



SWSA

To the McGill community:

The Social Work Student Association of McGill University (SWSA-McGill) is happy to announce that washrooms within McGill's Wilson Hall have been degendered. This is following advocacy on the part of SWSA, who chose to replace signage within the building on November 20th, Transgender Day of Remembrance.

This action took place as a means to support trans and non-binary students in providing a safe space for them to use the restroom, without fear of violence or persecution. In December, a task force of faculty and students was formed to develop the implementation of degendered washrooms within Wilson Hall, bearing in mind the upcoming reconstruction of the building (which will feature single staff, degendered washrooms throughout the building). The task force have recommended the following restructuring of washrooms:

Basement Easy access from 1 st floor classrooms.	Multi-stall all gender washroom	Toilet stalls, sinks. Directly across from stairs.
	Multi-stall all gender washroom	Toilet stalls, urinals, sinks. Turn left at bottom of stairs.
First floor Easy access from 1 st floor classroom but in high demand	Wheelchair accessible, single-use, all gender washroom	Toilet, sink. In the hallway of Classroom Wilson 110.
Second floor Administrative offices of the Faculty of Arts – <i>outside of the School of Social Work.</i> Easy access from 1 st floor classrooms.	Multi-stall women's washroom	Toilet stalls, sinks. Turn right after exiting main stairwell.
	Single-use, all gender washroom	Toilet, sink. Turn left after exiting main stairwell, follow hallway around the corner.
	Single-use, all gender washroom	Toilet, sink. Accessible from the back door of the Atrium Reading Room. Turn right.
Third floor* School of Social Work Main Office, staff and student offices. *temporary designation	Multi-stall women's washroom	Toilet stalls, sinks. Turn right after exiting main stairwell.
	Single-use, all gender washroom	Toilet stall, sink. Urinals (pending renovation). Turn left after exiting main stairwell.
Fourth floor Staff and student offices; School-affiliated clinics.	Multi-stall all gender washroom	Turn right after exiting main stairwell.

	Single-use, all gender washroom	Toilet stall, sink. Urinals (pending renovation). Turn left after exiting main stairwell.
	Wheelchair accessible, single-use, all gender washroom	Toilet, sink. Next to the elevator.

Another working group has been developed between SWSA and the McGill Social Work faculty in order to create educational programming surrounding the importance of de-gendered spaces. This will include in-class discussions with cohorts, workshops, and the development of a safety and response plan to prevent gender policing of public spaces.

Students are welcome to use whichever washroom they feel most comfortable in - under no circumstances should anyone be questioned about their right to be in any given washroom. If such an incident occurs, please contact your appropriate cohort representative or Vincent Mousseau, VP Internal.

SWSA would like to thank AÉSSUM (Association étudiante de service social à l'Université de Montréal) and SSMU for their support in advocating for these important developments, and hope to see other student societies within McGill work with their respective departments to create more inclusive environments for all. Until then, SWSA welcomes all genders within the McGill community to Wilson Hall's degendered spaces.

In solidarity,

The SWSA-McGill executive team