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# **BARRIERE LAKE SOLIDARITY**

## **Annual Report 2014-2015**

BLS is a volunteer collective that supports Barriere Lake, an Algonquin community 4 hours north of Montreal, which has been trying to regain control over their traditional territories, protect their forests from clear-cut logging, and fend off the Canadian government's interference in their traditional governance system. They do popular education, organize demonstrations and direct action, and are developing a community radio station on the reserve.

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In the past year, Barriere Lake Solidarity (BLS) has assisted the Algonquins of Barriere Lake on several fronts: raising awareness of the community's struggle, media outreach, managing donations including emergency food relief, reintegration into the Algonquin Nation Secretariat, and participation in AFNQL Chief's Assembly.

### **EVENTS**

Honour Your Word, a documentary by Martha Stiegman that portrays life behind the barricades for the Algonquins of Barriere Lake, continued being used as an educational tool. The films were screened several times in the past year in Toronto, Ottawa and Halifax followed by discussions with community representatives, BLS members and the filmmaker.

Last August, ABL community spokespeople took part in two events BLS organized at the first Peoples Social Forum held in Ottawa: a screening of Honour Your Word documentary, which we co-hosted with Cinema Politica; and a workshop on the Barriere Lake-Canada-Quebec's Trilateral Agreement and Onakinakewin (ABL's customary governance code).

A week before Christmas, we learned that 28 families in the community have not received their social assistance for 3-6 months. In response to a request from the Chief, we issued an emergency callout to the public asking for food and money donations to support these families, as well as writing to the federal government demanding immediate release of the overdue social assistance. Soon after the callout went viral in the social media, we received overwhelming donations enough to provide food to all these families over the winter. Most of the families began receiving their payments a couple of days before Christmas.

### **LEGAL AND POLITICAL ACTIONS**

As part of the community's long fight for their self-determination, on January 30, the Chief and Council for the Algonquins of Barriere Lake filed a lawsuit against Canada and the community's past and present third party managers, BDO Canada LLP and Hartel Financial Management Corporation. BLS helped translated a press release for this important legal case (and many other press releases and documents) into French in order to reach out to people across the country, esp. in Quebec.

Since last summer, ABL have gradually reintegrated back into the Algonquin Nation Secretariat, which includes 3 other Algonquin communities: Wolf Lake, Eagle Village and Timiskaming. With funding from QPIRG-McGill and other donations, we were able to assist community members attendance at a general assembly hosted by the Secretariat at the end of August, as well as workshops and discussions concerning resource co-management and land claim issues throughout the fall and winter.

Last week, we (QPIRG-McGill and BLS) supported the chief's attendance in the AFNQL's Chief's Assembly

in Quebec City by making funds available for his travel. This was an important strategic opportunity as an important discussion was taking place during the assembly that could have undermined ABL's agreements with the Quebec government.

## **FINANCES**

Finally, we had a serious problem with our PayPal account for online donations to the community. Due to a complaint from an unknown source associated with the Canadian government on December 23 2014, PayPal requested us to provide additional information to prove our legal non-profit identity. The account was frozen and they indicated we could not access donated funds in the account until they were satisfied with the information we provided. PayPal later denied that the Canadian government was involved in this process claiming that it was their standard process to "know your customer".

With QPIRG-McGill's help, we provided a letter stating our working group status with QPIRG-McGill, and a recent financial audited statement to PayPal. However, PayPal insisted on more information. After several attempts to resolve this issue on the phone with them without success, we decided to return the remaining funds in the account to our donors with a letter of explanation and issued a communique exposing this incident through social media.

Our communications strategy was effective thanks to the power of social media and the strong support of QPIRG-McGill, esp. Kama Maureemootoo. Immediately after the communique was published, Paypal unfroze our account and offered us a credit of the total amount we had refunded to our donors.

On March 16, the remaining funds from our Paypal account were transferred to QPIRG-McGill's account as per the community's decision to entrust QPIRG-McGill for managing their online donations. Interestingly, when we proceeded to close the BLS PayPal account on March 31, we found our account frozen again for additional information to confirm our identity. Therefore, the account has not been fully closed but all donations are being directed to the QPRIG-McGill account.

## **COMMUNITY-UNIVERSITY TALKS**

### **Annual Report 2014-2015**

C-UniT is a multidisciplinary collective of students and community members committed to the pursuit of accessible education informed by anti-colonial and critical race discourses. Our mission is to create spaces for dialogue between members of the Montreal Black community and members of the McGill community, in which the diversity of experiences and strengths of Black communities are centered.

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The C-Uni-T co-ordinator initiated a survey of members in Aug. 2014 asking questions about the collective's status (e.g. should we continue to apply for QPIRG working group status), if we should continue to attempt to build our bilingualism, how often we should meet, about projects that people were interested in pursuing, and roles that members were able to commit to fulfilling. Seventeen members including the co-ordinator participated. C-Uni-T held a planning meeting in September and discussed the results of the survey (which were also sent out to all participants) and set up a plan for the year. Regular informal gatherings were organized during the fall and winter semesters by collective member Kai Thomas. C-Uni-T also became a working group of QPIRG-Concordia this year, and several gatherings were held in the QPIRG-C space.

## **ENDORSEMENTS**

YES vote in the QPIRG McGill referendum (February 25th- March 2nd, 2015); Israeli Apartheid Week (March 8-17th 2015)

## **ACTIVITIES**

### **Interview with Scott Neigh of Talking Radical Radio: rosalind (Nov. 5th, 2014).**

See <http://rabble.ca/podcasts/shows/talking-radical-radio/2014/11/bringing-together-black-students-scholars-and-communiti>

### **Afro to the future: Pathways to liberation—A conversation on Afrofuturism (Nov. 9th 2014)**

C-UniT co-sponsored this event, which was organized and hosted by Studio XX as part of their HTMlles Festival. C-Uni-T assisted in finding panellists and promoting the event, and several of our members attended.

### **Prisoner story-sharing project (ongoing)**

Project coordinators: Elena Stoodley and Kai Thomas

Working in collaboration with DESTA Kai and Elena have gathered testimonies from Black inmates and former inmates about their lives and the realities inside. The project involves the creation of a dynamic audio document that can be used in order to raise awareness, education, and discussion about the intersections of race and incarceration in Canada. Elena and Kai presented a sound art piece of this project on a panel about “Prisons, Policing and Marginalized Identities” on March 22nd, 2015 as part of Study in Action.

