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What is the Sustainability Mixer?

The Sustainability Mixer is a community introduction & building themed event. It was born out of wanting to provide students & community members a space to get to know the sustainability related organizations working at Concordia, meet other students, and just hang out in a space together. Groups directly active in the sustainable community at Concordia are present to chat about their work and open space for students to learn more, to know how to get informed & involved, network, and talk about all the different sustainable goings-on at Concordia.

Acknowledgement of land and relationship to community & sustainability:

We, the organizing committee, acknowledge that while this event is taking place virtually, it nevertheless is occurring on stolen lands respective to the home of the Concordia community. Tiohtia:ke, colonially known as Montréal, is unceded, meaning never surrendered Indigenous lands. The Kanien'kehá:ka Nation is recognized as the custodians of the lands and waters on which Concordia sits, and Tiohtià:ke is historically known as a gathering place for many Indigenous Nations, today being home to a diverse population of Indigenous and other peoples.

Colonization, and the ongoing resistance to it, must be at the forefront of understanding and working within our local context, as we strive to understand our place in the systems of colonialism, seeking to ensure we are not perpetuating systems of oppression while we organize for sustainable communities, for a sustainable world beyond colonialism.

As sustainability related organizations, and more specifically as settlers and non-Indigenous members of the organizing committee, we recognize that while we work to pull sustainability away from a white and environmentally dominated approach, this is a narrative that continues to dominate understandings of sustainability.

We are working to figure out how we can hold each other and those in our community accountable to pulling sustainability towards an intersectional understanding and practice. For us planning this mixer, we recognize that the organizations represented at this mixer do not reflect the diversity of organizations working towards sustaining the Concordia community and beyond in just and equitable ways. The work, of course, is on us as organizers directly involved in the sustainability community at Concordia to help push an anti-oppressive lens and hold each other accountable in our unlearning, learning, and building of relationships that will allow for a diversity of groups to be present in the future, and to feel safe being present.

This is a messy process that we have and will continue to stumble through, and we thank you for struggling with us, whether directly or indirectly. It's in this acknowledgement that we take a small but critical step in helping to build a better future.

Schedule

6:30 – 7:00pm

Opening Musical
Performance: featuring Clerel

7:00pm – 7:40pm

Organization Shuffle:
Each organization has
3-5 minutes to present an
overview of their group, how
folx can get involved, and
contact information

7:40pm – 8:30pm (tentatively)

Mixer!

Lobby: A welcome, general
inquiry, and redirecting space

Breakout Rooms:

Type 1: Each organization
in their own breakout room,
attendees can join and chat
more with a group

Type 2: Breakout Room for
dance party ^^

Featured Artist

A natural-born vocalist, soul singer & songwriter Clerel nurtured his taste for melody in his coastal hometown of Douala, Cameroon, where he grew up listening to music from his parents' record collection, which ranged from church hymns and afrobeat to French chanson.

As a child, he developed a habit of singing his favorite songs to himself as a way to "listen" to them whenever he desired, an exercise that helped hone his signature smooth tone. Clerel has appeared as a contestant on nationally broadcast reality talent show La Voix, as well as a featured act in the iconic Festival International de Jazz de Montréal. Listeners from all over the world continue to fall in love with the young musician's soulful universe and effortlessly elegant esthetic.



[Linktree for more info & links for listening \(link\)](#)

People's Potato

The People's Potato is a vegan soup kitchen at Concordia University - a student initiated project that was founded in 1999 in order to address student poverty and the lack of affordable food options on campus. As a non-profit, worker-run collective, the People's Potato is mandated to:

- Provide quality vegetarian food to Concordia students and community members.
- Offer an anti-capitalist alternative to corporate food systems on campus.
- Offer education with respect to food politics, food preparation and social justice issues.
- Provide an accessible anti-oppressive community space.
- Mobilize for active involvement in environmental and social justice movements.
- Support the work of social-justice-oriented community events and projects.
- Offer all services for free or on a pay-what-you-can basis.

