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**ACTION
FOR SOCIAL
CHANGE**

ONTARIO PUBLIC INTEREST RESEARCH GROUP

CAMPUS SOCIAL JUSTICE RESOURCE CENTRE

Annual Report & Financial Statements

September 2015 to August 2016

Presented at Annual General Meeting
March 22nd, 2017

-Unceded Algonquin Territory-

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Anti-Opression

**Consensus-Based
Desicion Making**

**Inclusive Space to
Build Community
on Campus**

**Indigenous
Solidarity &
Decolonization**

**Colloquium Speaker
Series**

Diversity

**Skills Development
& Training**

Working Groups

**Tools for Change
Workshops**

**Accountability and
Transparency**

**Practicum Student
Placements**

Sustainability

About Us

OPIRG-Carleton is a campus-based not-for-profit organization, working to create and sustain student and community-based engagement through research, education, and action on social justice and environmental issues.

OPIRG-Carleton uses an anti-oppression framework, consensus-based decision making processes, operates in a non-hierarchical setting, and supports multiple Working Groups that struggle for social change.

OPIRG-Carleton was founded in 1980, after a lecture by consumer advocate Ralph Nader. In a referendum in the following year, the majority of Carleton students voted in favour of placing a small levy on their student fees to support *OPIRG*.

In 1991, Carleton students again voted in support of *OPIRG*, agreeing to raise the amount of the levy to \$6.30 for full-time students, \$2.10/credit for part-time undergraduates, and \$1.26 for part-time graduates.



In 2009, students once again voted in favour of *OPIRG*, among other campus groups, to set the levy fee in accordance with the consumer price index.

Graduate students voted to increase these fees in 2010. In the 2011-2012 term, levies reached \$3.32 per full full-time semester for undergraduates, and \$3.34 per full-time semester for graduates.

With this levy, all students at Carleton University are automatically members of *OPIRG*. While the fee is classified as non-refundable, *OPIRG-Carleton* continues to offer refunds to students who object to the organization.

Over the years, *OPIRG-Carleton* has provided students with a dynamic environment in which to apply their knowledge, passions, and energy to address issues of public concern. Many have also benefited from the training and support that *OPIRG* offers, the real opportunities that build leadership skills and empower students to become socially active.



OPIRG-Carleton's office – 326 Unicentre

Year in Brief – Organizational Developments

In 2015-2016, *OPIRG-Carleton* continued its commitment to research, education, and action on social justice, environment, and economic issues.

The year featured several successful programs, such as Radical Frosh, colloquium speakers, a plethora of workshops and trainings, including the Train the Trainer series. For the first time in many years, OPIRG-Carleton hosted a Public Interest School with financial support from the Ontario PIRG network.

In May 2016, permanent employee Angela Mooney went on parental leave and once again the organization has been privileged to welcome new staff members. OPIRG welcomed Lukayo Estrella as a contract employee as well as Samiya Rayeda as a casual employee. When Lukayo left the position to pursue graduate studies in Toronto at the end of August, Samiha moved into that position.

Lukayo and Samiha have added new depth to the organization, which continues to offer space, resources, and support to both student and community groups.

In recent years, OPIRG employees staff have ensured that the organization has thrived and were pivotal in mobilizations to repel and overcome repeated challenges.



OPIRG-Carleton Financial Statements

(For Year Ended August 31, 2016)

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2016

REVENUE

Student Fees	192,884
Interest	1285
Public Interest School	3,500
Other	1,013
Total	192,852

OPERATING EXPENSES

Salaries and Benefits	99,508
Rent	19,111
Programming	32,879
Office expenses	2,330
Provincial dues	4,450
Insurance	1,701
Photocopy expenses	1,583
Advertising and promotion	2,590
Donations and bursaries	5,950
Telecommunications	1,356
Professional fees	6,000
Interest and service charges	2,115
Amortization of capital assets	635
Loss on disposal of capital assets	--
TOTAL	180,208

EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF
REVENUE OVER EXPENSES

18,474

Note: OPIRG-Carleton's annual audit is completed by the auditing firm of Marcil Lavallée, who present the financial statements in full at the Annual General Meeting. While OPIRG-Carleton is not legally required to undertake a professional audit (under the Ontario Corporation's Act), and not legally required to disclose financial information as a condition of receiving levy payments (CUSA/OPIRG Fee Agreement), the organization does so to ensure proper financial management and accountability to our members. Any recommendations made by the auditors are rigourosly followed.

Board of Directors

OPIRG-Carleton is governed by a volunteer, non-hierarchical Board of Directors and comes to decisions through consensus. Directors are elected each year at the Annual General Meeting and generally sit for one two-year term.

The *OPIRG* Board of Directors is comprised of 5-9 individuals with 2/3 of the members being Carleton University students. The role of the Board is to offer administrative support to *OPIRG*'s projects and programming, as well as to maintain the vision of the organization, and to direct its growth.