\*This project is ongoing, with a potential podcast series produced in collaboration with CBC Montreal and Radio Canada. Interviews are ongoing with new participants, and a potential collaboration with several community radio stations in Montreal.

### **Anthony Stewart visit (January 15-18th 2015)**

Project coordinators: rosalind hampton and Leron Lewis; with support and in-kind co- sponsorship from McGill residences via Cora-Lee Conway and Emily Yee Clare.

C-Uni-T brought Dr. Anthony Stewart from Bucknell University for three days. All three events drew large and enthusiastic audiences, testimony to the importance of Dr. Stewart’s work and how deeply it resonates for many students, academics and community members. On Saturday (the 17th), Dr. Stewart was interviewed by C-Uni-T members Kai Thomas and Radney Jean Claude for CJLO radio, spoke and gave a book signing at Paragraphe Bookstore in the afternoon and finally, joined members of C-Uni-T for dinner that evening.

### **Afro-futurism workshop with Sharrae Lyon (February 5-8th 2015)**

Project coordinators: Chris Vaughn, Kai Thomas, Elena Stoodley

In collaboration with Dawson College CEGEP C-Uni-T hosted Afrofuturistic artist and facilitator Sharrae Lyon from February 5th to 8th, 2015. Sharrae blessed us with her presence and delivered two phenomenal “Alien Nation” workshops at Dawson, themed around science fiction and decolonial storytelling. The following day she participated in a panel on Afrofuturism, put on as part of a conference by McGill African Students Society.

### **EGSS conference panel (March 14th 2015): More than “a big liberal hug”: Why Racial Literacy Matters (organized by rosalind hampton).**

Panellists: rosalind hampton, Leron Lewis, Kai Thomas, and Michelle Hartman

A panel about racial literacy, an essential concept in critical race theory as well as in reference to the skills that parents must teach their racialized children. Panellists will examine racial literacy in Québec and Canadian school contexts, from the perspectives of students, educators and parents of Black children.

### **Annual talk forum, dinner and film screening (forthcoming, week of April 20th)**

We are hoping to not only eat but to cook our dinner together this year which will change the venue from those used in previous years to accommodate access to a kitchen. We will have an open discussion about community organizing and the future of C-Uni-T followed by a screening of Black and Cuba.

**BCSA biennial conference (forthcoming, May 21-24th)**

The BCSA conference will be held in Halifax and several C-Uni-T members have submitted proposals and hope to attend.

## **DEMILITARIZE MCGILL**

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Demilitarize McGill organizes to interrupt the University's history of complicity in colonization and imperialist warfare by ending military collaboration at McGill. We are students and community members who use research, popular education and direct action to impede military research at McGill. We strive to be anti-hierarchical, anti-oppressive, and self-critical in our organizing. We welcome new members, new ideas, and any questions you might have!

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### **NEW WORKING GROUP**

Demilitarize McGill has had working group status at QPIRG-McGill for one year. We have been active in our current form since 2012, and organize to interrupt the McGill University's history of complicity in colonization and imperialist warfare by ending military collaboration at McGill. We aim to end all military activity at McGill, including but not limited to research funded by and benefitting military institutions, and recruitment or promotion on campus. In the short term, this might mean temporarily restricting the activities of a weapons laboratory, but in the long term, it means a complete end to economic, ideological, academic, and personal connections – direct or indirect – between the University and any arm of the military. The main tactics used to date against military collaboration at McGill have been research, popular education, and direct action.

We have benefitted immensely from the support of QPIRG-McGill this year. Having a source of financial support, a space to hold meetings, and access to a printer has been incredible! More importantly, however, the full-time QPIRG staff has been an invaluable source of knowledge and support. Throughout the year, people active with Demilitarize dedicated a lot of time to examining power dynamics “internal” to our organizing. QPIRG helped us access funding to pay an external facilitator for a facilitation and consensus decision making workshop. Additionally, the QPIRG-McGill staff facilitated an anti-oppression workshop and a full day visioning session during which the priorities and structure of the group as well as our internal dynamics, particularly along gendered and racialized lines, were discussed. These discussions have had varying degrees of success and are ongoing.

### **ACTIVITIES**

This year, many events and actions have taken place that challenged the feasibility of military research at McGill. In August and September, we drew attention to Prof. Donald Taylor's DRDC-funded unethical Psychology research designed to legitimize the racial profiling and criminalization of Somali-Canadians.

In September, we also held a walking tour of military research on campus during QPIRG's Rad Frosh. We also held a mock walking tour during McGill's Open House to inform prospective students of McGill's military collaborations.

In October, the Institute of Air and Space Law held a weeklong Strategic Space Law Program, equipping the U.S. Air Force and other military interests to establish weaponized control of space. Opponents of this conference held multiple protests to disrupt it throughout the week.

In November, opponents of military research were present at the Remembrance Day event on McGill campus to draw attention to the event's hypernationalism and selective mourning, as well as the often-erased harms enacted by the Canadian Forces.

December played host to an action against Professor Derek Ruths' social media research, as he is actively involved in developing technology, funded by Public Safety Canada, to surveil and control social networks – both online and in real-life.

In February, opponents of military research discovered that McGill Professors connected to the Shock Wave Physics Group had opened front companies in their homes to receive military explosives contracts free of even McGill's limited ethics restrictions. This information prompted a campaign aimed to inform the researchers' neighbours of the apparent presence of explosives infrastructure in their communities. That month we also began connecting our organizing explicitly to growing anti-austerity mobilization across the province, publishing articles in the *The McGill Daily* and doing lots of other media work to connect military collaboration to austerity measures. On February 25th we hosted a panel event called "No Canada: Intersectional Perspectives on Canadian State Violence," which was a huge success!

