



#MONTREALFEMINISTS FOR THE RIGHT TO THE CITY

A **feminist city** is a city that focuses on the needs and realities of all Montrealers and that improves quality of life for as many residents as possible.

The **right to the city** refers to working to transform the city, whether through launching initiatives, starting projects, or taking part in debates and making decisions for the city's future.

Currently, feminists in Montreal are taking action to live in a city which better responds to their needs.

FREE MOVEMENT FOR ALL

In order to fight climate change, it is essential to prioritize transport that is collective (bus, metro, adapted transit and train) or active (walking, biking, and using a wheelchair).

Women in Montreal make up 54% of all collective transport users in Montreal.¹ However, they do not all have safe and equitable access to sustainable transit options to move freely, particularly due to fare hikes and a lack of facilities in their neighbourhoods.

Only 25 metro stations out of 58 have an elevator. Disabled women depend on adapted transit, which has many issues (safety in vehicles, lateness, inflexibility, eligibility, etc.)

More than half of Montrealers (65%) experienced street harassment in 2020-2021. This percentage is much higher among disabled women (75%), gender-diverse individuals (84%) and young women (92%).²

FEMINIST ACTIONS AND SOLUTIONS

Feminist organizations are taking action for sustainable, inclusive and more equal movement for all. Here are the solutions proposed by the TGFM to respond to these pressing issues:

Ensure inclusive and universal access for collective transport services, as well as facilities for active transport.

- Expand the conversation around universal access to highlight its advantages for urban planning, as everyone benefits from it (including parents, seniors and children).
- Train collective and adapted transit staff in universal access to ensure that users are respected.
- Redesign the existing transit network to make it universally accessible.
- Make information on adapted transit and how to use it more accessible.
- Systematically integrate the principles of universal access in new facilities and services associated with mobility.

Encourage the adoption of active transport

- Design roads to improve security and road sharing. These measures concern lights, signage, the widening and repair of sidewalks and bike paths, reserved lanes, traffic-calming measures, adding places to rest on routes, longer pedestrian signals, etc.
- Develop community bike workshops that offer voluntary mixing at certain times.
- Diversify depictions of bicycle users (people who are fat, elderly, who wear hijab, who are disabled, etc.).

Adopt collective solutions in order to not be alone when faced with street harassment

- Document the situation to develop appropriate solutions.
- Offer training to people who are in the best position to intervene (such as reception staff, security guards and bus/adapted transit drivers).
- Develop awareness campaigns with groups working in the field.
- React when you witness street harassment.

TAKE ACTION

The Table de groupe de femmes de Montréal (TGFM) is proposing several solutions to urban issues to improve **movement, housing, neighbourhood life** and **economic conditions** of Montreal women.

Make concrete commitments in favour of the right to the city by taking inspiration from the solutions below! For even more solutions, look at the TGFM's [Feminists for the Right to the City: Platform of Demands](#).

Putting them in action is a way to participate in the collective transformation of the city to build a Montreal that is more equal and inclusive.

Together, we are #MontrealFeminists!



The Table de groupes de femmes de Montréal (TGFM) is a regional round table which promotes and defends the interests of women from an intersectional feminist perspective. Its membership of over 80 groups, composed mainly of local women's groups and women's committees from unions, community groups and social groups, is one of its greatest strengths.

1. Autorité régionale de transport métropolitain, (2021). [Plan stratégique de développement du transport collectif 2021-2035](#).

2. Centre d'éducation et d'action des femmes de Montréal, (2022). [Rapport de recherche sur le harcèlement de rue à Montréal : un portrait statistique de la pluralité des expériences, des manifestations et des contextes](#).