September 1, 2015 – April 1, 2016

Ashley Courchene, Samiha Rayeda, Rana Hamadeh, Sean Smith, Omar Elsharkawy, Nayha Rizvi, Hamida Mohamoud

April 1, 2016 – August 31, 2016

Rana Hamadeh, Nazneen Khan, Espoir Manirambona (resigned July 2016), Renata Marshall, Hamida Mohamoud, Fa'Ttima Omran, Sol Presnail



Where the Board of Directors meet
OPIRG's office - 326 Unicentre (since 1988)

Staff

Lukayo Estrella
Coordinator (contract Sept 2015-August 2016)

Andy Crosby
Coordinator (permanent / full-time)

Angela Mooney
Coordinator (permanent / full-time)

Samiha Rayeda
Coordinator (contract March-June 2016; August 2016-)



Volunteers

Volunteers are involved at all levels of *OPIRG-Carleton*, including board members, Working Group members, practicum/intern/co-op students, researchers, general volunteers and supporters, and more!

OPIRG volunteers make the office, campus, and community a better place to be, with their commitment to justice and their work towards equality.

MUCH THANKS TO YOU ALL!!!!



Events, Speakers, and Programming

OPIRG Projects

OPIRG-Carleton has a number of ongoing campus and community-oriented resources and services. These include research bursaries, Radical Frosh, Free Store, equipment loans, networking and organizational support, and much more.


OPIRG-Carleton also works in conjunction with several student-led initiatives, such as Working Groups, and the *OPIRG Roots* radio show. There is also an emphasis on educational initiatives, like the Colloquium Speaker Series, and the Tools for Change Workshop Series.

In the past, *OPIRG* has also been involved with the *Oxbow Park Naturalization Project*, on-campus recycling, and *Garden Spot*.

OPIRG Bursaries

OPIRG-Carleton offered four bursaries in 2015-2016: the *Terry Cottam Research Bursary*, the *Undergraduate Research Bursary*, the *Indigenous Student Bursary*, and the *International Student Bursary*. They each provide \$500 to a student whose research project falls within *OPIRG's* mandate of working on environmental, economic, or social justice issues.

These bursaries were awarded Carlos Filipe Duarte, Nina Hedayati, John Moses, and Elizabeth Robson Gordon. Congratulations!



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BURSARY APPS
DUE NOVEMBER 18

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TERRY COTTAM RESEARCH BURSARY

OPIRG-Carleton provides a \$500 bursary annually to a Carleton graduate student whose research project falls within our mandate of working on environmental, economic, or social justice issues.

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT BURSARY

OPIRG-Carleton provides a \$500 bursary annually to undergraduate students studying at Carleton University whose academic research or campus/community research project falls within our mandate of working on environmental, economic, or social justice issues.

For more information or to access the application forms please visit us at 326 UniCentre or on our website: www.opirgcarleton.org/bursaries

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Annual Programming

OPIRG-Carleton's board and staff are committed to provide annual programming that is rooted in OPIRG's mandate for research, education and action on social, environmental and economic justice issues.

Radical Frosh

OPIRG-Carleton hosted Radical Frosh from September 14th- 23rd, 2015. The events aimed to provide new students with an orientation on social justice and the OPIRG community.

(Dis)Orientation Week kicked off with an Activist Social and the week was filled with a series of outdoor tours, including an Indigenous Walking Tour, Protest, Strike and Rebellion in Ottawa, and a Wild Edibles Walking Tour. In addition to hosting an Info Fair, the week included a workshop on Confidence, Consent and Communication, and sex positivity. Rad Frosh 2015 included two large-scale events, including a Radical Hip-Hop concert coordinated with OPIRG-Ottawa, as well as a keynote with Kim Katrin Milan. Other partners included the Womyn's Centre and the Aboriginal Service Centre.

Much thanks to all of the Working Groups, organizations, and the volunteers who supported the week and made it all possible!!

OPIRG-Carleton Presents

 **RADFROSH 2015**

Mon. Sept 14th ACTIVIST SOCIAL Roosters Coffeeshouse 8 PM - 11 PM	Tues. Sept 15th INDIGENOUS WALKING TOUR Human Rights Monument 5:30 PM	Wed. Sept 16th PROTEST, STRIKE AND REBELLION IN CANADA'S CAPITAL National Gallery Spider Statue 10AM	Thurs. Sept 17th OPIRG-CARLETON INFO FAIR Carleton Atrium 10AM - 4PM	Fri. Sept 18th WILD EDIBLES WALKING TOUR OPIRG-Carleton (326 UC) 1 PM
Free social-justice themed orientation events for all interested! Visit www.opirgcarleton.org for more info.			RADICAL HIP-HOP CONCERT Ritual Nightclub 8 PM	Wed. Sept 23rd KIM KATRIN MILAN Kailash Mital Theatre 6 PM

 **WOMYN'S CENTRE**  **OPIRG**  **GRIP**

Info Fairs

In 2015-2016, *OPIRG-Carleton* hosted a number of Info Fairs in the Atrium at *Carleton University*. Info Fairs are an easy and social way to access information and learn about the resources that *OPIRG* offers, as well as finding out about Working Groups, volunteer opportunities, and upcoming events.



Colloquium Speaker Series

Each year, *OPIRG-Carleton* hosts colloquium speaking events. *OPIRG-Carleton's* Colloquium Speaker Series aims to bring well-known activists, authors, and academics to campus and the local community.

