewhat shifted our focus—in terms of the remedies themselves, as well as our approach to distribution—from the acute infection stage, to protection from, and management of, the long term consequences of COVID infection, as well as dominant approaches to the pandemic itself as a social and political phenomenon that has roots in white supremacy and eugenics. As circumstances surrounding the pandemic continue to shift and unfold, we believe that long term support for both mental and physical health bolsters the resilience of our communities, a circumstance which we believe to be accentuated by the widespread social and political abandonment of concern for mutual aid, protection, and disease spread management, as well as a lack of systemic support for those suffering from significant long term effects of the virus.

This year brought a lot of changes to the membership of the Artemisia collective, and time was spent bringing in and integrating new members, as well as building group flow, connection, and cohesion to ensure effective organizing together. Four new members joined and two members left. Restructuring has also included reorganizing, updating, and sorting the inventory of herbs and remedies from past years.

Another focus of this year has been on outreach and building connections with new organizations, as well as re-establishing connections with past organizations, including: Diasporic Plant Wisdom, Resilience Montreal, and the Giwabaamin Free Street Clinic, organized by Cathy Walker in Toronto. One key new connection has been Diasporic Plant Wisdom, a community project whose aim is to connect folks who are second or third generation of immigrants, newcomers, and QTBIPOC in Tiohtià:ke/Montréal with their herbal and food traditions.

Much energy has also been spent cultivating herbs in various members' gardens, including an extensive herb garden housed at La Ferme aux Champs qui Chantent where two collective members live and work, drying and transforming plants into remedies to be distributed over the fall and winter, or used in later educational workshops. Restructuring has also included reorganizing, updating, and sorting the inventory of herbs and remedies left over from past years.

Additionally, greater attention and care has been given to providing tangible support for members of our own group, many of whom identified already as disabled and/or chronically ill at the onset of the pandemic, and several of whom have themselves become increasingly disabled by COVID-19 infection(s)."

Black and Indigenous Harm Reduction Alliance (BIHRA)

BIHRA is a grassroots collective that organizes around issues of health & harm reduction for Indigenous & Black people in Tio'tia:ke, with a special focus on the needs and experiences of drug users, incarcerated people, sex workers, and 2SLGBTQIA. Through peer-to-peer outreach, advocacy, and mutual aid, we work to build kinship, empowerment, and holistic well-being in our communities.

bi.harmredux@gmail.com
blackindigenousharmredux.org

2022-2023 Activities:

-----The Cedar Tea Project is an outreach initiative in southwest Tiohtiaké / Montréal that supports street-involved members of our community since May 2020. Since 2021, the project has evolved to include a medicine garden to reflect collective needs to connect more with the land, plants and to grow medicines to share.

In summer 2023, changes happened in both the garden and the street-based outreach as our collective capacity was lower. ----- We made the tough decision to put the weekly street outreach on pause. We also moved our garden location from Pointe-Saint-Charles to St Henri. This year, along with our sweetgrass, we grew and shared seedlings of 2 types of tobacco. The harvest of both leaves and seeds has been ongoing since August and will continue this Autumn. We are grateful that we were able to support many individuals to access tobacco and sweetgrass this season as well as providing seeds and seedlings to other organizations who wanted to establish their own gardens.

----- Since September 2022, we have also made a new partnership with Nii'kinaaganaa Foundation, who have provided BIHRA with funds to distribute monthly to Indigenous people that are facing housing and food insecurity.

----- The Indigenous Sex Work & Art Collective (ISWAC) was quite active in mutual aid this year. We supported each other with distro of harm reduction material, safer sex gear, info on SW activism and programming, safety tips for the trade and peer support regarding stigmatization and criminalization. We were also able to provide emergency funds to all collective members. We made some new connections with other organizations and were able to participate in a number of events, listed below.

