



Philanthropy, Climate Change & the Environment



Philanthropic behavior is far reaching and exists on many levels to help others, from a small community coming together and raising money for a sick neighbor to a multinational corporation donating millions of dollars to a charity that aligns with their values. The question often remains: What motivates these individuals or entities to participate in such behavior and why? Regarding environmental philanthropy, the question is often reframed to understand the motivations of individuals contributing (either in monetary donations or time) to organizations/causes supporting the environmental movement. This Special Edition of the PhiLab Newsletter: Philanthropy, Climate Change, and the Environment highlights ongoing work in the philanthropic sector specific to the fight against climate change, and building a more sustainable future.

As this edition of the newsletter gets ready for publication, PhiLab's Atlantic Hub welcomes a new Director as of December 1st, 2020: [Dr. Kelly Vodden](#). Dr. Vodden is currently engaged in national and sub-national regional projects looking at philanthropy and its impact on rural Canada – with one project specifically investigating environmental philanthropy in Newfoundland and Labrador. This is a great time to welcome Dr. Vodden as the director of the PhiLab Atlantic Hub as her work directly contributes to this edition of the newsletter.

Enjoy your reading!

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Editorial: Philanthropy, Climate Change & the Environment

by Brady Reid, Atlantic Hub Coordinator

What's Happening with Environmental Philanthropy in NL and Atlantic Canada?

by Miranda Ivany, Atlantic Hub





Podcast: Addressing the Plastics Crisis - Interview
with Greenpeace Canada's Sarah King

by Kristen Pue, Ontario Hub

Climate Disasters, Philanthropy, and the State: The
Transformation of the Canadian Red Cross, 2013-
2019

by Kristen Pue, Ontario Hub



Research Report: Foundations and Climate Action
Exploratory Research

by Jacqueline Colting-Stol, Quebec Hub

A statement cosigned by the Fondation Familiale
Trottier and nine other philanthropic foundations

Pour une relance verte, solidaire et prospère

by Éric St-Pierre, LaPresse



Entrevue avec Jacques Bordeleau, président directeur
général de la fondation Béati

by Katia Scherer, Quebec Hub

The Fondation de l'UQAM quietly divests from fossil fuels

by David Grant-Poitras, Quebec Hub



When Giving Money is no Longer Enough: The Limits of Traditional Philanthropy when faced with the Climate Crisis

by Diane Alalouf-Hall, David Grant-Poitras and Caroline Bergeron, Quebec Hub

Divestment from Fossil Fuels in University Foundations: ULaval's Experience

by David Grant-Poitras, Quebec Hub



Can Philanthropic Funds Capitalize on Fossil Fuels?

by Caroline Bergeron, Quebec Hub

Summary of statements made at the *Conférence internationale du Laboratoire montréalais sur la philanthropie subventionnaire*

Panel : Rôle et fonction de l'investissement responsable et de la philanthropie subventionnaire dans la transition sociale et écologique

by Nancy Neamtan, Quebec Hub



Report: **Building Canada's Low Carbon Future: Opportunities for the Philanthropic Sector**

by Environment Funders Canada

The Narwhal: Carbon Cache

"Carbon Cache ... looks at the role of Canada's natural landscapes in the fight against climate change."

by the Metcalf Foundation



**Upcoming Special Edition:
Philanthropy & Data**

Next month's special edition is led by PhiLab's Western Hub and will be on **Philanthropy & Data**.

Would you like to share content on this subject?

Please contact Al Bhanji, the Western Hub coordinator at: bhanji2a@uregina.ca



News

Student awards

PhiLab is pleased to announce its annual student awards, which highlight the outstanding work done by our students throughout the year.

This year, PhiLab has offered four awards:

- Best research report
- Best interview
- Best short French article
- Best short English article

Below are the recipients of these awards and their publications:



Best Research Report

We are happy to present [Jacqueline Colting-Stol](#) with the award for Best Research Report for her work on mapping climate action among grantmaking foundations:

[Foundations and Climate Action : Exploratory research](#)

Best Interview

We are happy to present the award for best interview to Stéphane Pisani for his article published in our COVID-19 Special Edition of The PhiLanthropic Year:



[Entrevue David Weiser, SOS Québec](#)



Best French Short Article

The award for best French article goes to [Katia Scherer](#) for her article:

[Les fondations face à l'ODD 2 « Faim 'Zéro' » à Montréal : une forme de citoyenneté alimentaire ?](#)

Best English Short Article

We are happy to award Brady Reid with the award for best English short article for his piece:

Exploring the intersection of sense of place,
charitable giving and mobile work in Newfoundland
and Labrador



Upcoming events

ISTR 2021 Virtual Conference:
**Global Civil Society in Uncertain Times: Strengthening
Diversity and Sustainability**
July 12th - 15th 2021

Based on concerns related to the coronavirus pandemic, the **ISTR 14th International Conference will be a fully virtual event.**



[More information here](#)





Quebec Hub Study Day - 2nd edition

The Quebec Hub hosted their 2nd Study Day on November 26th 2020. This event gives PhiLab students the chance to present their research-in-progress and get feedback from their peers and professors.