In March, the James Administration Building was shut down by a group of around 30 people on the morning of the 24th. Opponents of military research and austerity blocked access to the building starting at 7:45am and remained in place despite a heavy police presence on campus. March also featured the release of an infographic called "Demilitarizing McGill: Illustrated," designed to provide an accessible guide to the growing campaign against military collaboration on campus, and a Demilitarize McGill contingent at the International Women's Day march where 2 organizers spoke. We also participated in two Study in Action panels, talking about austerity and militarism, and feminism and anti-imperial organizing.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

Over the course of the year, we also published a zine called "Unredacted: What the McGillity doesn't want you to know," continued to research McGill's military collaborations, and had a consistent presence on campus, in media, and online. We have also worked on strengthening our connections to other campus groups, collaborating with more community groups, and doing more research on gendered recruitment and other aspects of militarism as they manifest on McGill campus. This year we also experimented with holding public assemblies as ways to openly discuss and gather support and input for the fight against military collaboration at McGill.

Moving forward, opponents of military research on campus will continue to research and publicize McGill's military collaborations. In particular, this summer we will take time to update our public materials and plan for the coming year. We plan to continue actively fighting military collaboration in all its forms throughout the summer and during the year, building our capacity through outreach on campus and in the community, and through collective care and conversation!

# **DIGNIDAD MIGRANTE**

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

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### **ACTIVITIES**

- We supported the organizing and opening of the Critical Observatory of Immigrants Human Rights.
- We did a public presentation of our migrant rights observatory in November 2014. This project remains ongoing.
- We participated and supported the development of the Journey of Decent Work in October.
- We collaborated with the Coalition Against Precarious Work in a rally in front of the office of the Minister of Immigration in February.
- We took part in the Canadian Refugees Council (CRC) meeting in Toronto last month, with two members representing us.
- We organized a human rights symposium at UQAM on March 12.
- We have been producing and will continue to produce our bi-weekly radio show, a forum for discussion and popular education about migrants' issues.
- This month we will take part of the Refugees Conciliation Table here in Montreal.
- In May, we will go to the next CRC meeting in Winnipeg to present at a workshop and support the dialogue about violence against immigrant women, deportation, and access to education for undocumented children. We have been documenting some cases to build and present a narrative about undocumented immigrants, deportation, and immigrant women's issues.
- We are still programming our activities for the summer. Our plans involve taking part in the annual status for all demonstrations, as well as other meetings and demonstrations supporting migrant communities like the Haitian community and their struggles against deportations.

### **CONTINUED WORK**

We will continue supporting and participating in the Coalition against Precarious Work, including the journeys against Austerity policies. This work will allow us to better document the experiences of immigrant workers and the human and labor rights violations they face in Montreal, and draw links between these issues and broader Austerity measures.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

One of our members is a student of McGill University, and we have others students been interested in our work. We are trying to work more closely with the McGill community.

# HOWL ARTS COLLECTIVE

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### NEW WORKING GROUP

Howl arts collective has been active in Montreal throughout the past year continuing our efforts to create connections and hold events that explore the connections between the arts and grassroots activism. Howl has primarily focused on musical events, however we have also hosted community discussions, been involved in street art projects and street actions. Also throughout the year we have continued to create independent, diy booklets / music releases, in various formats, including zines, cassettes and vinyl.

Events and activities that Howl organizes are focused on highlighting grassroots struggles for justice while as cultural workers we actively support these struggles through artistic expression. Also specifically the struggles that Howl supports are those often marginalized by mainstream political winds, particularly indigenous struggles for freedom and against colonization, a focus illustrated best by our long standing and ongoing collaboration with Missing Justice, among other projects.

### COLLABORATIONS

Howl has hosted and worked on all these activities in collaboration with a wide network of grassroots groups and organizations in the city, including Missing Justice, CKUT radio, Suoni per il Popolo, La Plante, Popolo Press, La Passe, Israeli Apartheid Week, Tadamon! collective, Anarchopanda pour la gratuité scolaire, the Collective Opposed to Police Brutality (COBP), Kalmunity Vibe Collective, Weird Canada, Jeunesse Cosmique, Cinema Politica and a wide network of people.

### UPCOMING WORK

Howl has many plans for the upcoming year. Our two major event series in the year are the festival that we organize during the last week of April, coming up between April 20-26, and then the fall event series that takes place in the last week of October, which will also take place this upcoming fall. In between these two events as a collective we host the type of events described above (grassroots concerts / community discussions / action), while our members of the collective continue to be widely involved with various struggles for justice in Montreal.

Thanks to QPIRG McGill for having us on as a working group. We hope to continue to work with and collaborate with QPIRG McGill and the wider student / community activist network that QPIRG is a part of. For this upcoming year Howl would like to collaborate more with QPIRG, as its our first year as a working group the connection and coordination between QPIRG McGill hosted event series and our work wasn't as strong as we hoped. For this upcoming year we hope that more collaboration and coordination can take place, we trust that this is totally possible as the relationship between Howl collectie and the QPIRG network deepens with time.

### ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

Sept. 5 - kaie kellough launches creole continuum @ O Patro Vys  
performances : Jason Sharp / Sam Shalabi (album launch for project released by Howl)  
Sept. 22 : Howl! Shalabi / Christoff quartets @ Casa del Popolo  
performances : Xarah Dion / Will Eizlini / Jérémi Roy / Pierre-Guy Blanchard



Oct. 10 : Howl! - Wire Tones ep launch! @ Casa del Popolo  
ep reflecting on the prison industrial complex in Canada  
with David Parker & Stefan Christoff, along with Fire Moss (Kingston)  
& Fred Bazil (tenor sax) Stephane Diamantakiou (contrabass)

Oct. 30 - Nov. 2 : Howl! — série d'événements d'automne / fall event series  
performances / community discussions / activist art fair  
@ le cagibi / casa del popolo / la sala rossa  
performances : Nick Kuepfer / Jason Blackbird Selman / Regards sur le 7e feu / Odaya  
groups / artists tabling : Howl Arts Collective / Four Minutes to Midnight / Decolonizing Street Art / Sarah Mangle / Freda Guttman / Popolo Press / Jeunesse Cosmique / La Presse du Chat Perdu / Imaging Apartheid / CKUT FM / Cinema Politica Network  
presentations : Adler Louis-Jean / Adler Louis-Jean / Emrical / Ted Rutland / Pascale Brunet

Nov. 6 : Flying Street - Sam Shalabi + Stefan Christoff album launch @ la sala rossa