Harm Reduction workshop w QPIRG C Disorientation (September 2022)

FRIDAA (Feminist Research Intervention Development Aboriginal Approaches) panel participation - Developing Indigenous Anti-Violence Approaches (October 2022)

Indigenous AIDS Awareness Week event with CAAN, FEAST Centre and PAQ: 'Indigenous Women leading the way' (December 2022);

BHM event at McGill School for Population & Global Health - "Let's Imagine Together: Black Radical Futures in Community Health Without Policing" (February 2023);

Bird processing workshop for 2-spirit folks - (June 2023)

Medicine Garden Workshop on Nettle at MK's garden with Andrea for peer workers;

Elderberry workshop with Andrea for Concordia Students Union;

Decolonizing herbalism with Andrea for SustainAlive (Sustainable Concordia);

Urban Plant Allies with Andrea for University of the Streets Café "How are racialized activists transforming environmental struggles?" ISWAC Panel with CATS-SWAC et Gwenola Ricardo 'Perspectives d'abolition pénale' organisé par Ouvrage;

Cabaret Support your local Whoreganizations with CATS-SWAC, February 2023; o Relations building and consultation with the Center for Gender Advocacy for the 'Montreal Sex Work Network' programming;

Contribution aux Grands Entretien de Cultures du témoignage 'Se trouver un lieu d'appartenance pour co-crée ensemble et pas devoir se justifier au niveau de nos existences et de nos expériences de vies.

Black Healing Fund

Black Healing Fund is a growing, volunteer-run initiative that exists to provide low-income Black folks in the Tio'tia:ke / Montreal area with discretionary funding and resources that contribute to mental health and wellness.

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<https://linktr.ee/black.healing.fund>

www.instagram.com/black_healing_fund

2022-2023 Activities:

- *We distributed 40,000\$ this year to 47 Black Montreal residents.*
- *We experimented with a new system for applications that involved partnering with local Mtl organisations as pick-up sites for physical application forms (e.g. Hoodstock, P10, Head and Hands). We made use of the QPIRG office space to invite applicants to pick up their cheques in person as opposed to issuing e-transfers and having a lengthy identification process.*
- *We applied to community grants such as a grant from SHIFT to attempt to fund a BHF fundraising event.*

Building Community: Comité des Citoyen(ne)s de Milton-Parc

Building Community is a citizens' education project of the Milton-Parc Citizens' Committee (CCMP). We seek to encourage community development through popular education and social action rooted in ecological and democratic principles. Throughout the year, we host workshops, guided tours, screenings, and lectures on the social economy, climate change, cooperative housing, and more, and support campaigns on a variety of community issues including protecting green spaces and building social housing.

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Ccmp-mpcc.com

<https://www.facebook.com/ComiteCitoyenMP>

2022-2023 Activities:

- Maintenance of large projects including the building at 3516 Parc
- Tenant mobilization around the future of the old Royal Victoria Hospital through the conducting of a demand study about community usage of the site, as well as community mobilization for the Mohawk Mothers' Royal Victoria campaign, and followed through by organizing rallies, publishing declarations of support, and promoting actions organized by the Mohawk Mothers.
- We lend regular support to the SLAM/MATU, the Montreal Autonomous Tenants' Union, recently established to build tenant power against exploitative landlords and improve living conditions. We organise reading groups, educational events, co-host meetings, support the organisation of actions such as against the major neighbourhood landlord COGIR.
- We have also organised walking tours about neighbourhood struggles (past and present) and community housing in Milton Parc.
- Our community picnics were organised involving discussions around different social/political themes (such as mutual aid and homelessness, sustainability, union building, Lucia Kowaluk Day, World Environment Day, and our Annual General Meeting). These events also included food, entertainment, and Inuit art workshops by local Inuk artists, were a success.
- Our mutual aid initiatives included, among other things, callouts for requested donations and manual help (for example, some people in the neighbourhood needed help shoveling driveways), a clothing swap, and our vegetable gardens as well as the successful establishment of the Milton-Park Food Bank.
- We followed through with intentions to contribute to community news bulletins by contributing funding and support to help re-launch our community newspaper La Lucarne in 2024 that has experienced a significant lack of support and funding recently.

Circlez

Circles is a discussion group for black people to discuss among themselves about issues that they face inside of their communities but don't find enough spaces to address these issues deeply. The conversations will be filmed in order to use it as an education tool. Conversations will be filmed and recorded with the consent of the participants. These discussions have the intent to build community outside of moments of reactions due to antiblackness incidents happening in Montreal and Quebec.