A selection of student presentations were recorded and can be found [here](#).

The Quebec Hub has a new student! **Morgane Pellerin** is currently a Master's student in Environmental Sciences at UQAM. She is interested in food security collective actions and their contribution to food, environmental and social justice. Her work is on the intersection of the territorial development approach and "design for autonomy".



Diane Alalouf-Hall, Coordinator of the Quebec Hub, was interviewed for an article on 'neighborhood philanthropy' in LaPresse:

[COVID-19 : la philanthropie de proximité sort de l'ombre](#)

New interview by **Diane Alalouf-Hall** for a series on Quebec Volunteering during COVID-19:

[Entretien avec Marie Simard, Chargée de projets culturels, programmation, mobilisation citoyenne, logistique et art social, Paroles d'ExcluEs](#)





Jean-Marc Fontan, co-director of the PhiLab Network and research member of the Quebec Hub, was cited in two articles in LaPresse:

[Rêves d'enfants et Make-a-wish: Redonner plus grâce à une fusion](#)

[Donner pour recréer l'équilibre](#)



The Ontario Hub has a new research member!



Megan Conway serves as an Executive in Residence at Capacity Canada as well as a Postdoctoral Fellow at Carleton University. She has worked for nearly twenty years in a variety of leadership roles in the nonprofit sector as well as within post-secondary institutions. Megan has served on a number of boards including the Sierra Club of Canada, Ottawa Riverkeeper and Social Venture Partners Waterloo Region.



[Iryna Khovrenkov](#), Co-Supervisor of the Western Hub has recently co-authored an article on the impact of the pandemic on the province of Saskatchewan:

[Beyond the Economy: Prioritizing Saskatchewan's Wellbeing](#)



The Atlantic Hub has a new Supervisor!

[Kelly Vodden](#) is Professor (Research) with the Environmental Policy Institute and Associate Vice-President of Research and Graduate Studies at Grenfell Campus. She has been engaged in community and regional development research, policy and practice in Canadian rural communities across the country for more than twenty-five years.

Thank you Roza!

We would like to take the time to highlight the incredible work done by [Roza Tchoukaleyska](#), the exiting Supervisor of the Atlantic Hub. Over the past year, Roza has helped the Hub grow from an idea into the active Regional Center it is today.



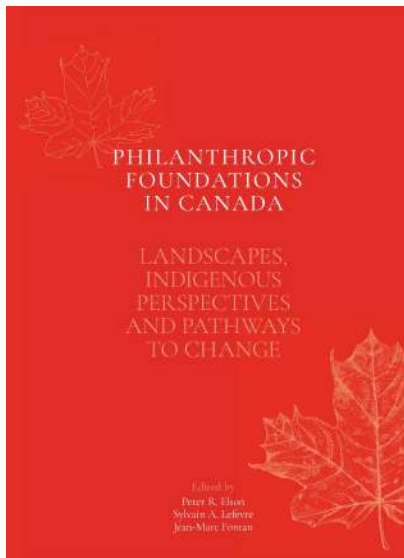
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COVID-19 Case Studies
Réponses du secteur philanthropique canadien
Responses from Canada's philanthropic sector



COVID-19 Case Studies: Responses from Canadian's philanthropic sector

In an attempt to provide a preliminary overview of responses to COVID-19 within the Canadian philanthropic community, PhiLab has initiated a series of small case studies evaluating recent initiatives in the field. The research was conducted by [Isidora G. Sidorovska](#) of the Ontario Hub and [Charles Duprez](#) of the Quebec Hub, with the support of [Manuel Litalien](#), Nipissing University, and [Jean-Marc Fontan](#), UQAM.

