

What is scheduled for next year

- > We will be able to welcome the future residents at the end of the renovation period, in early December 2021. We will therefore be able to establish first contact with the candidates at the beginning of November during the interviews and thus introduce the research team and create the first bond. Afterwards, the on-site observations will begin.



Type of products planned for next year

- > Multimedia co-production
- > Scientific publication



3629 Project

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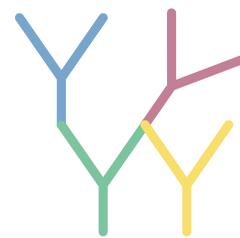
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PROJECT 3629 CONSISTS OF RENOVATING A ROOMING HOUSE LOCATED IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD OF HOCHELAGA-MAISONNEUVE, IN MONTREAL. THE OBJECTIVE OF THIS PROJECT IS TO OFFER 14 ROOMS WITH A HIGH THRESHOLD OF ACCEPTABILITY FOR PEOPLE IN SITUATIONS OF SOCIAL DISAFFILIATION. THIS INNOVATIVE PROJECT IS AN ALTERNATIVE SOLUTION FOR PEOPLE WHO DO NOT FIT THE PROFILE OF THE TENANTS WELCOMED IN EXISTING SOCIAL HOUSING AND WHO REMAIN, TOO OFTEN, HOMELESS. RESIDENTS WILL HAVE THE POSSIBILITY OF USING THE SERVICES OF CAREGIVERS 24 HOURS A DAY, 7 DAYS A WEEK, BUT WILL IN NO WAY BE OBLIGED TO DO SO. WITH THIS PROJECT, L'ANONYME AIMS TO REDUCE THE BARRIERS OF ACCESS AS WELL AS THE CONDITIONS FOR ENTERING AND REMAINING IN HOUSING SITUATIONS. THE 3629 PROJECT REDEFINES THE ACCESS AND THE PRESERVATION OF HOUSING AS A FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT AND A SOCIAL DETERMINANT OF HEALTH.



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What was accomplished this year

- > We made several visits to the building before the beginning of the renovation work in order to gather as much information as possible about the living environment that it constitutes in itself. This includes the physical state of the building, but also the writings and drawings that we could find on the walls. The objective was to have information on how the residents of 3629 Sainte-Catherine Street East lived and expressed themselves before it closed.

Then, we met several times with different partners to plan and clarify the process for selecting and welcoming future 3629 tenants.



Highlights

> The objective of this case study is to document the **implementation** strategy of the 3629 project, which is the first of its kind in Montreal, and to produce analyses of its social acceptability in the Hochelaga neighbourhood and the way in which it responds to issues of social fragmentation. This first part of the research is complemented with data collection from the tenants upon their arrival in order to better understand the evolution of how they use their new living environment. **(Co)living** in 3629 also means witnessing the emergence of forms of solidarity between tenants, and the gradual appearance of peer helpers. This second aspect of the project will be mainly studied by the researcher Jacinthe Rivard and her team. The third aspect of the project corresponds to the dimensions of **living together** in the surroundings of Sainte-Catherine Street East and, more generally, in the public spaces of the neighbourhood. This third component will focus on the truly public character of the neighbourhood's urban spaces and the coexistence of the people who use them, while avoiding reducing the latter to indifference and cohabitation. Rather, we will be looking at the users of the public spaces in the neighbourhood and the surrounding area of 3629 from the perspective of a dynamic reading of the concrete ways in which these people relate to each other. Finally, the 3629 experience will allow us to reflect in terms of « preparing » and « learning to live together ». Scientific publications and conferences in symposiums are planned. A book will also be published at the end of the project, with the objective of presenting the 3629 research project in other settings across Quebec and Canada.

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The 3629 project aims to ensure both adaptability and flexibility in order to offer opportunities to improve the quality of life through proximity actions while respecting the rhythm of the people who will reside there. It is important not to lose sight of the

fact that the innovative nature of the 3629 is also due to its capacity to « push the limits » in terms of a hospitality policy for the most vulnerable people who do not meet the requirements of emergency housing (e.g., not having pets, being sober, etc.) or the criteria for access to social housing (e.g., not having any debts with the Office municipal d'habitation de Montréal (OMHM) or with social assistance). Finally, the aim of this research is to raise new questions about hospitality policy, based on the experience of the 3629 and on recommendations that can be brought to the attention of public decision-makers based on the opinions formulated jointly by L'Anonyme and the academic partners.



Preliminary results

As for the preliminary results, they are still very limited. Indeed, the construction site is not yet finished, and the delays caused by various renovation issues allow us to estimate the end of the work and the opening of the rooming house likely at the end of November, or early December. We will have more results when we can conduct interviews with future tenants scheduled for early November. So far, during our meetings, we have mainly discussed the issues of the selection process of future tenants. We want our staff to ensure that the process is fair, clear and easy to understand. Furthermore, this process must prioritize the people targeted by our project, without discriminating against anyone. Once this one is finalized, we will be able to choose the people as fairly as possible with the selection committee.