2022-2023 Activities:

- Our project is an annual event which occurs in the beginning of the year. We have completed our project by broadcasting our show on youtube on the January 31st. It was a 36 minute long show of humoristic skits. The event was totally online.
 - The production and videoshootings happened during the fall of 2022 from Nov 14th to December 22nd. We had 12 days of shooting for 10 skits
 - We had 9 comedians in total. One sound recordist, one cameraperson, the rest of the roles were shared among the production team. (i.e. costumes, set, assistance, sound and video editing, music composition, directing, writing, marketing, catering, coordination)
 - The writing process started in October and ended in December.
 - The coordination and production meetings happened between September 2022 and January 2023.
 - Our total budget was \$7075,52
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Convergence des luttes anticapitalistes (CLAC)

The Convergence des luttes anticapitalistes (CLAC) is a coordination space for the radical anticapitalist community in Montreal. The CLAC's mandate is to distributed anticapitalist information through the organization of campaigns and protests, including the annual anticapitalist MayDay protest. The CLAC is explicitly an anticapitalist, antipatriarchal, anti authoritarian and anticolonialist space.

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twitter.com/CLACMontreal

2022-2023 Activities:

- *Jumpstarted the opposition to the COP28 conference in Montreal, which led to the founding of the new and independent "Rage Climtique" collective*
 - *Helped organize the May 1st anticapitalist demonstration*
 - *Restarted the Legal Committee which assists people arrested during anticapitalist actions*
 - *And many more!*
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École Sans Police

Ecole Sans Police (ESP) is one of the committees of the larger Defund the SPVM initiative, which was founded at the same time as movements worldwide began after the protests against the police murder of George Floyd in May 2020. ESP is a group made up of parents, researchers, educators, and activists.

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2022-2023 Activities:

- *École Sans Police members met between 3-4 times a month to coordinate our events, strategize, and plan for the 2022-2023 year, with the exception of the summer of 2023, when our members all took breaks.*
 - *Workshops at Programme Mile End High (09/xx/22)*
 - *Akira de Carlos gave workshops on what community safety and schools without policing look like at Programme Mile End High.*
 - *Press conference on equipe-école program (09/29/22)*
 - *ESP held a press conference in collaboration with Café jeunesse in Montréal Nord condemning the newly announced équipe-école program in Montréal schools and called for the halt of policing in schools.*
 - *École sans police Community Meeting #1 (10/06/22)*
 - *ESP held a community meeting to discuss what the community response to the équipe-école should be.*
 - *École sans police x SCPASA (10/07/22)*
 - *Rain from ESP held a workshop with the School of Community and Public Affairs Student Association on policing in schools.*
 - *École sans police – Defunding 101 for SSMU (11/06/22)*
 - *Rain and Miraf from ESP held a workshop on what Defunding means in the student context for the Students Society of McGill University.*
 - *École sans police Community Meeting #2 (11/10/22)*
 - *The second community meeting held by ESP to discuss taking action against the équipe-école program with the community.*
 - *Justice for Nicous Committee + Demo (01/06/23 - 02/10/23)*
 - *ESP helped to coordinate the protest following Nicous D'Andre Spring's death in the Bordeaux prison on Dec. 24, 2022.*
 - *École sans police – McGill Law (03/21/23)*
 - *Rain from ESP gave a talk for a class at the Faculty of Law at McGill.*
 - *École sans police CDN/NDG Policing and Racism in Schools Townhall (04/15/23)*
 - *École sans police townhall on racism and policing in schools in the CDN/NDG borough*
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Food Against Fascism

Food Against Fascism is a food security project run by a collective of antiracists and antifascists. We distribute home cooked, healthy meals to people in need, as well as offer solidarity servings to like-minded organizations and collectives. If you want to volunteer with us, or if you want us to cook for your event, contact foodagainstfascism@gmail.com.

foodagainstfascism@gmail.com

www.facebook.com/bouffecontrele fascisme

2022-2023 Activities:

Aside from regularly serving free food near De l'église metro station every Saturday afternoon, we have

also provided free catering for a variety of political events and demonstrations. Such caterings have included the Montreal Antifasciste ARA booklaunch, fundraising for San Cristobal Mexico anarchist collective at Noise not Borders, serving hot dogs and snacks at the annual pan PIRG picnic, providing coffee and snacks while opposing the far right anti drag queen storytime protest, catering for climate activist event, etc.