In September 2015, *OPIRG* was proud to host Kim Katrin Milan as part of a joint collaboration with the Womyn's Centre. Kim is a writer, multidisciplinary artist, activist, consultant, and educator who facilitates radical community dialogues, to Carleton. Milan is the co-founder and current executive director of The People Project, a movement of queer and trans folks of color and allies, committed to individual and community empowerment through alternative education, art activism and collaboration.

Kim Katrin Milan

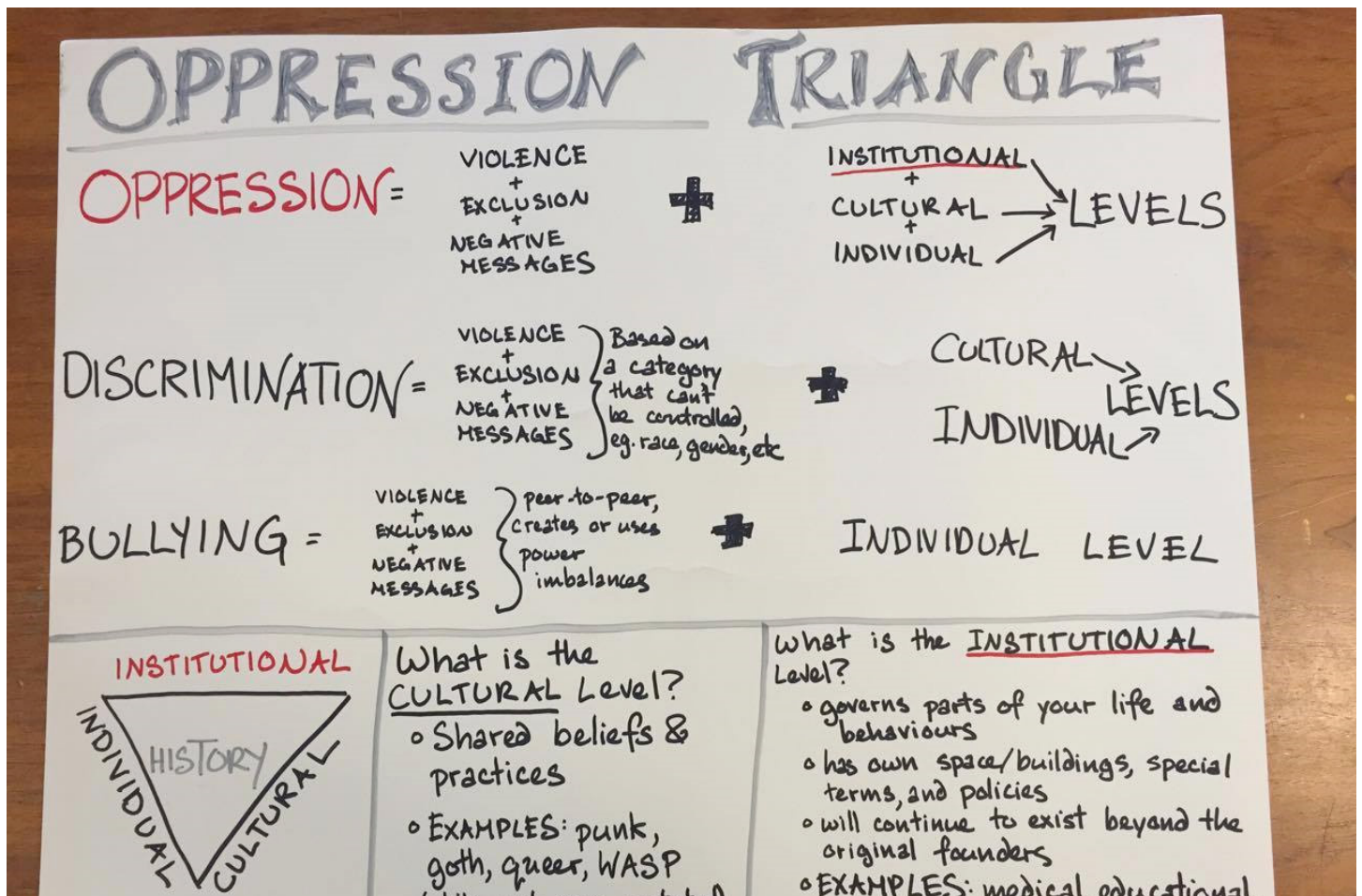
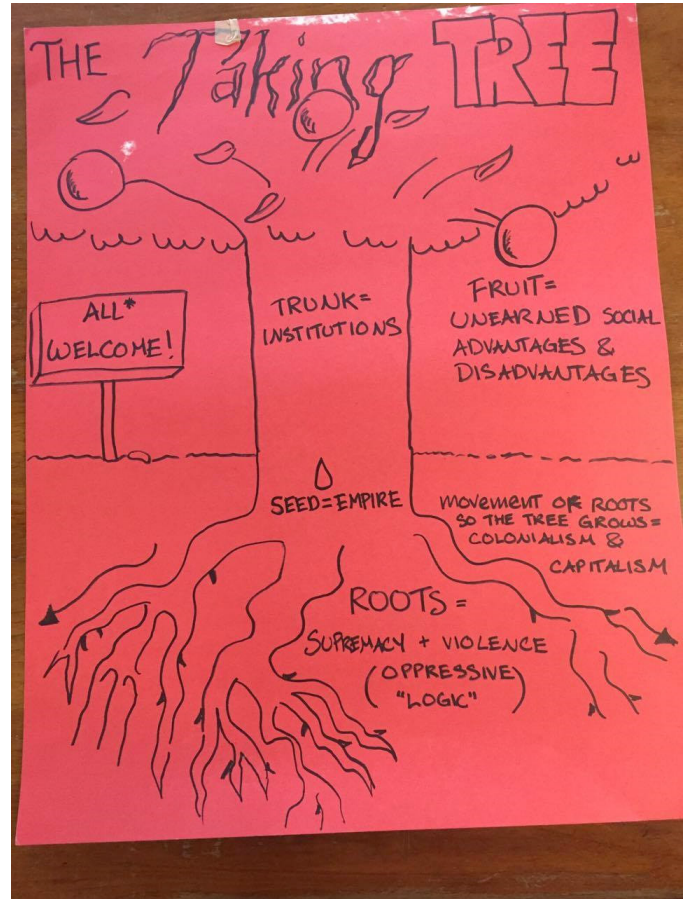
"Re-Imagining Womyn's Leadership"