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John Molson Sustainable Enterprise Committee (JSEC)

JSEC is a group of undergraduates that address the integration of sustainability in business practices. We build and inspire the future sustainable leaders of tomorrow. Why? Because we believe this is what the business world needs today. Being an official subsidiary of CASA, JSEC delivers several services that look to give students the platform to learn and practice sustainable business practices. With the ultimate vision to have sustainability so embedded in global systems that JSEC is rendered obsolete, JSEC moves to demonstrate how sustainable concepts can be applied to business operations, while also showing how to leverage business frameworks to realize sustainable ideas.

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Loyola College for Diversity and Sustainability (LCDS)

Opened in 2002, the LCDS was founded by an inter-disciplinary group of professors drawn from science, social science and humanities departments in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences. From the outset the College's main purpose was to provide a coherent program of interdisciplinary courses on the Loyola campus on a central issue of our time, specifically the challenges and opportunities of diversity.

Today, the LCDS is an interdisciplinary honours college at Concordia University and home of the Loyola Sustainability Research Centre. They offer a 24-credit Minor in Diversity and the Contemporary World, a 27-credit Minor in Sustainability Studies, a 15-credit Sustainability Studies Elective Group, and a 9-credit Membership Program. These programs can be paired with most undergraduate Major, Specialization, and Honours programs offered in the Faculty of Arts and Science, the Faculty of Fine Arts, and the John Molson School of Business.

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CEED Concordia

CEED Concordia is a fee-levy association of Concordia University and a non-profit organization operating in Montreal, Canada and Gulu, Uganda. We are an organization dedicated to social justice, community empowerment, and positive change by supporting youth in our communities. CEED offers Concordia and Ugandan students an opportunity to contribute to sustainable community projects via our internship programs between Canada, Uganda and more recently Colombia and West Africa. Every year, approximately 25-30 youth from both communities become involved with our program through internships, academic initiatives, and various positions within our organization. We are working to shape better communities and future leaders for a better tomorrow.

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Concordia University's Center for Creative Reuse (CUCCR)

CUCCR is dedicated to diverting materials from inside Concordia's waste-stream and offering them to the general community free of cost. Our spaces currently feature a variety of material storage and displays that showcase the diverse materials coming out of offices, departments, studios, and labs on our campus. A variety of wood, glass, metal, fibers, office supplies, plastics, paper, tools and equipment, and arts & crafts supplies fill the shelves.

Website: <https://www.cuccr.ca/>

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Hive Café Solidarity Cooperative

The mission of the Hive Café Co-op is to be a model food system at Concordia University that provides food through sustainable practices and empowers the student community.

The Hive Café Co-op is a Solidarity Cooperative, which means that the membership is composed of three distinct membership categories; user-members, worker-members, and support or community-member. The vision of the Hive is the creation of accessible food systems that are socially, economically, as well as environmentally regenerative that are operated locally and democratically.

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Zero Waste Concordia

At Zero Waste Concordia, our mission is to divert and reduce as much waste on campus away from landfill, and instead reduce, reuse, recycle and rot. Since the university is closed because of the COVID-19 pandemic, we have now adapted our efforts to focus on the waste created at the homes of our community, so that we can achieve our mission when the university reopens.

Committed to expanding a culture and mission of Zero Waste throughout Concordia and beyond, Zero Waste Concordia has helped support the development and operating of many on campus sustainability initiatives, tonight we will highlight a few. If you are interested in starting your own initiative, please get in touch.

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Concordia Precious Plastics Project (CP3)

Our mission is to address the plastic crisis by creating 3D printing filament, and eco-friendly items through repurposing Concordia University's plastic waste for the communities of Montreal. We believe it is our duty to ensure the quantity of plastic used is minimized in our community. The plastic crisis we are in requires urgent actions. CP3 will be addressing the United Nations SDGs #12, and 13.

