



Building momentum

With the arrival of fall, Voices-Voix is focusing on expanding its reach beyond the Voices-Voix community and generating public interest in its ongoing [Documentation Project](#) on the silencing of voices of dissent and advocacy in Canada.

This outreach phase will prioritize the participation of Voices-Voix in a series of fall events (see below) held by like-minded organizations, with an eye toward building momentum for broader mobilization in 2013.

Support for broadening Voices' alliances within civil society and the public at large emerged as a priority at the State and Health of Democracy in Canada Meeting organized by Voices-Voix on May 11 in Ottawa. The 80 concerned citizens and representatives of Voices-Voix member organizations in attendance also backed Voices-Voix's involvement in the [Black Out Speak Out](#) campaign on June 4.

Voices-Voix would be happy to participate in any events concerning the state of democracy in Canada. Please let us know if your organization could benefit from a Voices-Voix spokesperson.

- **Civil Society Summit** (Council of Canadians) – Ottawa – September 13, 2012. Voices representatives: Alex Neve and Michel Lambert
- **Alberta Council for Global Cooperation** – Edmonton – September 22, 2012. Voices Representative: Pearl Eliadis
- **Strategic roundtable discussion on Democracy and Citizen Participation** (L'institut du Nouveau Monde) – Montreal – September 26, 2012. Voices Representative: Julia Sanchez
- **PowerShift Conference** – Ottawa / Gatineau – October 26-27, 2012. Voices representatives: TBC

Let us know about your upcoming events and opportunities for collaboration with Voices-Voix at communications@voices-voix.ca

New in the Documentation Project

Since 2010, Voices-Voix has documented more than 50 cases of dissenting voices being silenced by the Canadian government. In recent years, this has taken the form of intimidation, subversion, muzzling, marginalization, defunding and the removal of charity status of the government's critics.

The Documentation Project is divided into five categories: **Knowledge, Individuals, Civil Society, Public Service, and Legal Cases**. The following are **new case studies**:



Raise your Voice !

Voices-Voix is offering new internships in **Research, Social Media, and Translation** for the fall. **Please circulate in your networks and click here to [learn more](#).**

Has your federal funding been cut or have you been personally attacked, intimidated or placed under surveillance by the government in an effort to silence your voice? **[Send us facts!](#)**

Endorse the Voices-Voix **[Declaration](#)**.

Help Voices-Voix expand its reach on **[social media](#)**.



Voices-Voix is a non-partisan coalition of Canadians and Canadian organizations committed to defending our collective and individual rights to dissent, advocacy and democratic space. We believe that both citizens and governments have positive roles to play in supporting civil society, and in encouraging respect for our democratic rights and values, including [free speech](#), [transparency](#) and [equality](#).

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