Tools for Change Training and Workshops

One of OPIRG-Carleton's chief commitments is to provide training to its members, volunteers, staff, and the community on consensus-based decision making, strategies to oppose oppression, and other skills that lie in OPIRG's mandate. It is the hope of this organization that training in these skills will contribute to the development of strong, healthy and just movements towards progressive change, built upon relationships of consent, respect, and equality.

In 2015-16, OPIRG-Carleton ran a series of workshops throughout the year, including our campus-rekknowned anti-oppression and consensus-based decision-making workshops, as well as a number of others.

Posters designed by OPIRG Coordinator Lukayo Estrella

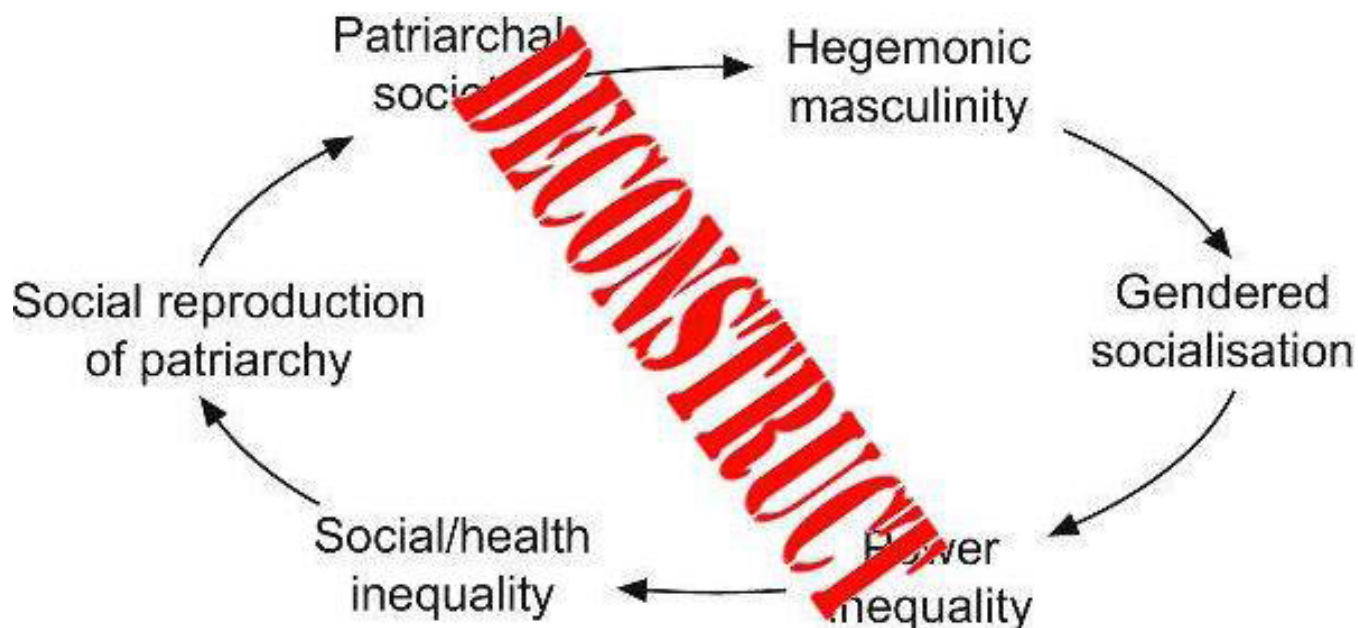


Tools for Change Training and Workshops

ANTI-ISLAMOPHOBIA WORKSHOP

On December 2, 2015, OPIRG-Carleton hosted an Anti-Islamophobia Workshop.

In light of recent events around the world, we have seen a dramatic increase of hate-crimes directed at Muslims in Ottawa and Canada. In an effort to combat the rising Islamophobia in our society, OPIRG hosted an anti-Islamophobia workshop to help participants understand the root of Islamophobia, how it is a form of racism, the detrimental effects it has on Muslims and how participants can prevent this form of discrimination from happening to others in their communities.