Dec. 12 : Howl! — rêves sonores à Montréal album launch @ casa del popolo  
performances : Pacifique Bleu / Kyle Bobby Dunn / Michael Mucci / Nick Schofield & Stefan Christoff

Dec. 18 : Howl! — paysages sonores d'hiver à Montréal @ la plante  
performances : Sam Shalabi / Le Berger / Francesco De Gallo / Stefan Christoff & Joseph Sannicandro

Dec. 29 : Howl! — P6 legal defence benefit @ casa del popolo  
performances : Amir Amiri / Sarah Mangle / Gregory Burton / Jason Blackbird Selman / Norman Nawrocki / Marco Simonsen-Sereda / Stefan Christoff

Jan. 14 : Howl — nuit de musique et paysages sonores à la passe @ la passe  
performances : Tamara Filyavich / Félix-Antoine Morin / Saeed Kamjoo / Stefan Christoff

Feb. 6 : Howl! — artistes contre la brutalité policière I #blacklivesmatter @ la sala rossa  
performances : dArk mAAt'r / Sam Shalabi / Strange Fruits / Ricardo «Emrical» Lamour-Blaise

Feb. 9 : Howl! — concert d'hiver à Kaza Maza @ kaza maza  
performances : Mohamed Masmoud / Jérémie Roy / Xarah Dion / Stefan Christoff

Feb. 23 : Howl! — spectacle-bénéfice pour la passe ! @ la passe  
performances : elizabeth lima / geraldine eguiluz / anne drujon / norman nawrocki / stefan christoff / brique trio

Feb. 28 : Howl! — A Sacred Cloud / Anarchist Mountains ep launch @ la plante  
performances : A Sacred Cloud / Stefan Christoff

March 11 : Howl — Artists Against Apartheid @ la passe  
during Israeli Apartheid Week 2015  
performances : Tamara Filyavich / Amir Amiri / Sam Shalabi / Stefan Christoff + Roads Through Palestine (film by) Brett Story

All our respect and solidarity to all the amazing / inspiring work to struggle for social justice and against systems of oppression that takes place at QPIRG and throughout the networks of great activists that QPIRG is connected to!

solidarity ! -- Howl arts collective

# THE INDIGENOUS WOMEN AND TWO-SPIRIT HARM REDUCTION COALITION

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The Indigenous Women and 2-Spirit's Harm Reductive Coalition is a non-hierarchical Indigenous collective running under an Indigenous feminist framework. The collective provides free harm reductive resources, referrals and services to Aboriginal women and 2-Spirit peoples in Montreal via mail and email correspondence. Resources include a clean needle service, pregnancy tests, gloves, dental dams and condoms. We also provide resources and referrals around issues like sexual health, legal rights, access to low cost food, homelessness, sex work, criminalization, addiction and other issues which effect Indigenous peoples.

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The IW2SHRC has been working hard this year to get things off the ground for our in-person service days. As in the past, this has taken significantly longer than originally expected, partially because our most involved members are all holding down multiple jobs and going to school. However, we made some big steps forward and accomplished a lot.

### **WANISKÂTÂN NÎTISÂNITIK: INDIGENOUS FEMINIST AND TWO-SPIRIT RESISTANCE CONFERENCE**

Our waniskâtân nîtisânitik: Indigenous Feminist and Two-Spirit Resistance conference in September was a great success, with events at Concordia and the Kahnawake Youth Center. This gave us a chance to connect with and promote the work of the Native Youth Sexual Health Network, a group of committed Indigenous youth activists who help support and build capacity with organizations focused on harm reduction, reproductive and environmental justice, etc., as well as Walking With Our Sisters, Kwe Today, Reclaiming Turtle Island and the Kahnawake Youth Forum.

### **OTHER EVENTS**

We also gave workshops at several events, including several Harm Reduction 101s for McGill's Mental Health Awareness Week, a Decolonization NOT-101 for Culture Shock, Harm Reduction and Indigenous Feminisms at the Calgary Anarchist Bookfair, Two-Spirit Resistance and Indigenous Feminisms at the South House in Halifax, and more. We were also lucky enough to have the chance to attend the recent INCITE! Color of Violence 4 conference in Chicago, and present on harm reduction as decolonial praxis. We fundraised through an online campaign as well as a Queeraoke night, and were able to bring Amanda from Reclaiming Turtle island and Sasha from the Prisoner Correspondence Project with us. We also finalized our ordering process with Santé Publique and have had the opportunity to assess their harm reduction offerings and to look into alternatives for those that are not covered (such as dental dams and chap stick) or are inappropriate (some parts of the drug kits).

### **UPCOMING PROJECTS**

Our upcoming projects include putting together a public report back on the COV4 conference, completing a Decolonization zine for RezLife, finishing our Decolonization Handbook for QPIRG Concordia, and attending the Critical Ethnic Studies Association's Conference, entitled "Sovereignities and Colonialisms: Resisting Racism, Extraction and Dispossession," where we will be presenting with Reclaiming Turtle Island. We are

looking forward to spending the summer continuing to connect with other Indigenous organizations, finalizing and starting our service days, expanding our services and resources, and continuing to reach out to other community groups in Montréal.

Thanks to QPIRGs McGill and Concordia; the Boards; Kira, Kama, Noah, Christina, and Jaggi; as well as everyone who attended any of our events and/or helped us out this past year for your continued support. ay-ay mistahay!

## **KANATA** Annual Report 2014-2015

KANATA is dedicated to providing a safe space and avenue for dialogue with Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples on issues pertaining to Indigenous Culture in North America. We seek to expand Indigenous Studies at McGill by publishing student research papers, artwork, and other content on these topics in our Journal, creating a platform for interactive presentation and exchange in our Peer-to-Peer Conference, and lobbying for an official minor program in Indigenous studies.

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This year marks a historic first for KANATA, as it is the inaugural session of the McGill Institute for the Study of Canada's (MISC) minor program in Indigenous Studies.

Beyond the journal, KANATA acts as a space for students and other community members interested in these topics who are seeking out organizations and activist groups to get involved with in the McGill and larger Montreal community. This year, KANATA benefitted from the new minor program to recruit a strong team of new members and increase our fundraising initiatives, number of events, and average turnout, respectively.