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The Sustainability Action Fund (SAF)

The SAF is a student run fee levy group at Concordia University with the mission of building an inclusive culture of sustainability at Concordia University by enabling, supporting, and financing projects that tackle interconnected environmental, social, and economic issues. The majority of funding goes to support projects to develop sustainable infrastructure, urban agriculture, community-building, and education surrounding environmental and community issues, with the long-term goal of inspiring and developing a culture of sustainability at Concordia University.

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FoodCycle

Food Cycle is focused on eliminating food waste/surplus from restaurants, grocery stores and events within and outside of Concordia. Food surplus is also recycled through these initiatives by working with internal groups such as The Hive Cafe, People's Potato, Concordia's Food Coalition, Home-Cooked Concordia and more. Leftover edible food items are then donated to students, faculty and staff through food sharing platforms and communal fridges. Larger portions are donated to partnering initiatives such as local shelters in and around the Montreal area such as La Tablee des Chefs' diverting food waste program.

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Office of Sustainability (OOS) & The Sustainability Ambassadors Program (SAP)

At Concordia, the OOS upholds the University's Sustainability Policy and promotes best practices in ecological, economic, and social sustainability. The OOS is the university's central sustainability unit, complemented by a network of positions focused on sustainability within other university units and departments. Working together as Concordia's Sustainability Team, they evaluate and provide advice on how to improve the University's performance towards its sustainability goals through the provision and implementation of metrics, tools, training and processes.

Working in collaboration with the OOS and Sustainable Concordia, the SAP aims to increase sustainability awareness on campus and support others to develop more sustainable behaviours. The SAP does this by offering volunteer opportunities for students of all disciplines, training provided by the Concordia Sustainability Team, and ongoing educational opportunities offered throughout the year. While on-campus volunteer opportunities through the program are postponed until further notice due to the covid-19 health crisis, the SAP is still offering an in-depth series of training opportunities during the fall and winter semester, as well as other programming and volunteering opportunities that the SAP is working hard to develop and adapt.

OOS Contact info

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Sustainable Concordia (SC)

A student-led fee levy group at Concordia University, SC is a resource initiative that takes action to reform, transform, and revolutionize unjust systems contributing to climate crisis by connecting students, faculty, administration, and the wider community. SC envisions a university which teaches and demonstrates sustainability principles of ecological health, social justice, and economic equality. Envisioning a university which is run non-hierarchically by students, staff, faculty, and administration in a process based on transparency and maximum participation, SC is guided by five strategic directions involving:

- Encourage and take initiative in activism to address the climate crisis.
- Build and deepen our connections with local and global communities to foster resilient networks.

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- Act as an accessible community resource that provides opportunities for skill sharing and education.
- Strive for organizational excellence in a way that is responsive to intersectional realities.
- Practice advocacy with communities through direct action involving the Concordia University Administration and decision makers who work within unjust systems.

Concordia Food Coalition (CFC)

The CFC is a student run fee levy group at Concordia University concerned about the economic, ecological, and social implications of the food system at Concordia University. With the aim of fostering a community-centered food system that will begin at Concordia University, but that will be built with expansion in mind, the CFC brings together students, faculty and staff to promote and facilitate a transition to a more sustainable food system in collaboration with organizations at Concordia and beyond. Ultimately, the CFC envisions a community food system at Concordia University that is:

- Outside of the pursuit of private financial profit
- Constituted and grounded in inclusivity & cooperation (not hierarchy & competition)
- Structured in a way that innovates on successful alternative models
- Committed to being affordable, nutritious, and sensitive to cultural needs
- Approaches food sovereignty/security from a critical perspective
- Built to apply and integrate

research in urban farming techniques, and other parts of the food-cycle

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Other Concordia and community related groups to check out

As we mentioned in our acknowledgement of our relationship to community & sustainability, there are numerous organizations working towards sustaining the Concordia, and wider Tiohtia:ke (Montréal) community and beyond, in just and equitable ways. Way too many organizations doing amazing work to list here - but we'll do our best to provide a start!

Indigenous Directions: Led by the Indigenous Directions Leadership Council, Indigenous Directions is the movement to decolonize and Indigenize the University.