La Grange Farm Collective

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 beyond organic, local food and medicine.

lagrangefarmprojectmtl@gmail.com

www.facebook.com/La-Grange-Farm-1478465339056267/

2022-2023 Activities:

We tended to our garden and started our next round of herbal CSA registrations. This year participants will receive 4 baskets each with 5 herbal remedies. We redistributed over \$1300 dollars to various land back initiatives. We also grew over 1000 garlics (3 different varieties) which will start to sell in September. Funds raised will be redistributed back into the community. We also had the City Farm School visit our garden as part of their summer cohorts curriculum.

La Mandragore, bibliothèque féministe queer

La Mandragore est une bibliothèque féministe queer située à Hochelaga-Maisonneuve. Avec plus de 300 titres queer et féministes qui ne reproduisent pas les stéréotypes sexistes et qui proposent des alternatives aux constructions binaires du genre. Nous organisons des ateliers et des événements gratuits dans une perspective anticoloniale, antiraciste et anticapitaliste.

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www.instagram.com/bibliotheque_mandragore

2022-2023 Activities:

On a organisé de nombreux événements depuis les débuts de la mandragore, notamment des cercles de lectures, des ateliers d'écritures, des projections, des soirées micro-ouvert, des fêtes. On a aussi collaboré avec nombreux groupes alliés pour s'épauler dans nos initiatives, comme le festival contre la gentrification, la marche contre les féminicides etc. Since the spring of 2016, the library has opened its doors, weekly, in

order to make the space more accessible and allow more people to be able to rent books. At the start of each season, flyers and posters are created and widely distributed as to make public the dates of our events. The Mandragore has a facebook page on which we present our project and keep in touch with the Mandragore community. We also have a newsletter so not to exclude people who don't use social media. Finally, we have a website where an online catalogue of books is available. www.lamandragore.xyz We would also commit to publicizing our affiliation with QPIRG on our website and flyers.

Projet Lichen Project

Research, advocacy and support for queer & trans survivors of CSA (childhood sexual abuse). Recherche, sensibilisation et soutien pour survivant.es queer & trans d'ASE (abus sexuels dans l'enfance)

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2022-2023 Activities:

Discretionary funds for queer & trans survivors of childhood sexual abuse

Montreal Anarchist Bookfair Collective

The Montreal Anarchist Bookfair, brings together anarchist ideas and practice, through words, images, music, theatre, and day-to-day struggles for justice, dignity, and collective liberation. The Bookfair is 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!

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www.anarchistbookfair.ca

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www.twitter.com/AnarchyBookfair

2022-2023 Activities:

We organize the annual Montreal Anarchist Bookfair in the month of May. This is the largest anarchist book fair in North America. The bookfair started in 1999. We are a returning working group. This will be our sixth year as a working group.

In the past, our core projects have been organizing the Montreal Anarchist Bookfair as well as the Festival of Anarchy. Two years ago, we took a step back from preparing the event schedule for the Festival, and redirected submissions to Résistance Montréal to be included in their monthly Calendar of Anarchy. In

2023, we also organized a grief space for people to access throughout the bookfair.

Open Door Books

Open Door Books (ODB) 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, ableism, and colonialism.

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[Opendoorbooks.wordpress.com](https://opendoorbooks.wordpress.com)

www.facebook.com/odbmontreal

2022-2023 Activities:

29 years old. Our purpose is to send reading material to prison libraries and prisoners. We are an abolitionist group who believe that prisoners have a fundamental right to information and pleasure that is often denied. This year has been really quiet for us! But in the past we've run book sales, spoken to Canadian national news, and helped prisoners solve health problems that were going untreated. Broadly, [the issue we focus on is] the right of every person specifically prisoners to information and entertainment. Our plans are to re-build our volunteer base which has become nonexistent.