### **EVENTS**

#### **Indigenous Awareness Week – September 2014**

Film Screening and discussion of Inuvunga: I am Inuk, I am Alive in collaboration with SEDE

Interacted with 35-40 guests about issues related to Quebec Inuit communities

Tabled at McGill's annual Pow-Wow to raise community awareness about KANATA

#### **March for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women – October 4th, 2014**

KANATA organized a group of McGill students in conjunction with McGill students for the New Democratic Party and Amnesty International McGill

Orchestrated in campus-wide callouts with information about the march to raise awareness in participation

#### **Anti-Colonial Feast – October 9th, 2014**

Assisted QPIRG McGill, QPIRG Concordia, and others at feast and lecture series held at the Native Friendship Centre of Montreal

Contributed a team of volunteers who assisted with setup, decoration, and serving food

Contributed a portion of the honorarium for speakers involved

#### **Oh Canada, our home on Native Land: Discussing Decolonization – November 6th, 2014**

Hosted a session with over 30 participants as part of QPIRG's Culture Shock

Partnered with Canadian Roots Exchange to lead a session unsettling Canada's legacies of colonialism

Session also included a drum circle of local performers and a smudge held outside the MISC

### **March for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women – February 14th, 2014**

See above

### **Performance Night – February 25th, 2015**

Evening of spoken word, rap, and folk music by Indigenous and non-Indigenous artists held independently of QPIRG's Social Justice Days at Le Cagibi (5940 Saint-Laurent)

Fundraised to cover honorarium for performers

### **Public Forum on Changing the name of the McGill Redmen**

Held in collaboration with First Peoples' House, Our Co-coordinator, Chris Gismondi, presented a lecture on the problematic history of McGill's athletic mascot and the pejorative association with Indigeneity

We hope for this to be the beginning of a campaign to work with McGill athletics and other groups on campus to change the name to the gender neutral "Martlet" moniker

### **FIFEQ Film Screening – March 19th, 2015**

Participated in a film screening event during FIFEQ at L'Alizé (900 Ontario E) in which two films were shown, Controversies and Pine Ridge

Facilitated a brief discussion after Pine Ridge about the experience of Indigenous peoples in Canada and the United States

### **Journal Launch – April 9th 2015**

Each year this constitutes are biggest event. This year promises to be our most successful publication to date, as a major fundraising campaign has made it possible to accept more student content than ever before.

The event will include local Indigenous and non-Indigenous performers, speeches by KANATA members and new faculty members associated with the Indigenous studies minor, a raffle, and food and beverages.

## **OTHER CAMPUS PARTICIPATION**

While we have underlined the names of several of KANATA's 2014-2015 partnerships above, our organization continued efforts both to preserve and expand our relationship with other like-minded organizations at McGill as well.

We continued to work in close collaboration with SEDE and MISC. KANATA sent volunteers to several MISC events to raise awareness about our projects and the new minor program.

KANATA provides student representatives to the Aboriginal Affairs Working Group at McGill. These meetings, chaired by the Dean of Students, are a chance to speak directly to the administration about Indigenous issues on campus. Our organization has lobbied for further student participation on the AAWG, putting forward a request that the Indigenous Student Alliance should also be granted representation.

KANATA provided advice to the International Development Student Association (IDSSA) in their successful attempt to get classes from the Indigenous Studies minor recognized for credit under the IDS degree requirements. The IDSSA has also adopted our traditional territory acknowledgement for their journal this year.

## **FUTURE INITIATIVES**

KANATA will use the summer months to restructure the schedule of our journal publication. We feel that publishing in March 2016 would prevent inevitable last-minute decision making processes and help our overall content.

We hope to continue to move forward with the “Redmen” name-change campaign. This will require further consultation with student groups, administrators, and McGill athletics.

Students from Concordia University’s First Peoples program recently contacted KANATA about their intention to start a student journal. We hope to continue consultation with them and provide an advisory role to help make this journal a reality next year.

During continued consultation with students at our events this year, KANATA heard repeatedly that students and community members alike desire more informal learning sessions on Indigenous Studies. We will explore potential options to move forward on this front. One potential framework is Vancouver’s Purple Thistle Institute, which partnered with UBC professors and community activists to hold recurring evening classes in a sort of “alternative university” setting.

Finally, KANATA will continue to reassess our mandate relative to other groups advocating for Indigenous Studies at McGill. Our hope is to restructure our organization around our annual journal publication, with the goal of joining a future Indigenous Studies Students Association.

## **MONSTER ACADEMY**

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Free Mental Health School for Montreal Youth is a social justice-oriented workshop series designed to provide accessible, anti-oppressive mental health skills training to youth aged 16-25.

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#### **SUMMER STIPEND**

MONSTER ACADEMY: Free Mental Health School for Montreal Youth is a QPIRG McGill working group which began as a 2014 summer stipend project (you can read more about that in the summer stipend report!). The social justice-oriented 8-week mental health workshop series was designed to provide accessible, anti-oppressive mental health training for youth aged 16-25. The series combined practical components of self-care and mental health intervention skills (mindfulness, navigating the medical system, active listening, suicide intervention, etc) as well as creative activities and guided discussion on mental health-related topics (brain science, demystifying diagnoses, etc).

#### **ONGOING PROGRAMMING**

The program began February 8th and concluded March 29th, 2015. A group of fifteen Monster Academy “students” attended three-hour weekly workshops for the duration of the program. During the workshops participants were invited to engage in discussion, make art, reflect on their own philosophies of mental health, learn group animation skills, and begin developing their own mental health-related projects. In addition to learning together and sharing experiences, participants also shared a meal and snacks, received metro tickets and were offered a \$10 honorarium for every workshop attended.

In addition to the 8-week program, Monster Academy made several appearances on McGill campus and in the Montreal Community. Some workshops were closed to volunteers of campus groups, while others were open to all. We presented a workshop for Community Engagement Day and collaborated with groups such as Queer McGill and the Sexual Assault Centre of the McGill Students' Society (SACoMSS), among others. These facilitation opportunities allowed us to pilot new workshops and receive important feedback from participants, which helped us improve on our original outlines.

