

THE LINK PUBLICATION SOCIETY INC.

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The Link is an independent, student-run, not-for-profit newspaper at Concordia University in Montreal, Quebec. *The Link* aims to publish stories not usually covered by mainstream media, with a focus on advocacy journalism. Contributors cover stories about student life, as well as local, national and international issues of interest to the Concordia and Montreal communities.

The Link is a progressive entity with a staff that believes in tolerance and promotes a positive message of diversity and equality. *The Link* has a tradition of advocating for people and groups who are marginalized, oppressed, voiceless or simply rendered invisible because of the nature of their situation. The paper has long been committed to sharing stories that might not otherwise be told publicly.

The Link is a learning space. Every member is a volunteer who has learned what he or she knows about the newspaper and its practices from another volunteer, and everyone has a responsibility to pass along his or her knowledge. *The Link* is a venue for writers, photographers, designers and artists to hone their skills and gain experience by working with the newspaper's staff.

Although *The Link* is primarily a print publication, its staff embraces new media and incorporates the Internet and other tools wherever possible in order to reach a wider audience and offer more to *The Link* readers.

Contributors to *The Link* can expect to pursue their work in a safe and civil environment. There is no tolerance for any form of discrimination, including, but not limited to: racism, homophobia, sexism, ageism, or xenophobia.