Pan Asian Collective

PAC began as a group to aim to fill a gap in the Tio'tia:ke/Montreal community by creating an intersectional space meant for Pan-Asian support, education and solidarity. We have a mandate that is anti-patriarchal and intersectionally feminist, anti-racist, anti-colourist, anti-colonial, anti-ableist, anti-classist, body-positive, queer-positive and trans-positive. We are not bound by a national identity, rather a common experience that comes with being racialized as Asian. We aim to continue building and growing a community space for Pan-Asian people who have otherwise not found their space in predominant Asian spaces in North America.

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<https://www.instagram.com/pacmtl/>

<https://www.facebook.com/pacmontreal/>

2022-2023 Activities:

We have done a recruitment drive to increase collective capacity, have continued some of our old event series and have done a few new ones!

List of events this past year:

- *PAC Picnics - We did one last late August and one this past June for Pride Month! It was great to see new people coming to join our community and have a fun time in the grass together:)*

- *ABG (Asian Book Group) - met and discussed many books written by Asian authors this past year, such as Crying in H Mart by Michelle Zauner, I Hope We Choose Love by Kai Cheng Thom, Brightlines by Tanwi Nandini Islam and more.*
 - *Basics of Indian Cooking - Instagram Live event where our community member Lavanya taught how to make Vegetable Pulao at home!*
 - *Queering Cinema - A screening of Queer Asian independent short films event organized in collaboration with Y4Y Quebec held at Le Frigo Vert on March 11th, 2023*
 - *Un(PAC)k: Digital Diaspora at the Spring into Action event series by QPIRG McGill - a discussion circle about finding identity in the digital diaspora and held at Bar Milton Parc on March 15th 2023.*
 - *Internal Practices For Non-hierarchical Collectives discussion series in collaboration with QPIRG Concordia from May 30th onwards*
 - *Bike with PAC on August 13th, 2023, along the Lachine Canal.*
 - *Interwoven: a Pan Asian Artists' Market - postponed due to rain to this fall*
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Prisoners Correspondence Project

The Prisoner Correspondence Project is a solidarity project for gay, lesbian, transsexual, transgender, gendervariant, two-spirit, intersex, bisexual and queer prisoners in Canada and the United States, linking them with people a part of these same communities outside of prison.

info@prisoner Correspondence Project.com
www.prisoner Correspondence Project.com
www.facebook.com/prisoner Correspondence Project

2022-2023 Activities:

- *Recruited more volunteers finally!*
- *Held semi-regular monthly resource blitzes*
- *Transcription blitz in April 2023*
- *Launched our new website and donation platform*
- *Developed and presented a new workshop, "Seeking Queer Penpals", for Brûlances, ACCM, and Perverscité*
- *Logistics visioning in February*
- *Designed and printed stickers and posters for fundraising*
- *Newsletter mailout in Nov 2022*
- *Holiday card mailout in Dec 2022*
- *Added a bunch of new resources to our resource library*
- *Working on submitting our old letters to gay archives in Canada*
- *Gave guest lecture at Toronto Metropolitan University*
- *Tabled at the Anarchist Bookfair, Defund Police Festival, and Pride's Community Days (supposed to do Prisoner Justice Day as well but got rained out)*
- *Attended P!nk Bloc discussion w/ Escaping Tomorrow's Cages*
- *Received media coverage from Xtra Magazine*
- *Wrestled with move of many American states to Digital Mailing Centres (mail no longer gets delivered*

to the actual person, but is sent to a central location and then scanned - v annoying!)

- *Replied to hundreds and hundreds of letters and sent out thousands and thousands of pages*
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Queer Survival Project / Projet de survie queer

Le Queer Survival Project offre des sorties de survie en forêt destinées aux personnes non-hommes cis qui n'ont pas d'accès à la nature. À travers des ateliers d'interprétation, de reconnaissance géographique, de mécanique, de cueillette et plus, les participant·e·s sont invité·e·s à explorer leurs liens intimes et collectifs avec la nature dans une perspective anticapitaliste, décoloniale et horizontale.