The weekly workshops were adapted to meet the evolving needs of the participant group. While the workshop outlines provided a guiding framework, we did not follow them to the letter. The original outline involved one externally-facilitated workshop, which did not happen within the series. We will likely coordinate one or more public workshops in the coming months, featuring the community mental health workers we had initially hoped to involve in the closed 8-week program.

We are currently planning structured follow-up support for participants interested in pursuing their own personal, interpersonal or community mental health projects. We plan to continue our work together as Monster Academy and have begun visioning future projects. In the next year or so you may hear updates about a Monster Academy mental health workbook and intensive weekend trainings.

## **PRISONER CORRESPONDENCE PROJECT**

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The Prisoner Correspondence Project is a collectively-run initiative based out of Montreal, Quebec. It coordinates a direct-correspondence program for gay, lesbian, transsexual, transgender, gendervariant, two-spirit, intersex, bisexual & queer inmates in Canada and the United States, linking these inmates with people outside of prison. It also coordinates a resource library of information and aims to make prisoner justice and solidarity a priority within queer movements on the outside through events like film screenings, workshops, and panels which touch on the broader issues relating to criminalization and incarceration of queers and transfolk.

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The project focuses much of its effort on day-to-day work, such as resource requests from inside prison folks, answering emails, updating resources, logging in new members and other basic organizational chores. Despite the large quantity of operational work, the project also focuses on popular education and outreach for people outside of prison. There have been several successful fundraising events throughout 2014. We have also worked on smaller events, like letter writing nights and class workshops.

### **FUNDRAISING AND SCREENINGS**

We have organized several fundraising parties in 2014 such as The Hills Are Alive Fundraiser Party: Halloween Costume Party, the Delilah film Launch Fundraiser Party: Launch of the Delilah film, a sapphic twist on a biblical classic, and dance party fundraiser, the Glamarchist Lookfair Fundraiser Party: dance party held by Queer Between the Covers Collective and finally the No Pants No Problem Fundraiser Party: A dance party co-fundraiser for the Prisoner Correspondence Project and AIDS Action Now! For McGill's Social Justice Days 2014 and 2015, the Prisoner Correspondence Project presented two films:

Un Chant d'Amour, and Letter-Writing Night and PRIDE. Un Chant d'Amour is a highly sexualized view of a prison relationship. The film was banned in the United States for being "cheap pornography calculated to promote homosexuality, perversion and morbid sex practices." PRIDE depicts a group of lesbian and gay activists who raised money to help families affected by the British miners' strike in 1984, at the outset of what would become the Lesbians and Gays Support the Miners campaign. Both films were followed by an informal discussion and a question and answer period.

## **PANELS AND WORKSHOPS**

From April to May 2014, the Prisoner Correspondence Project gave three different panels and workshops. First, two collective members lead a class discussion in a Women's Studies class at Concordia called Women in Conflict with the Law. Another two members participated in a discussion group at Aids Community Care Montreal (ACCM) about what we do and how to get involved. Finally we gave an introductory workshop for executives, at the Canadian Queer Services Conference Montreal. We spoke about campus queer organizations across the country as a primer to criminalization and led a discussion of ways to raise these issues on their campuses.

In the summer of 2014, the Prisoner Correspondence Project spearheaded a roundtable of groups that do queer and trans-specific prisoner support and the International Conference on Penal Abolition (ICOPA). It featured representatives from the Prisoner Correspondence Project (Montreal), the Prisoner Correspondence Project (Toronto), Black and Pink (national chapter), Black and Pink (Chicago), Black and Pink (New Orleans), LGBT Books to Prisoners (Madison), Bent Bars (London, UK). Since then, we have been working on creating a larger listserv of various correspondence projects to make sure we are able to connect and share resource easily. We also individually attended various panels, discussions and workshops that were given at ICOPA surrounding prison abolition.

## **VISIONING TRIP**

Every year the prisoner correspondence project's collective members go on a visioning trip to talk about the successes and challenges of the project. In the end, we decided on changing many organizational features of the project. This coming summer there will be a new and more functional website, which will have more resources and will facilitate signing up outside members. We will also be taking several interns who will work on updating and organizing our out-of-date library system. Since the visioning, the project has instituted weekly drop-in hours, that have been very successful in reaching new people to aid in our day-to-day work. Our organizational systems have also been updated to increase ease-of-use and efficiency. This streamlining of our operations has slightly eliminated the wait time for our inside members, since it has removed a large portion of the workload for collective members.

## **CURRENT AND UPCOMING EVENTS**

The Prisoner Correspondence Project has many outreach plans for the summer. Apart from updating our website, we have started monthly letter writing night where outside pen-pals can write their letters and build stronger ties within the queer community. We will be creating and selling new posters and will continue writing and sending our biannual newsletter and holiday card mail out to all our inside members. In future issues, we plan on incorporating more voices and art from our inside members in the newsletter and holiday cards. We are also working on developing an online persona to make outreach and promotion much easier and the project plans to make viral videos of people talking about their pen-pal relationship.

For event outreach, the project is also planning on tabling at fairs such as the anarchist book fair and Queer Between the Covers. The project will also be taking on the Glamarchist fundraising party, which is usually put on by Queer Between the Covers.

# **SOLIDARITY ACROSS BORDERS**

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Solidarity Across Borders is a Montreal-based network engaged in the struggle for justice and dignity of immigrants and refugees. We are comprised of migrants, immigrants, refugees and allies, and come together in support of our main demands: the regularization of all non-status people (Status for All!), an end to deportations and detentions, and the abolition of double punishment of migrants with criminal records. We the beginning stages of building a “Solidarity City” campaign – which includes access to all essential services, such as health care and education, for everyone regardless of their immigration status. Some of us have direct experiences with the immigration and refugee system; some of us come from immigrant backgrounds; all of us organize as part of a collective struggle for justice and dignity. For us, there is no such thing as “illegal” human beings, only unjust laws and illegitimate governments. We organize not on the basis of pity or charity, but rather solidarity and mutual aid.