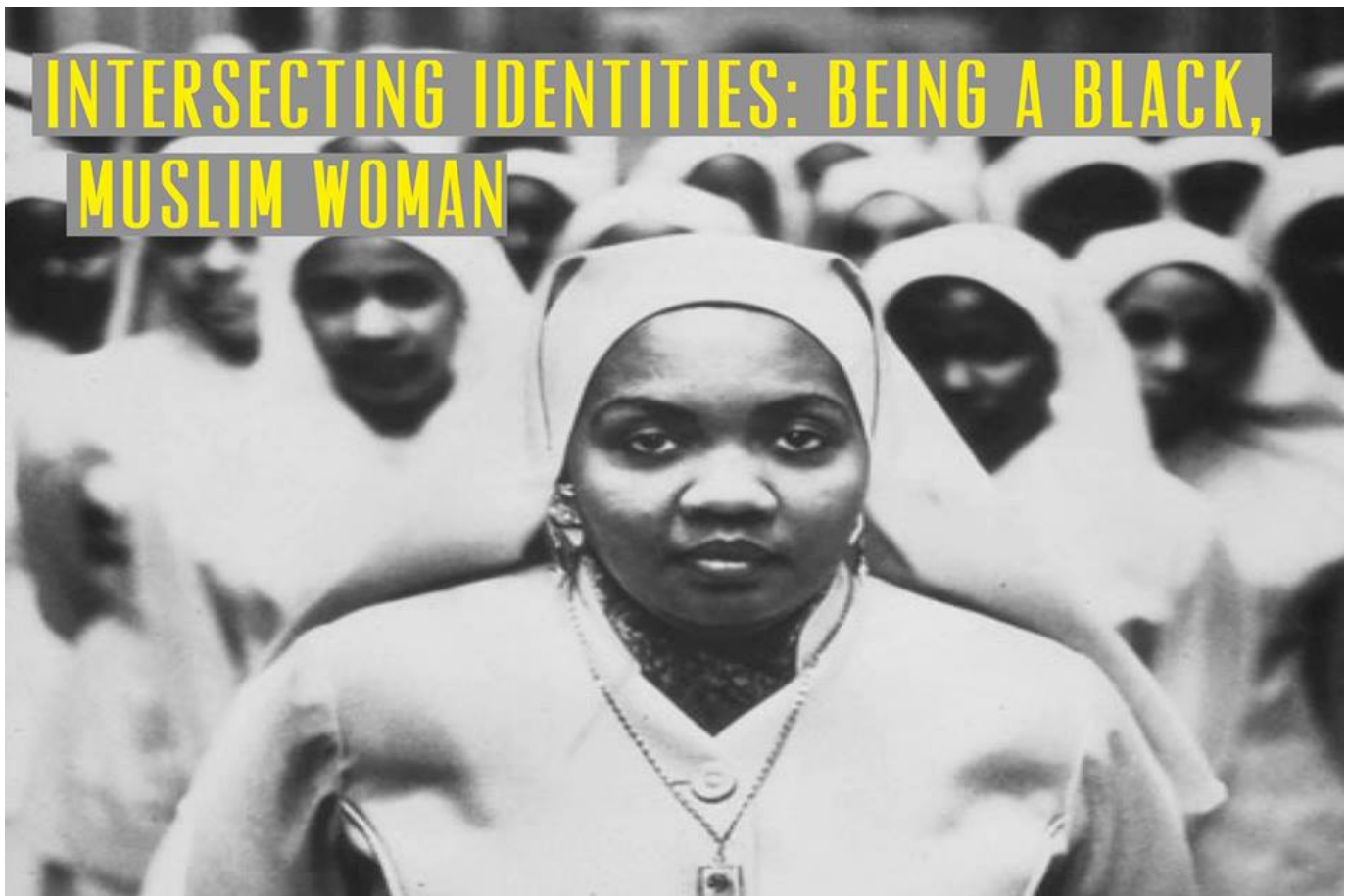
On March 15, 2015, OPIRG-Carleton organized a workshop on Deconstructing Masculinity. How do we separate Patriarchy/Hegemonic Masculinity from our own masculinity? How do we support the feminine and femme people in our lives, while also supporting other male and masculine folks in being accountable for their microaggressions and behaviour? How does colonialism, racism, cissexism, and disability all impact our experiences of our masculinity and masculine privilege? These are the questions being asked during this workshop, as we explore what patriarchy is, how to dismantle it, how to leverage our privilege, while exploring non-toxic forms of masculinity.

Tools for Change Training and Workshops

SOCIAL MEDIA LITERACY WEEK

OPIRG-Carleton organized a series of events comprising Social Media Literacy Week (January 19-21, 2016):

- Graphic Design Basics presented by Radiyah Chowdhury
- Social Justice Media Panel (Tips on Making Your Own Media and Navigating Mainstream Media's Pitfalls)
Speakers: Colleen Cardinal (A Hidden Generation), Kristen (Families of Sisters in Spirit), Joseph Hutt (Roots Radio & The Leveller); Moderated by Lukayo Estrella
- Online Media Campaigns Presented by Rosella Chibambo



On March 2, 2016, OPIRG-Carleton and the Womyn's Centre for a facilitated discussion on being Black, Muslim and female identifying. The discussion was facilitated by Sarah Musa.

