Humane Education Stories:
Challenges and Successes from the Field
Beyond the Animal Shelter: An Alternative Model for Humane Education
Animal welfare: Québec lags behind

- Ranked the province with the weakest animal protection in Canada 8 years in a row
- Named “the best province to be an animal abuser”
- Animal welfare sector receives among the lowest revenue per capita in Canada
- Not a single SPCA or humane society has a humane education program
Repenser les animaux pour la prochaine génération
I AM SUFFERING.
Successes: Collaborations and partnerships

Since January 2017:

• Developed partnerships with three animal shelters

• Collaborated with four community organizations and twenty schools

• Delivered a total of 403 workshops
Collaborations and partnerships: Animal shelters
We work with organizations that serve:

- youth in situations of risk
- socioeconomically marginalized
- youth in family transition

to help them achieve their own missions.
Empathy building
Youth empowerment
Civic engagement
Collaborations and partnerships: Schools

• Animal welfare education intersects with school board priorities

• Schools have been able to use ENGAGE programming in order to meet these priorities in creative ways

  Cross-curricular programming
  Mental health
  Anti-bullying
  Dropout prevention
  Work Oriented Training Path
  Community Service-Learning
Cross-curricular programming

- Ethics
- Science
- Languages
- Art
Anti-bullying

Phoenix Alternative High School

John Paul I Junior High School
Mental health

École primaire Dante

Laurier Macdonald Senior High School, Community Learning Centre
Dropout prevention

James Lyng High School
Work Oriented Training Path

École Vanguard
Community Service-Learning

John Paul I Junior High School
Challenges

• Finances
• Value of animal welfare education
• Navigating two languages
• Vulnerability of depending on partnerships and collaborations
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