

McGill University

Guidelines for Booking Occasional Events

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The goal of these guidelines is to enable gatherings of individuals affiliated with McGill in University facilities for occasional events that are expressions of the political, cultural, ethnic, or religious diversity of the McGill community – a goal that supports an overarching aim to promote vibrant campus life.

McGill University brings together people from across the world in a community of learning. While the University is politically non-partisan and secular, it values the variety of opinions and experiences of the members of the McGill community and encourages the respectful and open expression of that diversity. Groups of individuals affiliated with McGill may book events on our campuses, subject to our policies and procedures (see <http://www.mcgill.ca/eventsbookings/>).

Indoor or outdoor space may be booked for single events, subject to the size of the event, availability of space, and other constraints (e.g., alcohol permits, security, safety, noise regulations, etc.). However, space cannot be booked for frequent or regular gatherings or normally for overnight gatherings.

Subject to our policies and procedures, permission would normally be granted for the following:

- occasional gatherings for a political lecture or presentation, but not typically for a political or union rally;
- occasional gatherings to mark or celebrate cultural, ethnic, or religious events.

The temporary installation of political, national, religious, or other symbols will be permitted, but, in line with the University's politically non-partisan and secular orientation, only at the location of the event, within the time-limited period agreed to in the event permit.

Mindful of its obligation to provide a safe, secure, and respectful environment to the members of the McGill community, the University is free to deny permission for any

gathering and at any time, if the University has reasonable cause to believe that the gathering would disrupt normal University activities, otherwise disrupt the University environment, or promote hatred or violence.