

Voicing the Humanities

This working group is a follow-up to the IPLAI fall 2015 reading group *Thinking the Humanities*. It seeks to further stimulate thought and discussion about certain themes explored in the reading group. How should we define the humanities today? In what terms should we determine their value? How can we communicate their importance? How do we address the sense of 'crisis' in discourses and representations of the humanities in higher education and research? How can we help ensure a vibrant future for the humanities on both an individual and a societal level? The working group hopes to stage the efforts of its members to voice these questions and their potential answers, and their desires to organize initiatives in and off campus. The goal is to foster a space for dialogue, creativity and collaboration aimed at spreading the word about the Humanities in educational and cultural institutions, the general public, and other spheres of society. The working group will bring together students, faculty, and members of various groups at McGill, and encourage the exchange of information, ideas, resources, and networks. The group will meet every two weeks; topics will be determined the first meeting. Each meeting will focus on a topic and/or project that will be presented by one or more members of the group.

Meeting dates and times

Monday; 3:30 pm.

February 1, 15 and 29, March 7 and 21, April 4.

Topics / Projects

- First meeting: getting to know each other and our resources, sharing ideas and determining topics / projects.
- Other meetings: to be determined.

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