



Le Machin Club Radio Programme, Le Machin Club, Canada

“Despite the crisis only 3 out of 15 cultural shows remained on air, “wherever we go” was one of them. Obligated to record their content on their own far from the ambiance of the studio, over 20 kids responded to the invitation of keeping it alive in distance. “Wherever we go” is the weekly radio show hosted by Pammy Poppins and children aged 6 to 17 from Le Machin Club. The show promoting the social and cultural life of Québec city in the lenses of its young hosts is broadcasted every Sunday night 7 pm on CKRL 89,1, the oldest communitarian French-speaking radio station since 2018. In order to promote a sense of togetherness, bridges were built with young francophones from other countries (Senegal & Brazil) and a different province in Canada (British Columbia). Therefore, they expressed themselves about the lockdown and topics they care about in the most empowering way. The monthly themes of April (science-fiction) and May (trees and forest) inspired them to watch films, read books, explore new themes and host interviews together with specialists on Zoom. Recording their own content from home pushed them to show off their skills and abilities in storytelling, sometimes with the help of their parents and other times in a very autonomous process. One was able to speak about her experience of repatriation from Peru when the borders closed, one other could speak about his autism condition and many took benefits from this tribune to say hi to their friends and grand-parents.”

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