

TOP TEN INSIGHTS OF THE *MONTREAL LIFE STORIES* PROJECT

1. Sharing life stories builds bridges across cultures while empowering individuals and their communities to reclaim their own stories.
2. Government support for community efforts to preserve their history and to remember strengthens society and is money well spent.
3. Teaching life stories is critical to anti-racism and genocide education.
4. In academic context, communities should be partners in research and not only objects of study.
5. The personal is crucial to understanding the whole; learning with is better than simply learning about.
6. Government support for founding community archives or documentation centres is crucial to transferring the wisdom of newcomers from one generation to the next and from one community to another.
7. It is important to go beyond abstract labels in political debates about immigration and engage with real people.
8. Creative arts based inquiry opens new doors to understanding.
9. Cultural harmony comes from understanding the differences and building on the commonalities.
10. It is the responsibility and in the interest of the Government of Canada and the international community to enlarge its capacity to prevent mass atrocities and protect civilians.

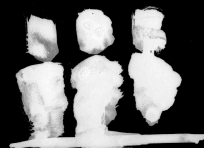
Based at Concordia University, the *Life Stories of Montrealers Displaced by War, Genocide, and other Human Rights Violations* (Montréal Life Stories), is a community-university research alliance which has involved a team of more than 150 people and 18 Montreal partner organizations.

The objective of this five-year long project has been to collect and disseminate the interviews of 500 Montrealers who have found a new home in Montreal.

To pay tribute to these interviews, we have organized the *Montreal Life Stories Rencontres*, which will take place at various locations throughout the city of Montreal during the month of March 2012.

To learn more about the project please visit: www.lifestoriesmontreal.ca

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