



News

Philanthropy and Democracy



Philanthropic activity within a democratic context is a sensitive issue. While democracy defines itself as a political regime in which power stems from citizens, philanthropy, in contrast, corresponds to a form of social intervention in which individuals use their personal resources to help advance the causes of their choice. This means that philanthropists - big and small - act on questions of

public interest from a position of personal choice, the latter not necessarily being validated by deliberation. Tension is thus formed between, on the one hand, the democratic ideal founded on decisions being made by majority consensus, an ideal to which all democratic societies aspire to, and, on the other hand, the individual freedom for one to use their financial, or other, resources for the common good. Naturally, this tension is greater in the context of resource concentration, where the majority of the philanthropic sector's financial resources are controlled by a small number of foundations and the influence of big donors is gaining ground on the donation market. Unless the issue of social inequalities is to be addressed with full force, the fear that big-donor philanthropy will bring about plutocratic tendencies will remain legitimate and very much present. Also, the increase in the population's demands for public services or for regulatory interventions by the State are limited by the latter's capacity of action, causing big donors and their foundations to feel the pressure to intervene in the State's place. How are we to separate the State's responsibility from that of philanthropy regarding public affairs? The references presented in this newsletter aim at shedding light on the challenges that define the connection between philanthropy and democracy.

Enjoy your reading!

- Editorial: [Democracy and Philanthropy – A source of tension for our southern neighbours](#), by Jean-Marc Fontan
- [Philanthropy vs. Democracy](#) by Helmut K. Anheir, published through Project Syndicate
- [Towards a reform in the legal framework regulating the political activities of registered charities – Four reactions from the philanthropic sector on the abolition of the 10% limitation](#) by Diane Alalouf-Hall and David Grant-Poitras
- [Charities Now Welcome in The Political Arena: What This Means for the Charitable Sector of Today and Tomorrow](#), by David Grant-Poitras and Diane Alalouf-Hall of PhiLab, published by The Philanthropist
- [Interview with Valerie Lemieux - Executive Director of the Catherine Donnelly Foundation: Philanthropy, democracy, and listening to voices that have been silenced](#), by Brady Reid and Katherine MacDonald
- [Foundations as Purveyors of Intergenerational Justice? A Review of Just Giving and Lessons for Canadian Philanthropy](#), by Kristen Pue
- [Dons aux partis politiques : des gens d'affaires prennent la relève de leur entreprise](#), published by Radio-Canada

- [Partis fédéraux: les dons faits par des mineurs font sourciller des experts](#), published by LaPresse
- [PhiLibrary - Philanthropy and Democracy](#)

Recent Events



Our [international research unit](#) in France [PSSP](#) hosted "Rencontres: Solidarité et numérique" on October 22nd, which was retransmitted live in Montreal by PhiLab Quebec.



Philanthropic Foundations Canada hosted their symposium in Calgary on October 16th and 17th. Check out their [website](#) for more information.

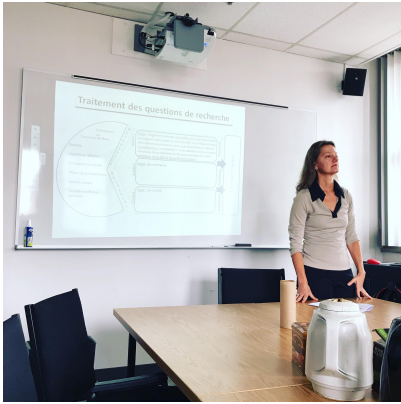
[Takeaways from Day 1](#)

[Takeaways from Day 2](#)

Quebec Regional Center - Montreal



The Quebec Hub hosted their first Academy Seminar of the year with [Rosane Dal Magro](#) who presented her thesis « Le rôle social des familles en affaires pérennes » and [Annabelle Berthiaume](#) who presented « Travail gratuit : la nouvelle exploitation ? » by Maud Simonet.



Thank you both for your time and participation in PhiLab's Academy activities!



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Philanthropie : Expérience et perspectives d'avenir

Conférence inaugurale de l'année 19-20 du Certificat en gestion philanthropique et du PhiLab

Quel avenir pour les relations entre les fondations privées et le secteur de la bienfaisance ?

Avec Madame Hilary Pearson
Présidente sortante de
Fondations Philanthropiques Canada

12 septembre 2019
17h30 à 18h45

Université de Montréal
Pavillon 3744 Jean-Brillant - Salle 104

In case you missed Hilary Pearson's conference on September 12th, "Philanthropie: Expérience et perspectives d'avenir", [the video is available here.](#)

We also have three commentaries on the event available on our website:

- [Summary](#) by Caroline Bergeron
- [Reaction](#) by David-Grant Poitras
- [Commentary](#) by Katherine Mac Donald

Les fonds recueillis sont dédiés à financer les activités de recherche des étudiants du PhiLab

Upcoming Events

Philanthropy for Systemic Change
Networking & discussion with local & international foundations

Co-Facilitators: Arianne Shaffer (Co-Executive Director, EDGE Funders Alliance), Juniper Glass (Principal, Lumiere Consulting and Partnership Development, PhiLab)

Special Guest: Edouard Morena (Just Transition Research Collaborative, University of London Institute in Paris)

November 5th, 2019
5:30pm-7:30pm
Université de Montréal - FEP
3744, Jean-Brillant - Room 104
Côte-des-Neiges metro

A networking cocktail is planned for after the presentations
This event will be held mainly in English

EDGE FUNDERS ALLIANCE ENGAGED DONORS FOR GLOBAL EQUITY
PhiLab

Reminder: PhiLab Quebec and [EDGE funders Alliance](#) are hosting "Philanthropy for Systemic Change" tomorrow, November 5th at Université de Montréal.