2022-2023 Activities:

- *Plusieurs formations des membres du groupe en survie/ outdoors (Les primitifs, un goût de forêt, herboristerie)*
 - *Achat de matériel de plein air*
 - *Rencontres de professionnel.le.s et formateur.ice.s pour collaborations futures*
 - *Recherches, rencontres du groupe et idéation*
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Pride Therapy Network

The Pride Therapy Network of Montreal is a collective of independent mental health practitioners who strive to offer culturally informed and accessible services to LGBTQ2IA+ communities. Members of our network are committed to working from anti-oppressive, holistic and intersectional approaches that affirm LGBTQ2IA+ lived experiences, relationships and identities.

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www.pridetherapynetworkmontreal.com

www.facebook.com/PrideTherapyNetworkMontreal

www.instagram.com/pride_therapy_network_montreal

2022-2023 Activities:

We continued to focus on keeping the organization operating and providing support to members. We held onboarding trainings over the course of the spring and summer, and updated our website to better represent our activity.

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 one of two federal prisons 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 our incarcerated members to community resources which may help re-integration into society upon release from prison.

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2022-2023 Activities:

- We continued weekly meetings at the Federal Training Centre Multi-Level.
- We continued once a month meetings at Frigo for outside members.
- We hosted two workshop series at the prison on silkscreening where people got to make shirts.
- We also facilitated a member on parole to come back to a series of inside meetings to talk about what it was like to get parole.
- We played a big role in the organizing of the Montreal Prisoner Justice Day event, which was ultimately cancelled last minute due to bad weather, but several speeches still happened as part of the PJD TV Broadcast on Facebook.

South Asian Diaspora Action Collective (SADAC)

SADAC (South Asian Diaspora Action Collective) is a grassroots group based in Tio'tia:ke (Montreal) who act in solidarity with the struggles of various oppressed groups, activists, movements and peoples in the sub-continent and here in our communities. Our work is rooted in the fight for a secular South Asia, free of poverty, casteism, the suppression of indigenous people's rights, and other social injustices. We also aim to combat the spread and rise of far-right, fascist ideology in South-Asia and here in Canada, and connect the fight against Hindutva ideology with the fight against fascism in Canada and globally. We are engaged with the South-Asian diasporic community in Montreal on various issues including housing, labour, migrant and other related issues.

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2022-2023 Activities:

- *VIGIL – Solidarity with Pakistani Christians (SAT, SEP 2, 2023, Place de la Gare-Jean-Talon · Montréal)*
- *Arrêtons la déportation de Monsieur S. demain (THU, AUG 31, 2023)*
- *Stoppons la déportation de mon mari / Stop My Husband's Deportation (MON, AUG 28, 2023)*
- *All out against fascism – Defend Democracy in India & Protest the rise of Hindutva groups in Canada 220 Elgin St · Ottawa (SUN, AUG 20, 2023)*
- *STOP THE DEPORTATION - Letter writing and art making in support of Rajvinder Kaur and Randhir Singh (Place de la Gare-Jean-Talon · Montréal (WED, AUG 9, 2023))*
- *Call to Action: Stop Deportation of Elderly Montreal Couple - Rajvinder Kaur and Randhir Singh (3175 Rue St-Jacques, Montréal, QC H4C 1G7, Canada · Montréal (MON, AUG 7, 2023))*
- *Join us to flyer & poster - All out against fascism in India & its proliferation here (Place de la Gare-Jean-Talon · Montréal (SAT, AUG 5, 2023))*

SideTracks Collective

SideTracks is a collective of activists and artists working within an anti-oppression framework toward social and economic transformation. We share skills and resources to create art in the spirit of self-representation and revolution while making screenprinting accessible to groups working towards social change and transformation – namely those working within an anti-racist & 2sLGBTQIA+ inclusive framework – and offering an affordable space for emerging artists to develop their artistic practice.

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2022-2023 Activities:

We achieved multiple projects - such as printing shirts for community groups such as Queer Boxing Club, Young Roots Farm, Prisoners Justice Day etc. We gave bi-weekly 101 workshops for free or sliding scale basis, we gave workshops at Farm and Wilderness Camp and many more.

In march we lost our studio space at Bâtiment 7 due to a significant increase of the rent (doubled). We have since moved into a temporary location that is inaccessible for the public, but been able to continue our activities through giving workshops outside or at the location of the participating group.

Since July we are actively looking and visiting multiple spaces - we are currently waiting on confirming 2 potential spaces.

