

AFFILIATION CAMPAIGN - STUDENT UNION COALITION

# VOTE YES TO CRUES

COALITION DE RÉSISTANCE POUR L'UNITÉ ÉTUDIANTE SYNDICALE



## WHAT IS THE CRUES

The 'Coalition de résistance pour une unité étudiante syndicale' (CRUES) is a group of student associations founded on February 19, 2023 by some thirty college and university student associations. By putting information and the mobilization of its members at the heart of its action plan, CRUES wants to be a real union dedicated to the defence of students' interests, notably climate justice, the salarization of internships and free education at the level of so-called Quebec\*.

## WHY THE CRUES

### 1. POOLING OUR RESOURCES

By coming together, student unions collectively give themselves the means to build effective campaigns, produce mobilization materials, construct relevant advocacy briefs, and so on and so forth. At the same time, associations can pool their knowledge and skills, strengthening the effectiveness and capacity of the student movement.

### 2. PROVIDING COLLECTIVE REPRESENTATION

It is difficult for a single association to have political influence. However, by associating with other student unions, we can have a considerable weight that cannot be ignored by the political and economic powers at be. Therefore, CRUES will enable us to channel our voices and thus be more effective in making our demands heard.

### 3. ASSURING COHESION AND SOLIDARITY

By working together, the different student unions can strengthen their cohesion and solidarity. In doing so, we create a space for discussion and consultation that strengthens our collective voice.

### 4. CREATING A BALANCE OF POWER

CRUES subscribes to the tradition of combative unionism, which since the late 1970s has argued that only a balance of power is capable of bending the government. Therefore, solidarity and grassroots mobilization should be the driving force of this new association.

### 5. MAKING PROGRESS IN OUR STRUGGLES

Combative student union groupings have a proven track record: since 1978, nine general student strikes have taken place, seven of which led, with the help of a combative student union re-grouping, to a complete or at least satisfactory victory for students. CRUES thus has the real potential to advance our struggles!

\*The expression «so-called Quebec» is intended as a territorial recognition that the state institutions in which the student struggle is taking place are located on stolen and unceded indigenous land.

## MEMBERSHIP FEE LEVY

Membership of The CRUES is inexpensive:

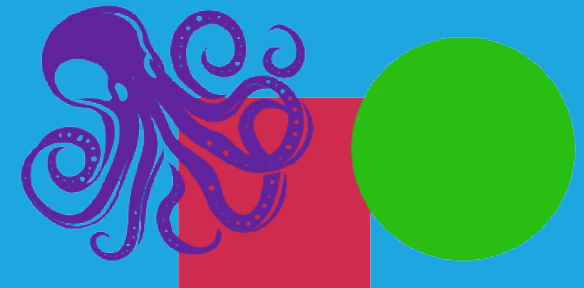
**ONLY 3\$ PER SEMESTER**

or 6\$ per year

## PRINCIPLES OF THE CRUES

The CRUES stands for the following principles:

1. For free, quality and accessible education ;
2. For a universal financial aid scheme;
3. For recognition of student work and remuneration for internships;
4. For the democratisation of educational institutions;
5. For the recognition of indigenous knowledge and the decolonisation of education;
6. For universal public services;
7. For the common and democratic management of the economy;
8. For solidarity with progressive struggles;
9. For solidarity with indigenous peoples and oppressed groups, against colonialism and imperialism;
10. For a just and inclusive ecological transition;
11. For a combative feminism aiming at the abolition of cis-heteropatriarchy;
12. For an anti-racist struggle;
13. Against ableism.



To read The Crues Charter:



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# STRUCTURE OF THE CRUES

The CRUES consists of a congress, an executive board, a coordinating board and working committees

## THE CONGRESS

The congress is the supreme body of the CRUES. It ratifies the decisions taken by the intermediate bodies, elects the candidates, adopts the budget, votes on campaigns, etc. There are three congresses a year

Campus and faculty associations have three votes and modular or departmental associations have one vote.

## THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

The Executive Council manages the administrative affairs of CRUES as well as its internal and external relations. Nine people can be elected.

## THE WORKING COMMITTEES

The working committees carry out the tasks for which they were mandated at the conventions. Any student can get involved in these committees as an elected person or as a collaborator!

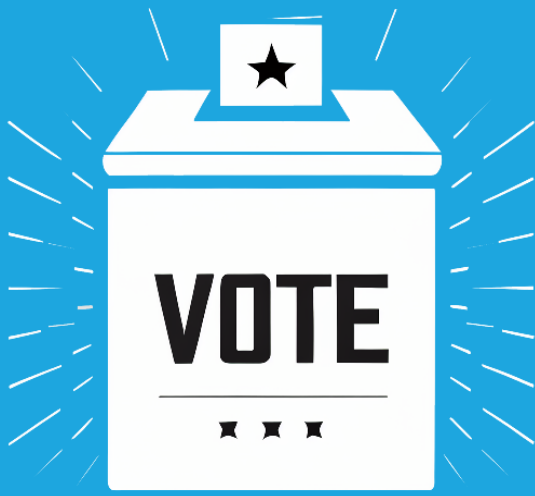
There are six standing committees within CRUES:

1. The Education Committee;
2. The Mobilization Committee;
3. The Research and Academic Affairs Committee;
4. The Information Committee;
5. The Journal Committee;
6. The Inclusion and Anti-Oppression Committee.

Interested in getting involved in one of these committees? Find out more by reading The CRUES Charter, then email [oui.a.la.crues@gmail.com](mailto:oui.a.la.crues@gmail.com).

## THE COORDINATION COUNCIL

The coordination council, composed of the working committees and the executive committee, coordinates the tasks between the various cells and executes the CRUES action plan voted on at the congress.



## CONTACT US

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