Otsenhákta Student Centre: An on-campus resource for First Nations, Inuit and Métis students, the Centre offers programming that focuses on academics, culture and community, providing support to help students succeed and achieve their highest academic potential by working with them to make the most of the many resources available at the university.

Black Student Union at Concordia (non-profit): Concordia students aiming to empower black youth while educating & spreading awareness about the African diaspora.

Black Perspectives Office: The Black Perspectives Office resources, supports, connects, and advocates for Black communities, perspectives, initiatives, and scholarship at Concordia University.

Concordia Student Union: the CSU's mission is to serve students, defend their rights, and act as their highest representative body at Concordia.

Quebec Public Interest Research Group (QPIRG) Concordia (fee-levy group): a resource centre for student and community research and organizing. QPIRG strives to raise awareness and support grassroots activism around diverse social and environmental issues, with work that is rooted in an anti-oppression analysis & practice.

Other Concordia and community related groups to check out (cont'd)

The Centre for Gender Advocacy (fee-levy group): Mandated to promote gender equality and empowerment particularly as it relates to marginalized communities, the Centre works to promote gender self-determination, bodily sovereignty, and self-love.

Concordia Community Solidarity Co-Operative Bookstore (fee-levy group): The Co-op Bookstore is a long-time Concordia mainstay, and an incredible resource for students on campus and members of the wider-Montreal community. Through a non-profit co-operative model, the Bookstore is able to provide low prices and professional services to all who visit it.

The Refugee Centre (fee-levy group): Working to provide a sustainable structure of integration for refugees and immigrants in Canada by offering support for students and their families as well as the Montreal community as a whole.

Art Matters (fee-levy group): A student-run festival that showcases the diversity of Concordia University's artistic community. The festival promotes emerging talent and provides students with professional experiences by working alongside cultural institutions, galleries and artist-run centres in Montreal and beyond.

Cinema Politica (fee-levy group) : A Montreal-based non-profit network of community and campus locals that screen independent political film and video by Canadian and international artists.

CJLO (fee-levy group): Formed in 1998, CJLO is Concordia University's one and only radio station. 100% non-profit, and run almost entirely by volunteers, the station is located in the heart of the Loyola campus in the NDG borough of Montreal.

Queer Concordia (fee-levy group): An on campus resource centre for queer, lesbian, gay, trans, two-spirited, bisexual, asexual, intersex, questioning, and allies. It is based on a belief in the diversity of communities and supporting safer sex practices.

Concordia University Television (CUTV) (fee-levy group): A Campus/Community TV & video production studio that provides an essential service to those in the Concordia & Montreal communities. From live-streaming events to producing original content, CUTV's dedicated team of volunteers and staff produce & diffuse original content.

Concordia Greenhouse (fee-levy group): Located in a rooftop greenhouse at the

top of the Hall building, it provides a gorgeous atrium for students to relax, work, and socialize, as well as multiple rooms housing projects ranging from a Tea Garden, to a full scale Aquaponics system. Their annual seedling sale is a mainstay of Montreal's urban farmers, and they also run an annual City Farm School, which offers participants an intensive 8 month internship and workshops in Urban Farming in Montreal.

Frigo Vert (fee-levy group): Founded on a Cooperative business model, the Frigo strives to offer high-quality organic food to students and the whole Montreal community at prices that are accessible to all . Beyond good food at good prices, the Frigo also strives to advance core principles of social justice, by opposing systemic forms of violence that undermine local communities and their food security.

The Link Newspaper (fee-levy group): The Link is an independent, student-run, not-for-profit newspaper at Concordia University. It aims to publish stories not usually covered by mainstream media, with a focus on advocacy journalism.

The Concordian (fee-levy group): The Concordian provides coverage of campus events, student politics, local news, sports, music, life, arts, and opinion pieces.

Other Concordia and community related groups to check out (cont'd)

Concordia Student Nightline (fee-levy group): A non judgemental, confidential, anonymous listening service run by Concordia Students, for those in need of referrals, information, support, or just to chat.