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### **ONGOING ACTIVITIES**

This past year we have begun implementing some of the changes to our internal structure, such as organizing seasonal assemblies for our members. All of our committees (Support, Education, Food, Shelters, Health) have continued their individual work. We have supported and organized many media campaigns for individuals and families fighting deportation. We have held visioning and strategy meetings, and continue to work on practicing our anti-colonial analysis. We continue to strategize around expanding our capacity, and have begun to organize more skill-shares and workshops to empower our members and those we support & fight with. We have been active in supporting the Non-Status Action Committee which is comprised of members of the Montreal Haitian community who are fighting deportation since the lifting of the moratorium on deportations to Haiti and Zimbabwe. We are in the process of organizing our annual Status for All march, which will take place on May 31, 2015. We have been engaging with the anti-austerity movement, trying to push for an anti-colonial and anti-racist analysis within it. And more!

### **OTHER ACTIVITIES**

September 17 & September 20, 2014: “No Borders! No Prisons!” Actions in solidarity with migrant detainees on strike in Lindsay, Ontario.

On September 17th we joined other cities across the country in showing solidarity with migrant strikers in the Lindsay detention centre, with a small disruption inside the Immigration and Refugee Board.

On September 20th, we had a demonstration out at the prisons and immigration detention centre in Laval, to bring our solidarity to those inside.

December 2014: Solidarity Across Borders publishes solidarity statement with 3,500 Haitians and Zimbabweans facing deportation after lifting of moratorium, and with all non-status people, demanding Status for All.

January 11, 2015: Member of Solidarity Across Borders speaks on a panel during the Week Against Prisons about his 10-month experience in immigration detention

March 14: Members of Solidarity Across Borders speak on a panel during the McGill RadLaw conference on “Resistance to state repression in immigration, citizenship & extradition”

March 20: Solidarity Across Borders supports the Non-Status Action Committee in commencing weekly demonstrations in front of the Guy-Favreau complex to demand regularization of those affected by the lifting of the moratorium on deportations to Haiti and Zimbabwe

March 21: Celebration of Kader Belaouni’s 12-year struggle



# **SCARLET SOLIDARITY**

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Scarlet Solidarity is a group for and by student sex workers at McGill. Through info and skill-shares, resource collection and dissemination, and connections with organizations in the city, Scarlet Solidarity seeks to empower and support members of the McGill community who engage in sex work.

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### **NEW WORKING GROUP**

We founded Scarlet Solidarity with the goal of creating a for-and-by group of student sex workers. We aimed to create spaces of support and community for students engaging in sex work. Through peer support, skill sharing, connections to community organizations, and resource dissemination we hoped to help student sex workers do their job supported by their peers.

This first year was definitely a growing experience. We started as an enthusiastic group of about 6 and met periodically through the year. We shared experiences, tips, goals, worries, and info about engaging in sex work specifically in the context of Montreal and in light of the recent laws regarding sex work in Canada. We also did some outreach activities, hosting a kissing booth at two Faggity Ass Friday parties. These were successful in getting our name out there, and we have subsequently been contacted for a couple media pieces on sex work in the context of being a university student. We also started working with McGill student groups, which are still in the initial stages. Finally, we published a piece in the McGill Daily about sex work, which also got our name out there and acquired more interest in the group.

### **LOOKING AHEAD**

In the future, we aim to continue to build a solid core group of members who can collectively shape the future of Scarlet Solidarity. We still think there is much potential in this group and with some added effort we can still work on the issues we set out to address. Over the summer, we plan to continue meeting and doing some more visioning about what this group could be and do in the future.

# **TADAMON!**

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Tadamon! (Arabic for “solidarity”), is a Montreal-based collective which works in solidarity with struggles for self-determination, equality and justice in the ‘Middle East’ and in diaspora communities in Montreal and beyond. Tadamon strives for a world in which every human being is free to live and flourish in dignity and justice.

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## **ACTIVITIES**

This past year Tadamon! organised, co-organized and co-sponsored a number of educational and cultural events on McGill and other campuses, and on the streets and other venues of Montreal. The events include lectures, film screenings, photo exhibit and musical concerts. In addition, during the last summer, Tadamon! organized weekly demonstration when Israel attacked Gaza, the so-called Operation Protective Edge. Main events are highlighted below.

### **The Syrian Revolt: Grassroots Organizing and Everyday Resistance**

Lecture by Prof. Yasser Munif & the “Uprising and Uprooted” photo exhibit  
Friday, March 20, 2015; Café L’Artère, 7000 Av du Parc (Metro Parc or bus 80)

### **Charlie Hebdo : The French Left, Islamophobia and state racism**

Friday, February 27, 2015; La Passe, 1214 de la Montagne

### **Artists Against Apartheid Concert, as part of Israeli Apartheid Week – Montréal 2015**

Wednesday 11 Mars; La Passe – 1214 de la Montagne

### **Rejecting Canada’s complicity with Egypt’s authoritarian military government**

Tadamon! Montreal statement, February, 2015.

### **Screening: Moug—Waves**

In collaboration with RIDM – Montreal International Documentary Festival !  
Monday, November 17; Concordia University, 1455 de Maisonneuve west, H-110

### **Demonstration : against war, racism, Islamophobia and austerity**

Saturday, Nov. 22; 1pm métro Guy-Concordia, Norman Bethune square, Montréal, Québec

### **Film screening: Return to Homs**

Closing event for the “Uprising and Uprooted” photo exhibit; In collaboration with Cinema Politica  
November 7, 2014; Café Aquin Room A-2030 (Pavillon Hubert-Aquin), UQÀM

### **Captive Revolution — Montréal launch of Nahla Abdo’s latest book**

Palestinian Women’s Anti-Colonial Struggle Within the Israeli Prison System  
Friday November 7th; co-organized with a number of other groups  
McGill’s Institute of Islamic Studies, 3485 McTavish Street, 017 Morrice Hall (the “TNC”)

### **Against further war in Iraq and Canada’s involvement**

Tadamon! Montréal statement, October, 2014

### **Uprising and Uprooted: refugees in the Syrian struggle in photo and image**

October 3 to November 7, 2014; vernissage : October 17 2014, Café Aquin, local A-2030, UQÀM  
Wednesday June 4 to 21st, 2014 (extended), Kahwa café, 263 Mont Royal East

### **Teach-in: From Outrage to Action: Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions**

Wednesday, August, 20th 2014; 17h30 métro Mont-Royal

### **Gaza-Quebec solidarity ! demonstration**

Saturday, August 10, 2014; midi @ Place Émilie-Gamelin  
Co-organised with a number of organizations in Montreal, including CSN, FNEEQ-CSN.

