A message from Campus Life & Engagement, the one office dedicated new McGill students.

Good morning!

Happy Monday from all of us here at Campus Life & Engagement! Today we want to introduce you to some of the resources, services, groups, and clubs that aim to support and educate McGill’s diverse student body.

Creating an inclusive environment on campus takes active and ongoing effort from all of us. Specific student populations including students with disabilities, Indigenous students, students with families and dependents, all face distinct challenges within higher education.

We hope that you can use these resources to explore your identity, including those parts of your identity that you may not feel as in touch with or have doubts about. Learning about identity, whether it’s your own or that of your fellow students, can be a complex but rewarding process. There is a community for everyone at McGill and we want to help you find yours!

**Specific student populations**

There are a variety of networks for specific student populations to support them throughout their journey at McGill and to educate the community.
- Students with disabilities
- Students with families and dependents
- Students who face financial difficulties
- Indigenous students
- Off-campus and commuter students
- LGBTQ+ students
- Racialized students
- Religious and spiritual students
- International students
- Francophone students

Other student groups and resources

- [Campus Life & Engagement](#)
- [Students’ Society of McGill University](#) (SSMU)
- [Macdonald Campus Students’ Society](#) (MCSS)

Policies

McGill has policies in place to protect you! It’s important to know your rights as a student, so make sure you familiarize yourself with these documents.

The [Know Your Rights campaign](#) specifically makes academic rights at the university easily accessible to students.

Here's how you can help build an inclusive campus!

1. Be non-judgmental when others share their experiences with you.
Peer support groups also provide safe spaces for you to share your experiences.

2. Be curious about how you can be more inclusive!

The Emerging Leaders Program can equip you with the skills to build a more inclusive campus.

3. Give back and contribute to building an inclusive campus through involvement.

There are a variety of advocacy committees where you can have a direct impact on inclusion at McGill.

When it comes to ensuring that our campus is inclusive of diversity, we're stronger when we learn together. We are all a part of the McGill community and we all have a responsibility to be respectful of our peers. Specific student populations often face distinct challenges in the university environment, but it's important to remember that there are resources available! If you have any questions, whether about these resources or any other aspect of your first year at McGill, don't hesitate to contact the Campus Life & Engagement. Have a great week!

Regards,

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