Sexual Assault Resource Centre (SARC): SARC provides confidential and non-judgmental support and services to Concordia University students, staff and faculty who have been affected by sexual violence. Through education and raising awareness we are committed to preventing sexual violence on campus and beyond.

The Multi-faith and Spirituality Centre: A home on campus for all those who wish to celebrate the human spirit in the widest sense of the word; we are open to all students whether spiritual, secular or religious. Our approach is pluralistic, accepting and energizing, and we encourage students to live with integrity and authenticity.

The SHIFT Centre for Social Transformation Concordia: Supports existing and emerging social transformation initiatives that unite the efforts of Concordians and their partners with the goal of creating a more just, inclusive, and broadly prosperous Montreal.

The Solidarity Economy Incubation Zone (SEIZE): A member-based democratic organization and network, through education, incubation and organizing, our goal is building the democratic economy from the ground up, with a focus on Concordia University and the Montreal ecosystem.

The Office of Community Engagement (OCE): The OCE's mandate is to develop and support meaningful and mutually-beneficial relationships between the university and the diverse communities of Montreal.

Montreal Indigenous Community Network (the NETWORK): The NETWORK supports the ecosystem of individuals and groups committed to improving the quality of life of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis communities living in the greater Montreal area. Our members include community & volunteers, nonprofit organizations, governments and institutions, and some businesses.

Resilience Montreal: A non-profit day shelter situated on the corner of Atwater and Sainte Catherine, offering food, a place to sleep, clean clothes, and support to anyone in need.

The Native Women's Shelter of Montreal: Providing a safe environment where women can begin to rebuild their lives. We offer support and frontline services to First Nations, Inuit and Métis (Aboriginal) women and children to promote their empowerment and independence.

Stella: Stella's primary mission is to improve quality of life and working conditions for female-identified sex workers, to educate the greater public on the different ways that sex work happens as well as about our lived experiences as sex workers, so that sex workers might also enjoy and benefit from the same rights to safety and security that are commonplace for other people.

Bâtiment 7 (B7): A non-profit organization born in 2009 in Pointe-Saint-Charles, B7 has reappropriated a heritage industrial building, in order to convert it into a factory of collective autonomy, an accessible alternative gathering place bubbling with projects. . Rooted in the environment that gave it birth, open to the world, B7 aspires to become an engine of cultural, social, political, economic and environmental transformation.

Solidarity Across Borders: A migrant justice network based in Montreal, active since 2003. We are comprised of migrants and

Other Concordia and community related groups to check out (cont'd)

allies, and we organize together to support individuals and families who are confronting an unjust immigration and refugee system. We engage in popular education, support work, as well as political mobilizations, including demonstrations, pickets, delegations, and direct actions.

The Centre for Community Organizations (COCO): COCo is a charitable organization whose mission is to support the health and well-being of community organizations in Québec through supporting organizational development, offering training, disseminating resources, producing research, and strengthening links between nonprofit organizations.

A closing thank you note

Thank you so much to the members of the organizing committee, involving Anna Timm-Bottos (CUCCR), Nora Fabre (CFC), Rebecca Black (SAF), Sebastián Di Poi (SAF), Amanda Loukatos (SC), Duha Elmardi (SC), and Brett Cox (SC). Thank you for all the laughter, love & labor you put into organizing this year's Sustainability Mixer.

Thank you so much to all the participating organizations, and all the important work you do.

Thank you so much to Clerel, for your beautiful performance, and all the amazing work you put out into the world.

Thank you so much to all the attendees who were able to make it to this year's mixer. We

hope this event was able to provide you with a relaxing space to meet other students & members of the Concordia community, and learn about the sustainable community and how you can get involved. As well, shoutout to all students & community members who either were not able to make it, or were not aware of the event. Sending our love to all students and community members holding it down and trying to survive and thrive, both as individuals & as communities.

Lastly, thank you, so much, to all those struggling for a sustainable world, in all the beautiful and intersectional ways that that looks.

In love, rage, & solidarity...