Solidarity Across Borders

Solidarity Across Borders is a migrant justice network based in Montreal, active since 2003. We are comprised of migrants and supporters, and we organize together to support individuals and families who are confronting an unjust immigration and refugee system. We engage in popular education, support work, as well as political mobilizations, including demonstrations, pickets, delegations, and direct actions.

Our main demands are an end to deportations, detentions and double punishment, and support for a full, comprehensive and ongoing regularization program (ie. Status for All!). We also actively campaign to build a Solidarity City, the creation of a community that rejects a system that engenders poverty and anguish, not solely for immigrants and refugees, but also for other Montrealers confronting these same realities.

We support open borders and the free movement of people seeking justice and dignity, meaning freedom to move, freedom to return, and the freedom to stay.

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2022-2023 Activities:

Via our Mutual Aid Fund, we provided direct, emergency support for basic needs like food, shelter and medication to approximately 75 migrant families per month. Many of those who received support became politically active in our networks in other ways. - Our Anti-Detention committee continued to support migrants detained in the Laval migrant prison, while also fighting to ultimately end immigration detention. Support for those inside came in the form of accompaniment, assistance navigating the immigration system and efforts to gain release, provision of essentials like toiletries and phone cards as well as emotional support and breaking of isolation

- *There is currently a hunger strike at the Laval migrant prison. We encourage everyone to support hunger strikers via our call-to-action: <https://bit.ly/3Ri4eUS>*
- *Our Status-for-All committee, led by directly-affected members of SAB, continued to push for widespread regularization. The committee organized a number of events and actions this year, including:*
- *All Night Camp for Status: Camp in front of the Refugee Board to demand a fully inclusive regularization programme*
- *Jam the Lines for Status for All*
- *March For Status For All and Against Deportations & Detentions*
- *Manifet fête de danse: Régularisation pour tou.t.es sans exception ni discrimination*
- *And others...*
- *Our work for Status for All was also part of a larger national campaign via our membership in the Migrant Rights Network*
- *We successfully organized against the deportation and separation from his family of “Mr. S” this August*
- *We continued to engage in popular education initiatives*
- *We continued to provide support for migrants to regularize their status via the filing of Humanitarian and Compassionate applications for permanent residency*

Traps-Mtl

TRAPS is a separatist collective by and for trans*, transsexual, transvestite trans fem and trans women from 2022. Our organization calls to resist and take action against transmisogyny, transphobia, capitalism, colonialism, racism, ableism and this society that wants us dead, or in the closet. We are convinced that organizing autonomously is a necessity and a warning to a revolutionary left who silences us in the name of a unity, which reflects nothing but its transmisogyny.

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2022-2023 Activities:

- *We participated to different marches and demonstrations.*
- *We did a multiple workshops (self-defense, anti-oppression, etc) and social activities (bbq, dinner and teas) for transfem.*

- *We also have a mutual aid fund now and our first zine out!*
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Caring for Social Justice

Le collectif Soignons la justice sociale vise un accès aux soins de santé digne pour tou-tes. Par la mobilisation, l'éducation populaire et la diffusion d'informations, entre autres, nous militons pour un système de soins fondé sur une vision solidaire et communautaire de la santé ancrée dans une perspective de justice sociale.

Soignonslajusticesociale.ca
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<https://twitter.com/CollectifSJS>

The 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, Toronto and New York City, with the support of 3 political prisoners in New York State. We work with an anti-imperialist, anti-racist, feminist, queer- and trans-liberationist perspective to help free our movement's political prisoners.

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<https://www.facebook.com/certaindays>

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.

Childcarecollective.wordpress.com
childcarecollective@riseup.net

Équipe Sonore / Soundteam

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 distribute and share 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.

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Game Workers Unite Montreal

GWU Montréal is the Montréal chapter of Game Workers Unite, an international grassroots movement and organization that seeks to connect pro-union activists, exploited workers, and allies in the name of building a unionized game industry. We aim to achieve better working conditions, recognition, and mutual support for Montréal's game workers.

