



# The Indigenous Affairs Committee

## Composition:

- Representatives of Indigenous student organizations
  - Indigenous Students Alliance
  - American Indian Science and Engineering Society
  - Indigenous Law Association de Droit Autochtone
  - Indigenous Health Professionals
- Allies and Representatives

# Mandate of the Committee

- Organization of events and programming
- Facilitating collaboration with student and community organizations
- Consultative body for the purposes of
  - Actions on the part of the Indigenous Affairs Commissioner
  - Initiatives the Executive may initiate
  - Collaborate on events with student groups/clubs/services
- Act as an opportunity for networking within SSMU without forcing emotional or unnecessary labour on Indigenous peoples in other capacities

# The Indigenous Community at McGill

- Indigenous Students Alliance/ Indigenous student groups
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- Indigenous Education Program
- SEDE Indigenous Pathways Initiative
- Cousins Peer Mentorship
- Indigenous Studies Program
- SSMU Indigenous Affairs
- Indigenous Health Professions Program



# Project- Indigeneity and Solidarity Event Series

- Understanding the place of Indigenous knowledge and epistemology and then addressing its underrepresentation with the academy and specific nodes of academia.
- Addressing nodes of intersectional oppression within McGill by providing a platform for epistemological knowledge transfer as permitted by Indigenous knowledge holders



# Open Door Homeless Shelter

- Homeless Shelter moving into the Milton-Parc community
  - Serves a primarily Inuit population
    - This exists as a result of neo-colonial policies that have resulted in
      - Cyclical repetition of violence, drug addiction, and a reliance of substances
      - Lack of connection to traditional epistemologies resulting in a loss sense of self which can contribute to higher rates of incarceration and homelessness
      - Inherited and intergenerational trauma.
- Volunteering opportunities offered with cultural workshops in order to welcome new members of our community, in addition to easing the transition. This project will be offered over Spring Break, with a similar project happening in collaboration with Native Montreal.

# Indigenous Awareness Weeks

September 17-31

- 14 events, with a variety of Indigenous knowledge holders and elders presenting knowledge on a wide diversity of issues

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Workshop, and a number of initiatives aimed at educating non-Indigenous -spirited folk and Indigenous women.





