



We hope you and your loved ones are well and healthy! With Québec announcing its summer reopening plan, we can finally start to see some light at the end of the tunnel.

Here's what's on the horizon at Y4Y. As always, we have exciting updates to share with you!

Upcoming Events & Initiatives

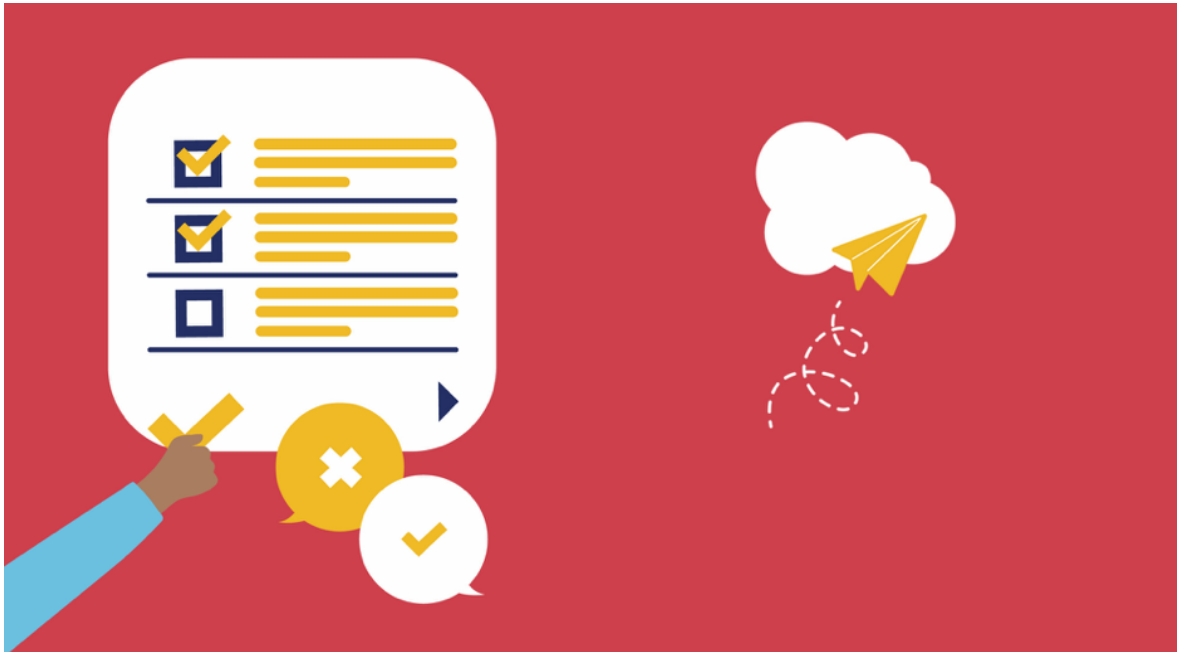
A promotional graphic for an event. It features a light blue background with a faint map of Québec. At the top center is the Y4Y Québec logo and the word "presents" in a bold, lowercase sans-serif font. On the left, two red rectangular boxes contain the text "Bill 96:" and "What's that about?" in white, bold, sans-serif font. On the right, the text "Townhall with Q&A session featuring Stéphanie Chouinard" is displayed, with "Stéphanie Chouinard" in a red box. Below this is a portrait of Stéphanie Chouinard, a woman with long brown hair, wearing a dark blue blazer over a white shirt, with her arms crossed. To the right of the portrait is her title: "PhD Assistant Professor of Political Science at Royal Military College of Canada & Queen's University" in a small, dark blue font.

Bill 96: What's that about?

June 1, 2021 at 6 pm

There is a good chance you have heard of Bill 96 making waves across Québec - and for good reason. It is the biggest expansion of French-language rights since Bill 101 in the 1970s. Join us as we listen to Dr. Stéphanie Chouinard, specialist on federalism and judicial politics, break down the Bill and answer your questions. Y4Y will also present its concerns regarding the Bill's impact on the English-Speaking Communities in Québec. For more information and to

register, visit [the event page](#).



PSSP Year 1 Recap Survey

If you are an English-Speaking Québec Youth (between 16 and 30 years old) and want to help us build a 5-year Strategic Plan to share YOUR priorities with the provincial government, please take a moment to answer this quick [survey](#).

We want your voices heard!



Y4Y Membership

Do you support our mission and the work that we do within the community? Become a member - it's free! To find out more or to sign up, visit our [Membership page](#).



SAY LA VIE Podcast

Episode 6

June 2, 2021

Join Sam for part one of a series on LGBTQ+ issues around the province. In this episode Sam talks with Tom Zalatnai (they/them), a veteran podcaster with over a decade of experience in online media production and over 1000 individual podcast episodes under their belt. Together, Sam and Tom discuss the unique experiences and issues facing the English-speaking LGBTQ+ communities in Québec. This episode will set the stage for Episode 7 featuring a conversation with the President of the Green Party of Canada. Stay tuned!

News



We are Hiring:

Communications Assistant & Volunteer Coordinator Assistant

We are looking for new teammates to join the Y4Y family!

If you are between the ages of 15 & 30, want to spend your summer working with a dynamic team, and gain experience connecting with youth from across the province, take a look at our job descriptions [here](#) & apply now!