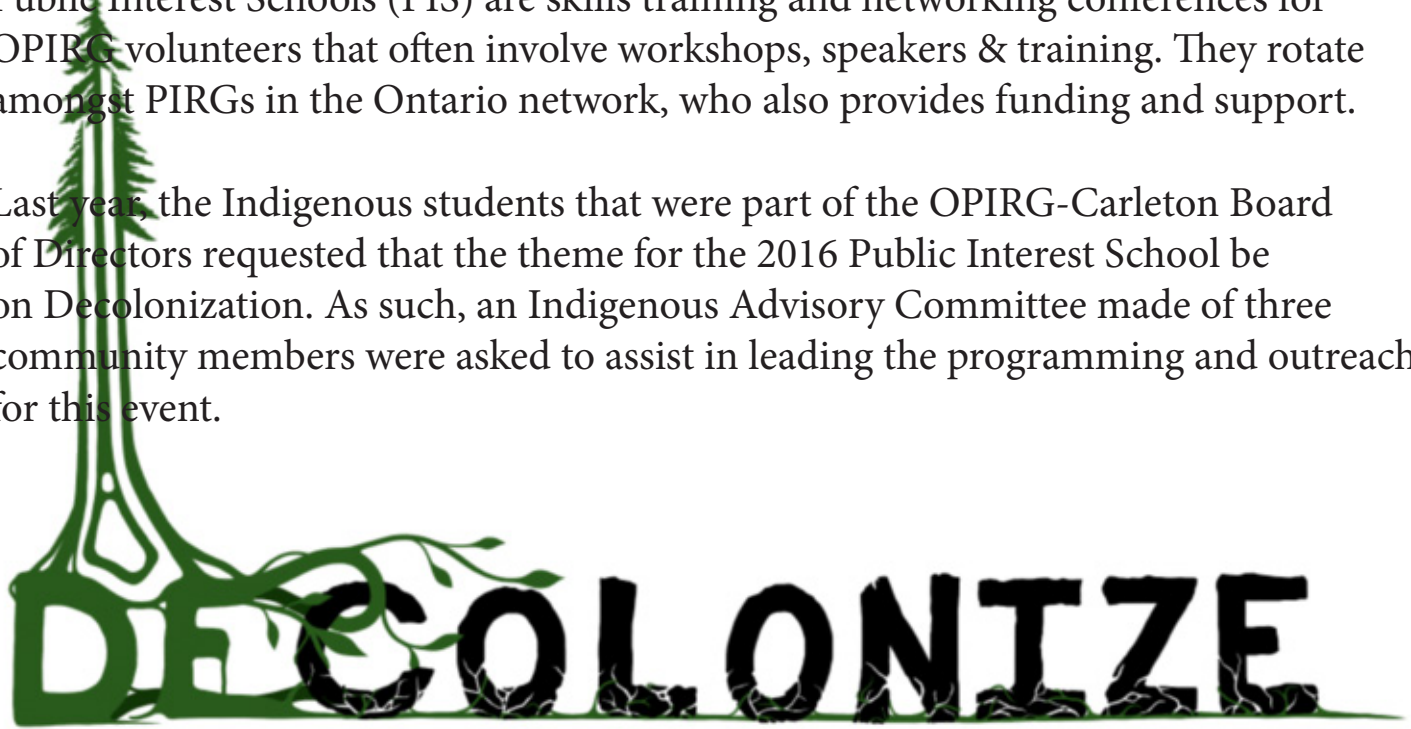
This event looked at what it means to be a Black Muslim woman in a Canadian context, and how the intersection of Islamophobia, racism, anti-Blackness and misogyny affects women. Participants will have a chance to talk about recent events of Islamophobia in the news, how oppressive groups perpetrate anti-Blackness in the Muslim community, and the experiences of being black and Muslim at Carleton.

Conversations around allyship and the resilience of black, Muslim women will be a central theme and how participants can create opportunities of accountability in Muslim spaces where there are anti-black attitudes.

Decolonization Public Interest School

Public Interest Schools (PIS) are skills training and networking conferences for OPIRG volunteers that often involve workshops, speakers & training. They rotate amongst PIRGs in the Ontario network, who also provides funding and support.

Last year, the Indigenous students that were part of the OPIRG-Carleton Board of Directors requested that the theme for the 2016 Public Interest School be on Decolonization. As such, an Indigenous Advisory Committee made of three community members were asked to assist in leading the programming and outreach for this event.



Friday, April 1st Keynote

"Decolonizing Sexuality: A return to our bodies" by The Native Youth Sexual Health Network (NYSHN)

Saturday, April 2nd Keynote

"Decolonizing Your Heart: Learning an Indigenous Understanding of Canada's Constitutional Beginnings through Wampum Diplomacy" by Dr. Lynn Gehl

List of Workshops & Presenters

Decolonization 101

Blanket Exercise by Elaine and Theland Kicknosway

Spirituality - More Not Less by Albert Dumont

Anti-Violence & Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and Two Spirit People by Bridget Tolley

Decolonization 201

Decolonizing Gender by Alexa Lesperance

Decolonizing the Sex Work Movement by Naomi Sayers

Right Relationships: Black & Indigenous Peoples by Zainab Amadahy (Attendance restricted to Black, Indigenous & People of Colour Only)

Screenings (Film & Television) & Decolonizing Media Panel Discussion

Ariel Smith

Gabriella Fayant & Josh Lewis

Train the Trainer Series

In July 2015, OPIRG-Carleton organized an Anti-Racism 101 workshop as part of our Train the Trainer Series.