PhiLab Publications



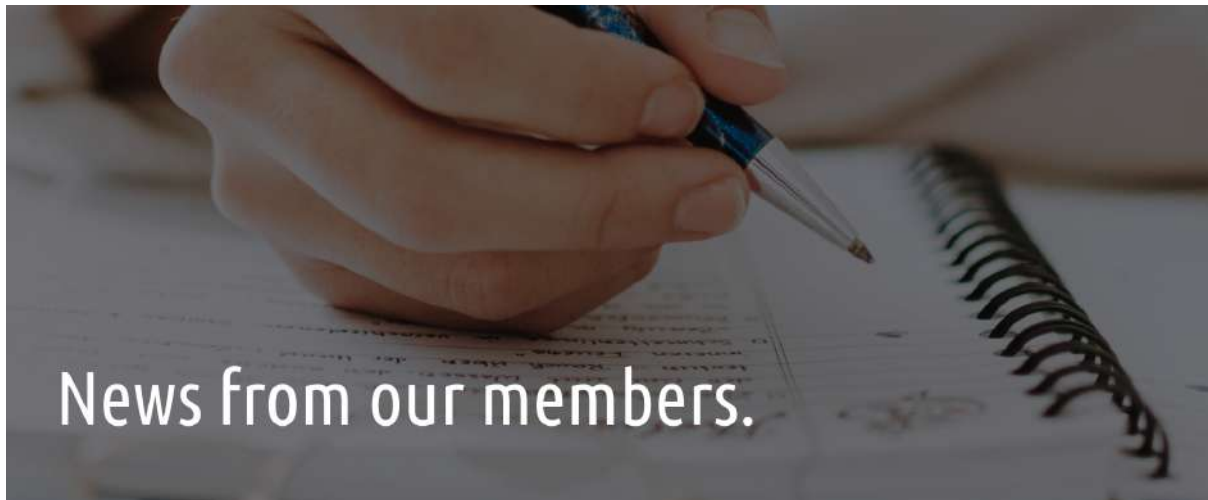
New Book Coverage

[Book Review: The Philanthropist's Dilemma: Elsewhere they meet with charity](#)

by Ian Smillie, published by Literary Review of
Canada

[Acknowledging Multiple Histories: Perspectives On Philanthropic Foundations In Canada](#)

Published by HistPhil



News from our members.

[Adam Saifer](#) has recently published an article in
SAGE journals:

[Racial neoliberal philanthropy and the arts for social
change](#)



[Jean-Marc Fontan](#) was interviewed by the Concordia
Journalism Newscast:

[Listen to the podcast here](#)

Diane Alalouf-Hall has recently published an article in The Conversation Canada on Humanitarian Action during COVID-19:



La Covid-19 force à décentraliser l'action humanitaire



Jean-Marc Fontan, Diane Alalouf-Hall and David Grant-Poitras, co-authored an article published in Humanitarian Alternatives:

Between threats and opportunities: the Canadian response to Covid-19

News from our partners.

Philanthropy Responds to COVID-19

3rd report COVID-19 Data Mapping Series
November 2020

Highlights

Philanthropy in Canada is undergoing a major shift in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Charities and non-profits are struggling to stay afloat and have seen drastic drops in income. Canadian governments are mobilizing funds to assist with the country's economy and keeping people safe. Foundations are adjusting their grantmaking practices to support grantees and to assist their communities especially the most vulnerable populations.

This research report, which incorporates additional sources of research from coalition organizations and academic institutions, aims to provide relevant data and identify measures that can make the philanthropic and charitable sector as effectively responding to the crisis and in the rebuilding that will follow.

Highlights

- Foundations have channelled over \$420M into their response to COVID-19 in Canada.
- For the first six months, social services, health and charitable sector development have received the most grantmaking assets.
- Foundations are seeking and simplifying conventional grantmaking to allow for faster and more flexible grant-making.
- Foundations have begun to address well-entrenched and climate change in their programming.

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Philanthropic Foundations of Canada has just published their 3rd report from their COVID-19 Data Mapping Series

[Consult the full report here](#)

The Philanthropist has launched a series of interviews. Their most recent interview was published earlier last month:



The Philanthropist

[The Philanthropist Interview: Janice Stein](#)

Environment Funders Canada has published a new report, with the support of the Trottier Family Foundation:



[Building Canada's Low Carbon Future: Opportunities for the Philanthropic Sector](#)

WINGS has just launched their new image!
"... We are excited to (re)introduce you to WINGS. an organisation that is ready to rise, ready to elevate philanthropy. An expanded vision and a new look - both updated to reflect changing times."



[Check it out here](#)



Imagine Canada has released a new report:

[Wake up Call: New Report on Community Investment](#)

Featured Philanthropic Profile

PhiLab's Quebec Hub has launched a [Philanthropic Profile Database](#) in order to highlight the sector's professionals and the diversity of their roles.

Would you like to be featured here? [Fill out your profile here.](#)



Brenda Greene is Supervisor of Phone Operations and Client Experience for Équiterre.

"I recrute, train, I listen, I coach, and I encourage my team to be productive, while still having fun doing their job. I analyze time cards, the number of calls, the amount of donations made, the quality of the information given and of the interaction between an agent and an Équiterre donor."

[Read her complete profile here](#)

Alliance featured article of the month



[Panel recording: Climate movements and funders](#)

"If the next decade is a flashpoint for the world's future, the relationship between climate movements working on the ground and the funders who support them is becoming yet more crucial. An expert panel representing climate movements and funders discussed as part of our [ClimatePhilanthropy2030](#) commitment."



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