

Community-University Talks
QPIRG McGill Working Group Annual Report
01 August 2016

FINANCIAL REPORT (rosalind)

Our QPIRG CONCORDIA (\$900) and QPIRG MCGILL (\$1,400) working group budgets were spent in their entirety and we are closing the year with \$524.07 (our own funds) “in the bank” at QPIRG McGill. THIS MONEY IS AUTOMATICALLY RESERVED FOR OUR SPRING 2017 YOUTH BURSARIES. See detailed financial record attached.

ACTIVITIES:

Community-University Talks would like to acknowledge the passing of community elder, artist-intellectual Dr. Dolores Sandoval on December 30th 2015. C-Uni-T members were blessed to work with Dolores on her final project last summer, presenting her play *Coloured Pictures in Family Frames* about her family’s history. We learned a tremendous amount not only about Dolores and her family, but about Montreal and Black diaspora community histories. We had such fun with Dolores and her great humour and wisdom remains with us always. Please see our tribute to her on our website: <http://c-uni-t.org/2016/01/16/remembering-our-friend-dolores/>

Community Engagement Day at McGill (October 1st 2015)

C-Uni-T hosted a discussion on Black and Indigenous identities.

Endorsements: McGill BDS Action Network (February 2016); Israeli Apartheid Week (March 14-23, 2016) [*See also statements and information regarding the Black Lives Matter movement / Montréal Noir on our website, <http://c-uni-t.org>]

Monthly gatherings [*Coordinator: Rudy*]

C-Uni-T members meet regularly to have a meal together, update one another on projects, and discuss community issues and plan activities and events. Our Black History Month gathering on February 6th was particularly special, with seven of us gathering for a potluck dinner hosted at Cora’s.

A discussion about race, sexuality, and gender with guests: Montreal Black men’s group SOUL BROTHERS and youth scholar and community activist Professor Wesley Crichlow (Nov. 27, 2015) [*Event Coordinators: Rudy and Kai*]

This discussion was hosted at DESTA, and involved a number of C-Uni-T collective members, as well as community members, and staff of DESTA. The conversation and connections started here led to an increased effort at DESTA to support black queer youth. To that end, DESTA reached out to Rudy, as well as Professor Wesley Crichlow (from Toronto) to brainstorm various ideas for funding. Some funding partners that Rudy is currently reaching out to help DESTA

with their project include, but are not limited to : African Rainbow, GRIS-Montreal, Fierté Montréal and the general Montreal gay community. Rudy is confident about the potential success of this initiative, and is looking forward to further collaboration between C-Uni-T and DESTA through this project.

Rapprochement des Spiritualités Haïtiennes et Algonquins (Dec. 21, 2015)

[*C-Uni-T representative: Elena*]

C-Uni-T contributed (food) to and Elena attended this weekend retreat, part of a larger ongoing commitment to building relations between Haïtian and Algonquin peoples.

C-Uni-T Youth Bursaries Program (2 x 250\$) (March-April 2016)

[*Coordinators: rosalind, Désirée*]

A new program launched in the spring 2015, the C-Uni-T Bursaries Program offers bursaries to two Black youth in order to pursue opportunities for mentorship and/ or to further their studies or career. This year we reached out to youth affiliated with community organizations DESTA, J2K (Head & Hands) and Maison d'Haiti. We awarded the bursaries (certificates and cheques for \$250 each) to JARAD MCFARLANE (to support his photographic art work) and SLONE GRANT (to support her completion of high school). See <http://c-uni-t.org/2016/04/15/c-uni-t-community-youth-bursaries/> Both youth were also invited to our retreat and Slone attended with her son.

Community Launch of Project Talk To Me (March 16, 2016)

Project Coordinators: Elena and Kai

Following launching a radio special on Prison Radio, an episode of Project Talk To Me (Black voices on the Canadian Prison System) launched in the form of a community listening event at DESTA to great success. This concludes the audio-documentary part of the project, and following this the staff at DESTA have gotten a pilot project approved at Cowansville, to begin to support prisoners from the inside.

Frank Wilderson speaking events (April 2016) [*Project Coordinator: Kai*]

C-Uni-T was involved in organizing Wilderson's visit and community and university based events in collaboration with Professor Jon Soske in African Studies at McGill and DESTA Black Youth Network.

Black Community Retreat and Annual Talk Forum (June 10-12th, 2016)

Project Coordinators: rosalind, Elena

C-Uni-T hosted a community retreat in the Eastern Townships. We brought together an intergenerational group of community members from various community organizations and across linguistic and cultural differences for a weekend of community building and our annual talk forum. See <http://c-uni-t.org/2016/06/29/c-uni-t-black-community-retreat/>

COMMUNITY-UNIVERSITY TALKS, FINANCIAL RECORD
SEPTEMBER 2015- AUGUST 2016

Date	Source	Money In	Date of Expense	Member	Reason for expense	Date authorized by collective	Receipt submitted (date and where)	Reimbursed	Money Out	BALANCE
	2014-2015 money banked	606.3								606.3
24 Sept. 2015; 06 Oct. 2015	QPIRG McGill (working group budget)	1,400.00								2,006.30
			27-Nov-15	Kai	refreshments for Crichlow event	n.d.; authorized by Kai & Rudy	QPIRG McGill	yes March 20	44.65	1,961.65
			21-Dec-15	Elena	patties for Haitian-Algonquin Alliance commemoration	n.d.; authorized by Kai & Rudy	n.d; QPIRG McGill	yes (late January)	80	1,881.65
09 Jan. 2016	QPIRG Concordia (working group budget)	900								2,781.65
			17-Jan-16	Elena	patties for Talking Stick project	n.d.; authorized by Kai & Rudy	n.d; QPIRG McGill	yes (late January)	20	2,761.65
			02-Apr-16	rosalind	2 YOUTH BURSARIES	29-Aug-15	QPIRG McGill-2016-04-	N/A	500	2,261.65
			14-Jun-16	rosalind	website renewal	May-16	2016-06-13 QPIRG McGill	yes	541.34	1,720.31
			29 Apri 2016 and 9 June 2016	Elena	chalet rental for retreat	06-Feb-16	296.63 [QPIRG McGill, April 29]+ 296.64 [QPIRG Concordia, June 9]	N/A	593.27	1,127.04
			10-Jun-16	rosalind	car rental	06-Feb-16	13 June 2016 QPIRG Concordia	yes	162.49	964.55
			12-Jun-16	rosalind	gas - rental [rosalind]	06-Feb-16	13 June 2016 QPIRG Concordia	yes	72.24	892.31
			12-Jun-16	Stella	gas [Stella]	06-Feb-16	13 June 2016 QPIRG Concordia	yes	44.87	847.44
			10 & 12 June 2016	Andrea	gas [Andrea]	06-Feb-16	13 June 2016 QPIRG Concordia	yes	60.25	787.19
			10-Jun-16	Cora	food for retreat [Cora]	06-Feb-16	13 June 2016 QPIRG Concordia	yes	263.12	524.07

CLOSING FINANCIAL STATEMENT, 2015-2016 YEAR (prepared 01 AUGUST 2016 by rosalind hampton): BOTH QPIRG WORKING GROUP BUDGETS WERE SPENT IN THEIR ENTIRETY. C-UNI-T HAS A CURRENT BALANCE OF \$524.07 'IN THE BANK' AT QPIRG MCGILL. THIS MONEY IS AUTOMATICALLY RESERVED FOR OUR SPRING 2017 YOUTH BURSARIES.