The goal of the workshop is to provide communities and movements tools to teach anti-racism theory and how to practically apply it to the lived experiences and unique contexts of a variety of groups that either a) are ready and willing to leverage white privilege for anti-racist action, or b) face one form of systemic racism and are committed to not perpetuating other forms of racial discrimination that are based on white supremacy.

Though there will be portions of the day where all the trainers will be learning together, folks will mostly be split up into different groups based on which form of systemic racism they have the most lived experience with. Here are the following topics for each learning group:

- **Black Liberation** (with a focus on undoing Settler Colonialism, Orientalism, and Border Imperialism in Black Communities) facilitated by Debbie Owusu-Akyeeah
- **Indigenous Sovereignty** (with a focus on undoing Anti-Blackness, Orientalism, and Border Imperialism in Indigenous Communities) facilitated by RJ Jones
- **Migrant Justice & Anti-Orientalism** (with a focus on undoing Anti-Blackness and Settler Colonialism in People of Colour and Migrant communities) facilitated by Lukayo Estrella
- **Deconstructing and Leveraging Whiteness for Anti-Racist Action** facilitated by Mélanie Jubinville-Stafford

Understanding the impact of (systemic) racism on individuals, groups, and organizations helps everyone work together to achieve social and environmental justice goals in an equitable manner. For those coded as "white" by systemic racism, learning how to leverage white privilege to work against racism not only makes one a better ally, but it also ensures that movements and communities can flourish without co-optation and erasure. In addition, learning the different forms of systemic racism that affect Black, Indigenous, and People of Colour (BIPOC) unites BIPOC themselves, ensuring that one form of racial discrimination doesn't continue in a group that faces another kind of systemic racism. We have to work together if we want to liberate ourselves from the systemic racism that is white supremacy in this part of the world.

That's why OPIRG-Carleton is hosting a full day of training for students and community members to be able to deliver Anti-Racism 101 workshops within their own communities, to support and strengthen the movements that folks in Algonquin territory and the National Capital Region are already a part of.



Other Highlights

NEXT UP OTTAWA & OPIRG CARLETON PRESENT:

SOLIDARITY

against

COLONIALISM

Confronting
Gendered Violence

Featuring: **COLLEEN CARDINAL
& IBTEHAJ SHAHID**




**Saturday, May 7
6-8:30pm
216 Murray St**



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**SUNDAY
DEC 13TH
1PM
DUNDONALD PARK**

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STRONGER THAN
FEAR!**

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Statelessness and Citizenship in Canada Panel Panel d'Apatridie et Citoyenneté au Canada

Join The Discussion
November 12th, 2015
Tabaret Hall Room 083
Admission is FREE
Donations will be collected for
Deepan Budlakoti



Joignez la discussion
Le 12 Novembre, 2015
Tabaret Salle 083
Admission GRATUITE
Donations vont être
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Budlakoti

Panelists/Panélistes
Yavar Hameed, Nadia Abu-Zahra, Hilary Homes, Maritza Felices-Lunas

Co-Sponsorships

Every year, *OPIRG-Carleton* receives requests from campus and community groups to co-sponsor events or programs. The support that OPIRG offers can be financial or providing other resources and organizational support. In 2015-16, *OPIRG-Carleton* co-sponsored events and initiatives with almost \$4,500. Below are some of the co-sponsorship highlights from 2015-2016:

