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## Deux principes fondamentaux d'Occupons Montréal

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Le 15 octobre, je me suis installé à la Place Victoria afin de lutter contre l'écart obscène qui existe entre les riches et les pauvres de notre pays et de notre planète. Le 1 % a trop de pouvoir économique et politique. Nous, les 99% devrions reprendre ce pouvoir si nous vivons dans une société démocratique... si nous sommes éduqués, engagés et motivés.

C'est un des principes fondamentaux de ce mouvement. Le deuxième, c'est le principe de non-violence : ne rien vandaliser, ne blesser personne.

Cela étant dit, à Montréal, les motivations derrière l'implication varient en fonction des intérêts personnels. Certains veulent bâtir une société idéale ici à la Place Victoria. D'autres ont trouvé le lieu idéal pour squatter. Pour les fêtards, c'est un lieu de rassemblement. Les intellos veulent convaincre les occupants de partager leurs visions du monde.

Je fais partie du groupe de travail chargé de la facilitation. J'essaye de modérer et de documenter, de manière assez objective mais jamais indifférente, les discussions et l'interaction générales ayant lieu dans le

cadre de notre occupation. C'est ma façon de contribuer à ce mouvement historique. Si je vois un acte qui va à l'encontre de nos principes de base, je réagis.

C'est ce que j'ai fait mardi dernier, avec mes collègues Nina et Éric, lorsque certains occupants ont essayé de vandaliser notre hôpital. Pourquoi? Ces agresseurs étaient convaincus qu'il y avait des néo-nazis. Malgré leurs accusations basées sur une ancienne photo, je ne pouvais accepter aucune violence sur la Place du Peuple. Je l'aime trop. J'ai une belle complicité avec plusieurs des occupants montréalais, donc je ne veux pas les voir se faire attaquer. Les gestes agressifs et l'incitation à la violence, c'est le travail des agitateurs de la police.

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Nous exigeons que notre mouvement soit non-violent, surtout en ce qui concerne les interactions entre les occupants. D'ailleurs, cette proposition a déjà été adoptée en assemblée générale. Ainsi, nous marchons sur les pas du Mahatma Gandhi, de Martin Luther King Jr et d'Aung San Suu Kyi.

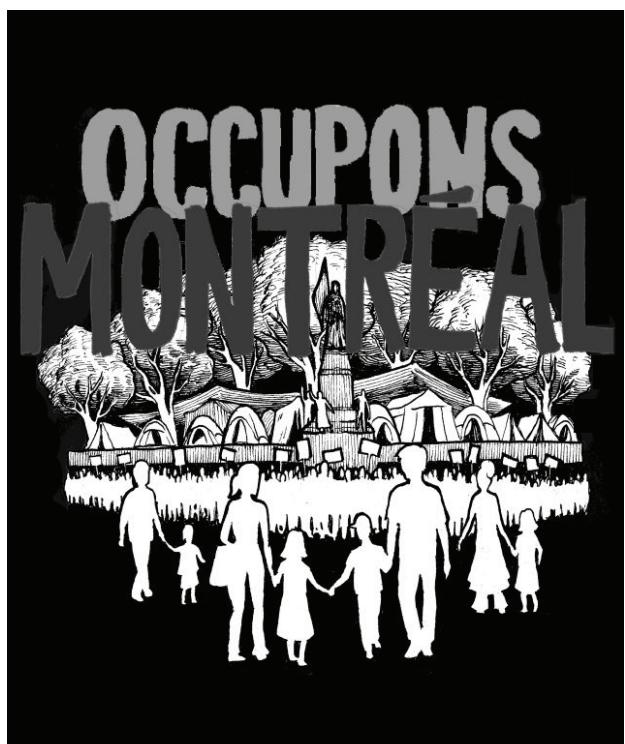
Nous voulons nous sentir sains et saufs ici, malgré la surveillance inquisiteur de l'État. Les 99 % devraient se sentir à l'aise de nous rendre visite. Nous n'acceptons pas la violence. Notre équipe d'intervention y veille sur place 24 heures sur 24.

Ce n'est pas facile de se mettre au diapason, mais nous luttons chaque jour pour que nos principes se concrétisent, ici, à la Place du Peuple. Malgré nos différences idéologiques et stratégiques, l'occupation locale et internationale s'appuie sur deux principes de base:

1. La recherche d'un changement économique profond menant à une distribution plus juste de la richesse à l'échelle locale et globale.

2. L'action non-violente pour parvenir à cette fin.

Si vous êtes d'accord avec ces deux principes, joignez-vous au mouvement Occupons Montréal!