#ThisIsOurShotCA Vaccination Campaign

During the week of May 17th, Y4Y participated in the [#ThisIsOurShotCA](#) campaign to highlight the importance of getting vaccinated against COVID-19! Take a look at our media campaign on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#). Y4Y intends on hosting an information session with health professionals - stay tuned for more information!



You are Here: The Belonging Project

Good news! "[You are Here: The Belonging Project](#)" will be coming back for a second year. You are Here aims to increase English-speaking youth's sense of belonging to Québec society. This is done by hosting regionally-based events across the province, and by fostering important intergenerational conversations between local seniors and youth groups. Keep an eye out for updates on our [website](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages.

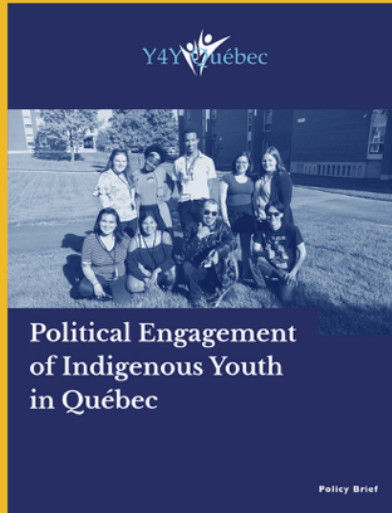


SAY LA VIE Podcast—Episodes 4 & 5

In Episode 4, Sam and Milla, a former intern at Y4Y, engage in a conversation about how COVID-19 has impacted the mental well-being of our generation.

They discuss the Katniss Generation and the recent anti-curfew riots. In Episode 5, Sam has an eye-opening conversation with Brian Gignac, Director of the Megantic English-Speaking Community Development Corporation (MCDC), about how COVID-19 is affecting rural English-speaking communities. They discuss the information pandemic afflicting these communities, as well as the vital role community organizations play in keeping their communities safe. Brian also provides excellent ideas on how to stay engaged and involved during the final stages of COVID. Have a listen [here](#).

Publication



Our Latest Policy Brief “Political Engagement of Indigenous Youth in Québec” is now Available

Although a majority of Indigenous youth are politically conscious and active in their communities, many admit to not having participated in provincial elections. This is in large part due to an existing lack of representation. Y4Y believes that there are certain actions that Québec’s government should take to encourage political participation of Indigenous youth. [Read our policy brief.](#)



Volunteer Program

Interested in Québec culture, event planning, or fundraising campaigns? Y4Y is currently looking for volunteers to join the Arts & Culture, Regional Table, and Fundraising & Membership Committees. To find out more, visit [our committees' page.](#)

Slack Community



Want to join the conversation with your peers from across Québec?
Click [here](#) to sign up for Y4Y's Slack channel and stay in the loop.

In the News

We are happy to introduce our latest section, In the News! This will include short, digestible updates on what is happening across Québec and how it affects English-speaking communities.



Bill 96

Bill 96 is the talk of the province! But what is it exactly? For starters, it is the

biggest expansion of French-language rights since the original Bill 101 from a PQ government in 1977. Important elements include a call for Québec to be designated a nation in the Canadian Constitution, as well as the designation of French as the province's common language. Supporters appreciate its boldness, while detractors fear the erosion of minority rights at the expense of the French-speaking majority. Read Y4Y's Press Release [here](#), then don't forget to sign up to Y4Y's "Bill 96: What's that about?" event [here](#).

Québec Reopening Plan

The Legault government last week released the timeline for Québec's long awaited reopening plan. With its many moving parts, we decided to include the plan here, in case you have been hearing different versions of it. Despite this much needed burst of hope, let's continue to stay vigilant! Read the plan [here](#).

From our Friends



Business + Higher Education Roundtable

The [Business + Higher Education Roundtable](#) is hosting a cross-Canada series of virtual student roundtables on Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion in [Work-Integrated Learning \(WIL\)](#). It is looking for student voices and perspectives from different equity-deserving communities on how to make WIL more accessible and valuable for all students, especially through the pandemic. If you're interested in participating, take a look at the [form](#).



Black in Quebec



The 2021 Community Vitality Survey

Visit our website to take the survey:

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Black Community Resource Centre's 2021 Community Vitality Survey

At the moment, there is very limited information available to community members regarding the Black community in Québec. Therefore the **Black Community Resource Centre** is conducting the 2021 Community Vitality Survey with the intention of filling in key information gaps and sharing them with all community stakeholders. Anyone 18 and older from Black communities across Québec are welcome to take part in the survey. All respondents will have the chance to win 1 of 10 \$50 gift cards from a local bookstore. The survey is available in both English ([here](#)) and French ([here](#)).

Y4Y Past Events



Online Launch Lunch

May 5, 2021

Sam's podcast launch included performances from talented Québécois youth and presentations from inspiring guests that tackle issues facing English-speaking youth. Learn a tip or two from Sam's Sugar Pie recipe, chosen from the community! You can still watch it [here](#), if you missed it.

Thank you, once again, and from the entire Y4Y Team, stay safe.

Ça va bien aller.

Madeleine Lawler / President

Kathleen Mulawka / Executive Director

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