With special guest Edouard Morena, author of [The Price of Climate Action: Philanthropic Foundations in the International Climate Debate](#). A book review by PhiLab's Diane Alalouf-Hall was published by The Philanthropist.

[Read it here](#)

Refreshments will be served during the networking period at the end.

[More information here](#)

CONVERSATIONS PHILANTHROPIQUES EN CULTURE

Conversations Philanthropiques en Culture is hosting its first event of the season on November 12th. The theme is Engagement of the Board in philanthropy

[Learn more here](#)

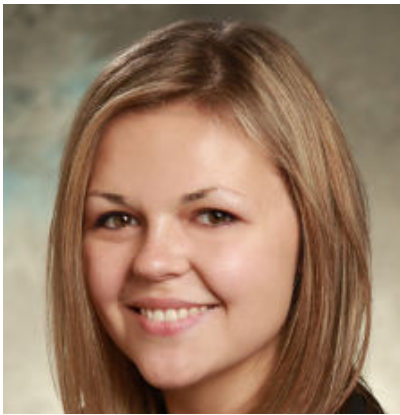
UQAM | Département de sociologie

1ère Journée d'étude du PhiLab Québec

The Quebec Hub is hosting their first Academia Day on November 28th, a day to highlight student research, foster connections and offer a platform to present their projects.

[More information here](#)

Ontario Regional Hub - Toronto



A new article by Kristen Pue is published in the
Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly!

[Selling Out? A Cross-National Exploration of
Nonprofit Retail Operations](#)



Philanthropy and
Nonprofit Leadership
CARLETON UNIVERSITY

**The International Scholar-in-Residence
Fellowship 2020
Philanthropy and Nonprofit Leadership
Graduate Program
School of Public Policy and Administration
Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada**

The Master of Philanthropy and Nonprofit Leadership (MPNL) attracts a cohort of national and international students – a mix of aspiring and experienced professionals – who enter the program by spending two weeks on campus in July to undertake an executive-style Summer Institute. They then complete the program through a series of online courses and intensive one-week sessions.

[Learn more here](#)

Upcoming Event



On November 18th, 2019, the United Way of Greater Toronto, in partnership with the Bhayana Family Foundation will be recognizing the Invisible Champions in the Greater Toronto Area. The former Deputy Premier of Ontario Deb Matthews will be our keynote speaker.

[Learn more here](#)



Carleton
UNIVERSITY



Carleton is planning the visit of [Noel Hyndman](#), Professor of Accounting and Director of the Centre for Not-for-profit and Public-sector Research at Queen's University, Northern Ireland.

A presentation will take place on December 6th: Building Trust and Legitimacy in the Charity Sector through Better Reporting - Reflections from a UK Insider"

[More information here](#)

Western Regional Hub - Regina



The Western Hub is proud to welcome [Catherine Pearl](#) and [David Peacock](#) among

their ranks as research members!



Dr. Pearl was Mount Royal University's first tenure track professor of social innovation. Prior to joining academia, Catherine spent almost twenty years in the private sector; in corporate planning, finance and marketing. She has worked for a number of multinational and national firms and has spent considerable time in the not for profit sector as a volunteer, a consultant and as President and CEO a registered charity, which operated a social enterprise.



David Peacock is the Director of Community Service-Learning in the Faculty of Arts at the University of Alberta. His research encompasses community-university engagement policy and practice, global service-learning, curriculum theory, and 'first generation' university student participation in experiential learning.

Atlantic Regional Hub - Corner Brook



Recent Events



BHAYANA FAMILY FOUNDATION AWARDS

Celebrating the roots of our community

On October 7, 2019, the [Bhayana Foundation](#) celebrated seven frontline professionals for their Leadership Creativity Dedication, Community Building and Partnership, in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

[Read an article on the initiative here](#)

News from our members



New chapter by Ontario Hub Coordinator and PhiLab member [Manuel Litalien](#):

[Gender, Religions and the SDGs: a Reflection on Empowering Buddhist Nuns](#)



New chapter by Ontario Hub member [François Brouard](#):

[Rock et Belles Oreilles Analyse de l'oeuvre d'un groupe mythique](#)

News from our partners



New report by the Catherine Donnelly Foundation:

[Deepening Our Learning
– Strengthening our Relationships](#)



WINGS taking on the leadership of the SDG Philanthropy Platform in 2020

[Learn more here](#)



L'Oeuvre Léger has revamped their image and branding. They have become: Mission Inclusion

[Learn more here](#)



New interview by the McConnell Foundation:

[How forests fight climate change: Interview with Daimen Hardie and Zach Melanson of Community Forests International](#)



Centraide du Grand Montréal is featured in LaPresse for their campaign #JamaisIndifférents

[Read the article here](#)

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disseminate knowledge to the sector.

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PhiLab students still have access to the [Facebook group](#) which is reserved for them.



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