

Let's Eat McGill - Final Report

This summer, Let's Eat McGill worked on researching the history of food organizing at McGill, the current policies and stakeholders in McGill's food system, and alternative food systems in place at other Canadian universities. We also created a new website, <http://letseatmcgill.com/>, to display our research and centralize information about our group.

On our website, our research is divided into three sections:

- [Power mapping and policies](#): what we know about the new AYCTE meal plan, describing the role of SHHS and Dana Hospitality (including clauses in their contract that we can exploit in our advocacy)
- [Food \(in\)security at McGill](#): synthesizing the data we have about satisfaction with food services at McGill, including both data collected by members of our group and data collected by McGill Food and Dining Services (obtained through ATI request)
- [Food Ecosystem at McGill](#): looking at past and present student-run stakeholders in McGill's food system, and mapping the ways in which these stakeholders all interact

Additionally, we created a [document library](#) to bring together all of the relevant documents we found about food organizing at McGill in a publicly accessible place. This can be useful to us when doing future research, or to other groups who may be interested in looking into this. Many of the documents included were obtained through ATI requests and aren't publicly available elsewhere.

We used the funding provided by QPIRG-McGill mainly for honorariums for our student researchers and for the groups that we consulted in our research (Midnight Kitchen, Concordia Food Coalition, Erik Chevrier). We also used the funding to pay for our website domain and theme. Finally, we made donations to two groups that aligned with our mission (Sundance Harvest, Rising From Our Roots).

Overall, through this research we gained a better understanding of how the food system operates at McGill, and how we can better organize using knowledge of historical food organizing as well as areas within the current structure which we can exploit. For example, we are hoping to pressure SHHS to create a student advisory committee for food services as we learned that this has been done in the past. Given the significant interest in better food services that we've seen from our events, we hope that our research, which is displayed publicly, will make it easier for other students to learn about how McGill's food system operates.