## Report from the action committee

KATIE HEFFRING

"To live in fear is a life half lived," as some say, and that's where actions come into play. Since Occupy Montreal (OM) has begun, the strategy, or so it seems, is to create a secure foundation before taking direct actions. Consequently, compared to some of the larger occupations, there has not been many. Nevertheless, the actions we've had have made their point. On October 27th, at least 1000 employees and students of the McGill community (including several unions: MUNACA, AMUSE, and AGSEM) marched down to OM with donations. MUNACA workers have been on strike for 10 weeks and have recently been faced with three injunctions preventing them from picketing near McGill campus. This hasn't stopped them from creating a "picket band" whose drumbeats filled tent city with joy and laughter. The dancing party continued long after the guests left. It was a great day!

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The following Saturday afternoon was OM's first organized march. The march was in solidarity with those evicted occupiers around the globe as well as to demand the Robin Hood tax. Over 1000 of the 99% left the People's Plaza and took back the streets. The downtown walk stopped at three locations: the British Embassy, Jean Charest's office and the U.S. Embassy. Each stop was signified by a group action. At the British Embassy, the crowd laid flat on the ground while someone whistled the "Last Post" (although it sounded like Darth Vader's theme song). The indignés then shouted their discontent with Charest at his bureau and left "we are watching" post-it notes across the building. Finally, all sat at the U.S. Embassy and listened to solidarity speeches. Personally, I think we could have done without the truck and speakers. I want to hear the people's voices, not just one. A march will commence every Saturday from the People's Plaza, at 3 p.m.

On November 3rd, some occupiers joined the worldwide G20 protest march. Planned by the Anti-Capitalist Convergence, Montreal's G20 march was in solidarity with all those still facing charges from last year's G20 protest, as well as against unregulated capitalism, the Harper government and, of course, Greek austerity measures. I was surprised when the two hundred G20 protestors stopped at OM only to be greeted by 10 or so occupiers. I know a GA was taking place in the metro, but come on! The G20 group made speeches at the statue to mainly themselves, then the OM anti-capitalists not at the GA joined and as they shouted down the entrance of metro, so did a few others. Now is the time to unite in solidarity!

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## Movement Discussion

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"Movements have a lifespan and thus also a sense of purposive urgency about them. In this case, it is to "transform global capitalism", taking up the mantra of the global justice movement of the late 1990s. The lifespan, then, while limited, is likely to be measured in decades, not months or years."

"The standards of a good movement have to do with its ends as well as with the structure of its internal life. These two sometimes exist in tension -especially so in left movements where the end is equality and democracy, while the organizational structure, because of the urgencies imposed by social conflict, is something less than fully egalitarian or democratic."

"We can see some of this same tension - a constructive tension - between radicals and reformers, established and new activists; already we can see concrete signs that the protests are breathing new life into existing movements; it is to be hoped that activists will increasingly connect with and add their weight to ongoing struggles for social

and economic fairness, bringing some of the energy of Occupy Together to more institutionalized activism, and vice versa."

"A tendency to curtail internal democracy is certainly visible in many left movements, to a greater or lesser extent. The goodness of the movement can survive this tendency—though it doesn't always do so. When it does, the movement will be marked by the sense of a valued enterprise, freely chosen, and then by political friendship and solidarity. Since the ends of the movement are commonly radical and far-reaching, it doesn't actually have to achieve them; it only has, so to speak, to sustain them."

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"With the cold weather, most of the squares will likely be vacated; and though many will claim the movement's demise, it's influence will live on in the experiences derived and skilled developed therein, to be taken up again on the earliest next occasion the conditions for activism and protest prove ripe."



## Événements / Events

### MARDI/TUES, 8 NOV

- 16h: Intro to Graphic Design for Publishing
- 17h: Corrections et mise en page des revendications votées le 5 novembre
- 18h: Assemblée Générale / General Assembly

### JEUDI/THURS, 10 NOV

- 17h30: Media for Social Change II: a skill-building workshop (with Martin Lukacs)
- 18h: Assemblée Générale / General Assembly

### VENDREDI/FRI, 11 NOV

- 19h: Film Screening: Myths for Profit

### SAMEDI/SAT, 12 NOV

- 13h: Assemblée Générale / General Assembly

### DIMANCHE/SUN, 13 NOV

- 13h: Media for Social Change: a skillbuilding workshop

### LUNDI/MON, 14 NOV

- 16h: External Communication Committee / Comité des communications externes

### MARDI/TUES, 15 NOV

- 18h: Assemblée Générale / General Assembly