**Palestine Under the Stars**

Outdoor film screening (and discussion) of Road Map to Apartheid at Cafe Touski  
Thursday, August 7th; 7:30pm, Coop Café Touski, 2361 Ontario, East Montréal

**Vigil and Demonstration Against the Invasion of Gaza and the Shuja'iya Massacre**

Wednesday July 23rd, 2014 (and every Wednesday for five weeks)

Outside Mont-Royal Metro, Montreal, Quebec

23rd Demonstration endorsed by over a dozen student and labour unions (including those at McGill) and organisations.

**Ten Years Too Many: Rally and Creative Action Against the Wall - In Solidarity with Gaza**

Saturday July 19, 2014; Parc Jarry, in front of the G4S Headquarters, Metro De Castelnau

**Call on Israel to respect International law 10 years after the International Court of Justice ruling**

July 9th 2014; Joint statement with over 60 Quebec and Canadian trade unionists, artists, journalists, professors and so on.

**LES CHEBABS DE YARMOUK / Yarmouk Refugee camp**

With Le Cinéma Sous Les Étoiles, Funambules Médias

Wednesday July 9th 2014; Parc Laurier

# **THE TEMPORARY AGENCY WORKERS ASSOCIATION**

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The Temporary Agency Workers Association is a workers collective actively engaged in connecting foreign and temporary agency workers to unite against workplace injustices. They work to end unfair temporary agency practice and ensure quality workplace standards that foster respect, equality, and security for foreign/temporary agency worker communities.

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### **MAIN PROJECT**

Holding up Half the Sky: Leadership development of women workers in the campaign for justice for agency workers

### **MAIN EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES**

#### **1. Outreach**

Since October 2014, an outreach team was formed to make contacts among the following areas:

- i) Factories where the workforce are mainly women
- ii) Community based organizations who service mainly immigrant women
- iii) Neighbourhoods and informal networks of women workers

The main purpose of the outreach is to gather information on which jobs and where women temporary agency workers are employed, create a network that is informed of the contents and goals of the project and to recruit participants for the project. The approximate number of women workers reached for this activity is about 200.

## **2. Discussion groups**

Contacts were invited to various discussion meetings including several “Café discussions” at the IWC every Sunday afternoon starting November 2014. About 8 to 15 women participated in these discussion groups (a total of about 8 discussion groups held during this reporting period)

## **3. Workshops**

Two kinds of workshops were done: 1) general labour rights workshops organized by community organizations like, women’s centres or the YWCA and where our community organizers and student interns/volunteers were the invited resource persons and facilitators, and 2) workshops organized by the Immigrant Workers Centre for women workers working for temporary placement agencies – a workshop on campaigns and the leadership roles women workers should take. There were between 10 to 20 women who participated in the workshops with community organizations/women centres and 4 women workers were recruited for the IWC leadership workshop series.

## **4. Public forums**

The main public forums that the TAWA women worker project participated in were: 1) Mar 8, 2015 International Women’s Day event organized by the Women of Diverse Origins in Concordia University; 2) November 2014, QPIRG event in McGill University; 3) March 14, 2015 McGill RADLAW Winter Forum, workshop on precarious labour featuring the work of the Immigrant Workers Centre.

## **5. McGill based activities and student involvement**

The main events that the working group got involved in is a QPIRG event in November 2014 in McGill University and the Winter Forum organized by McGill RADLAW in March 14, 2015. The TAWA working group presented the issues behind temporary placement agency work and the campaigns surrounding these. Several McGill students participated in the workshop and the IWC/TAWA accepted several applications from law students to volunteer. Two McGill student interns at the IWC continue to assist in this project.

## **6. Future plans/goals/summer events**

The next couple of months TAWA will focus on the series leadership development workshops for the 4 participants who were recruited for the project. This will be coupled with their participation in the on-going campaign of TAWA including meetings with Quebec MNAs, mobilizations against austerity in Quebec, and organizing for the May first demonstrations. During the summer, picnics and outdoor gatherings/events of workers will be organized by TAWA.

# **LAKAS PAG-GAWA**

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Lakas-Pag-gawa is a project of ANAKBAYAN Montreal. We work with young Filipino workers (ages 16 to 26), who are entering the labor force in and around Montreal. Many of them have recently arrived within the last five years. The jobs they are taking are in the service sectors, manufacturing and distribution warehouse. They are the children of former Live-in Caregivers who have successfully completed the requirements of the LCP in Canada, received permanent residence and have sponsored their families to come to Quebec. We aim to develop organizers with the knowledge of their rights, how to organize against management repression and how to engage local unions (where ones exist) to take a more militant stance with immigrant workers in genuine working class solidarity. We also aim to create awareness of the violations of human rights in the Philippines.

### **MAJOR EVENTS**

- Hacienda Luisita Panel discussion about the struggle of mill-workers and peasants in Hacienda Luisita in the Philippines.
- Labor rights workshops in members' homes and in a factory in LaSalle (basic information about the labor standard, CSST claims, Unemployment Insurance, Psychological Harassment, etc).
- IBON, a militant and people's research group based in the Philippines, presented in a panel discussion about labor movement and labor organizing in the booming BPO industry in the Philippines.
- Film-screening and panel discussion about martial law in the Philippines.
- Anakbayan Canada Consultation

#### McGill Community Involvement

- With Immigrant Workers Centre, we organized a panel discussion on the coalition against precarious work during the RADLAW Winter colloquium, "In the Streets, In the Courts: Un Forum de Droit Radical".
- Panel discussions were held in McGill University Campus.

### **MONTREAL COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

- We worked with PINAY in administering a labor rights workshop.
- We helped with organizing of Temporary Foreign Workers Association.

### **SUMMER PLANS**

- Apart from labor rights training, we are preparing to start two projects. First, we plan to conduct a research on the situation of Filipino youth in Quebec, focusing on the challenges that young Filipino workers and students face in Montreal. Second, some members are taking part in a film-documentary about the challenges of migration in Montreal.
- We also plan to do fundraising events, cultural presentations and art auctions, to support members who will participate in the International People's Tribunal to try Philippines President Aquino and Obama for Crimes against the Filipino People in Washington, USA.