Getting Involved @ McGill for Undergraduate Students

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Welcome!

Welcome to Getting Involved @ McGill for Undergraduate Students – presented by Campus Life & Engagement (CL&E) and the Students' Society of McGill University (SSMU)

Student societies like the SSMU are independently run for students, by students. We are here to speak out for you and advocate your interests AND we have many resources for you!

❖ CL&E is a proud member of Student Services
❖ We are here to help all new students transition into life @ McGill
❖ Are always available to answer your questions by email!
Today's Presenters

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Land Acknowledgement

McGill University is situated on the traditional territory of the Kanien’kehà:ka, a place which has long served as a site of meeting and exchange amongst nations. We recognize and respect the Kanien’kehà:ka as the traditional custodians of the lands and waters on which McGill University is situated.

Learn more @ First People’s House: www.mcgill.ca/fph
Presentation Objectives

1) Introduce resources on how to get involved at McGill
2) Engage in an ad-hoc learning community
3) Explain organizational infrastructures to help orient you as new McGill undergraduate students
Agenda

1) Icebreaker activity – one thing about your day
2) How to get involved at McGill – student groups
3) Activity – are you a leader?
4) More on involvement at McGill
5) Questions
One thing about your day

• In breakout rooms, introduce yourselves and share one thing you have enjoyed recently (maybe today).
• Next, share your motivation for being at this webinar.
What do you enjoy doing?

The most frequent advice our upper-year students give to new students is to get involved.

According to a recent study, McGill students involved in university organizations and leadership positions scored significantly higher in:

- Complex cognitive skills,
- Consciousness of self, and
- Resiliency

than students never involved.

- Multi-Institutional Study of Leadership, 2015
Poll: Why do you want to get involved?

- to meet new people
- an outlet from academics
- learn something new
- for my cv/resume
- networking opportunities
- continue pursuing my interests/hobbies
- for fun
- to compliment my academic interests
- to find something specific I am interested in
- other

(Please use chat box if you’d like to add in more info)
How?

TIP: there are several first-year specific councils and committees, including FEARC for Arts students, Junior Council for Engineering students and FUSS for Science students! SSMU also has FYC and residences have councils as well!
If you are interested in governance, advocacy and representing your fellow students, there are many ways to get involved!

*indicates student involvement opportunities exist within these areas.
Over 250+ clubs fall into these categories!

- Athletics & Recreation Clubs
- Charity & Environment Clubs
- Community Outreach & Volunteering Clubs
- Fine Art, Dance & Performance Clubs
- Health & Wellness Clubs
- Language & Publications Clubs
- Leisure Activities & Hobby Clubs
- Networking & Leadership Development Clubs
- Political & Social Activism Clubs
- Religion & Culture Clubs
Services

These are our 16 student-run services!

- Arab Student Network
- Black Students Network
- Drivesafe
- Flat Bike Collective
- Midnight Kitchen
- MSERT
- Musicians Collective
- Nightline
- Peer Support Centre
- Plate Club
- Queer McGill
- SACOMSS
- TVM: Student Television at McGill
- Walksafe
ISGs

These are our Independent Student Groups, also known as ISGs!

- AIESEC
- CKUT 90.3 FM
- ECOLE Project
- Ghetto Shul
- Golden Key
- IRSAM
- Legal Information Clinic at McGill (LICM)
- McGill Daily
- QPIRG
- Tribune Publication Society
Are you a leader?

• Reflect on the following questions and let us know your answer about the following question:

Are you a leader now? Do you see yourself as a leader?

Please use the chat box if you would like & share short comments about why or why not.
Are you a leader?

Why did we ask you about leadership?

Because we hope that it demonstrated how easy it is to:

1. Build your network/be a part of the community (by engaging with this poll).
2. Get into a good discussion about leadership! FYI - we see leadership development as an inclusive process (not just as a position of leadership). Everyone can be involved in the leadership process and developing skills that will help them improve as a leader.
3. Demonstrate how leadership efficacy works in general.
There's more...

Mcgill.ca/engage
How to get involved?

CCR (your Co-Curricular Record) and myInvolvement – an online portal for student engagement
How To Get Involved

All these areas offer opportunities to participate via attending workshops, volunteering, taking classes, joining a committee/team, etc.
Thank you & welcome to McGill!

We hope to meet you at

Discover McGill Virtual Service Fair
August 25

and/or

Activities Nights (virtual club fair)
on Wednesday, September 9
and Thursday, September 10

See you soon!
And please help us by sharing what you learned today
THANK YOU!

Make sure to check out our upcoming webinars!