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Taking What We Need

Taking What We Need is an informal collective organizing to fight for the lives of our sisters and ourselves. We acknowledge and abhor the reality that many transfeminine people face on a daily basis, falling at the intersections of poverty, racism, misogyny, social isolation, and colonial violence. Taking What We Need's primary mission is to empower our sisters through discretionary funding and build solidarity within our community by collectively resisting transmisogyny.

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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, demonstrations and radical art projects.

The 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 \$700 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 2022 to August 2023, the Board of Directors made discretionary decisions usually once per month, allocating roughly \$2000 per session. In addition to discretionary funding, groups will sometimes 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:

- Defund the SPVM *discretionary funds*
- BIPOC burlesque performers *discretionary funds*
- Archives gaies du Québec *discretionary funds*
- Young Roots Farm: Farm & Wilderness Camp discretionary fund
- Mtl Street Medic Collective *discretionary funds*
- CEED Concordia *discretionary funds*
- Conflict Resolution Training for Community Orgs *discretionary funds*
- IWA *discretionary funds*
- Collectif Le Récif *discretionary funds*
- rising from our roots *discretionary funds*
- Montreal Citizen Summit *discretionary funds*
- 2022 Yellow Door Benefit Dinner *discretionary fund*
- Week of Radical Queer Events in March 2023, by P!NK BLOC Montréal *discretionary funds*
- ASTTeQ for Red Light District Gala event *discretionary funds*
- Comm-un La restive *discretionary funds*
- Justice-Centered Rehab *discretionary funds*
- Culture Shock *discretionary funds*
- Hands Performance workshop *discretionary funds*
- Constellations: a benefit concert for Black Healing Fund *discretionary funds*
- La restive *discretionary funds*
- Indigenous AIDS Awareness Week *discretionary funds*
- Litrato at Tula Workshops and Exhibit *discretionary funds*
- Earthbound Futures *discretionary funds*
- DIRA *discretionary funds*
- Coopérative Monde Uni *discretionary funds*
- Projet Accompagnement Solidarité Colombie *discretionary funds*
- Comité anti-détention de SAB *discretionary funds*
- Camp Amy Molson's Young Root's Farm *discretionary funds*
- Muslim Student Association of Concordia / IAW *discretionary funds*
- "Commensality: The Dinner Party Exhibition" *discretionary funds*
- Parole aux fourmis *discretionary funds*
- Mental Health Matters Mural- a Press Start and Under Pressure collaboration with HAKS 180 and Cedar Eve *discretionary funds*
- Milton Park / Notman Gardens *discretionary funds*
- Milton Park / Park Avenue *discretionary funds*
- Black Mental Health Connections *discretionary funds*
- trans * community dinner *discretionary funds*
- Voulez-Vous Productions *discretionary funds*
- Sydney Sheedy + peers *discretionary funds*
- Maxim Baru *discretionary funds*
- Montreal South Asian Queer History project *discretionary funds*
- Solidarité sans frontières - Status for All Committee *discretionary funds*
- Heartbeast *discretionary funds*
- The Food Forest Project *discretionary funds*
- Mega crafters emporium *discretionary funds*
- Garden of Gender Euphoria *discretionary funds*
- "Breaking Barriers & Building Solidarity Across Disciplines" *discretionary funds*
- Oras de Peligro film screening *discretionary funds*
- Concordia Underground Tours *discretionary funds*
- Rock Camp Montreal) *discretionary funds*
- LPVRxCritical Mass Event *discretionary funds*
- BMP Solidarity Cooperative *discretionary funds*
- Pervers/Cité *discretionary funds*
- Defund la Police Festival *discretionary funds*
- Black Healing Centre *discretionary funds*
- SPHR Concordia *discretionary funds*
- SCPA301 - Panel on Climate Change *photocopies*
- Wars and Refugees - Seeing the bigger picture *photocopies*
- Arwa Al Afandi *photocopies*

Financial Report

This year we unfortunately had additional delays in catching up on completing audits for the past few years. However, we are now working with new accountants, Dan Lacroix and Fanie Blais at General Ledjah Accounting and are on our way to getting our financial reporting and audits completed. We will upload all audits and annual financial statements to our website as soon as they are complete. Any questions or concerns about QPIRG's finances can be directed to wade@qpirgconcordia.org.





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