

# McGill University

## School of Social Work

### Mission Statement and Guiding Principles\*

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#### 1.2 Guiding Statements

##### 1.2.1 Mission statement

McGill University's School of Social Work prepares professionals to make contributions that make a difference in Montreal, across Canada, and around the world. Our emphasis is on critical thinking, research, practice and policy, with a focus on social justice on issues facing vulnerable and disadvantaged people. Our goal is the development of just and equitable societies.

##### 1.2.2 Professional Statement

The School of Social Work is a professional school accredited by the Canadian Association for Social Work Education (CASWE) and is guided by the values and principles of CASWE and the Canadian Association of Social Work. The Bachelor of Social Work (BSW), Master of Social Work (MSW) and M.Sc.(A) Couple and Family Therapy (MScA) degrees are recognized as professional degrees giving access to the Ordre des travailleurs sociaux et des thérapeutes conjugaux et familiaux du Québec (OTSTCFQ). In addition to CASWE accreditation, the School's professional programs are designed to ensure that graduating students meet OTSTCFQ standards and competencies.

##### 1.2.3 Indigenous Land Acknowledgment

McGill University is on land which has long served as a site of meeting and exchange amongst Indigenous peoples, including the Haudenosaunee and Anishinabeg nations. We acknowledge and thank the diverse Indigenous people whose footsteps have marked this territory on which peoples of the world now gather.

##### 1.2.4 Equity, Diversity & Inclusion

The McGill School of Social Work recognizes that social justice is a core value within its profession and is committed to ensuring the full, meaningful and equitable engagement of all of its members. Recognizing that equity, diversity and inclusion requires shared commitment and leadership, the School holds equity, diversity and inclusion as guiding principles in the development of policy and practice within its governance structure.