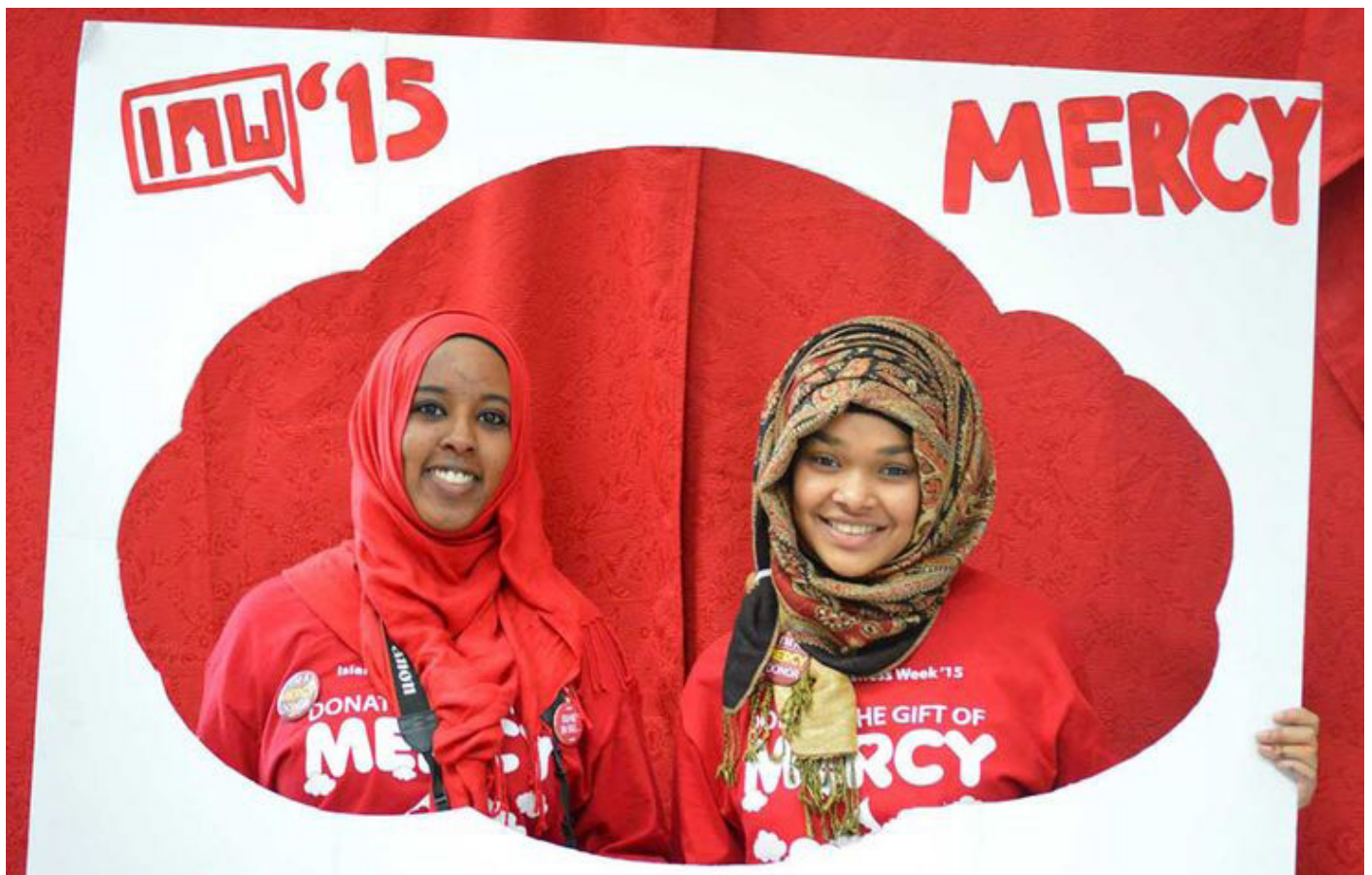
- **Families of Sisters in Spirit** gathering/feast honouring and remembering missing and murdered Indigenous women, girls, two-spirit, and trans people.
- **Carleton Human Rights Society** event: Sex Workers Rights: A Discussion with Terri-Jean Bedford
- **Students Against Israeli Apartheid-Carleton** Conference
- **Students Against Israeli Apartheid-Carleton (SAIA)** Israeli Apartheid Week
- **Aboriginal Service Centre** event: Indigenous Healing
- **Carleton Underground:** CKCU Radio Documentary
- **Carleton University Muslim Students' Association** event: Malik Al-Nasir - Art and Activism
- **Algonquin Nation of the Ottawa River Watershed** video workshop series



Donations

Every year *OPIRG-Carleton* receives requests for donations from various campus and community groups. Or sometimes the organization pro-actively donates, as is the case with our annual contribution to CKCU 93.1 FM. In 2015-16, *OPIRG-Carleton* donated almost \$4,000 to the following:

- *Next Up Leadership*
- *Justice for Deepan*
- *Dominon Newspaper Cooperative (Warrior Up Special Issue)*
- *Carleton University Muslim Students' Association (Islam Awareness Week)*
- *Hana Jama (Airport Brutality Case)*
- *Black Lives Matter*
- *May Day Fundraiser*
- *LAL Inc.*
- *Attawapiskat Vigil*
- *Mobpoli*
- *Justice for Abdirahman*
- *Earth Justice Action's River Run*
- *CKCU 93.1 FM*
- *Ontario Committee for Human Rights in the Philippines*
- *Lynn Gehl's Section 15 Charter Challenge re: sex discrimination in the Indian Act*



OPIRG-Carleton's new Research budget line

OPIRG developed a new Research budget line in 2015-16 to support campus and community projects centered around research.

During the year OPIRG supported two documentary projects:

- Hassan Diab Documentary Project
- R.J. Pate's Safe Space Documentary project surrounding Black History Month



Membership / Support

Campus United

A group comprised of representatives groups that make up the university, from workers, to students, to organizations and unions. This group meets as needed to address campus wide issues such as contract negotiations, tuition fees, campus safety, and the Carleton Administration.

OPIRG Provincial

OPIRG-Carleton is a member of Ontario PIRG. OPIRG Provincial is comprised of eleven autonomous, non-profit, university student-funded and directed organizations that conduct research, education, and action on social and environmental justice issues. <http://www.opirg.org/>

Practicum Placement Students at the PIRG

Every year, OPIRG-Carleton offers opportunities for students studying in the Human Rights and Social Work departments at Carleton to fulfill their practicum placement requirements in the PIRG office. One of the primary goals of the practicum placement opportunity is to gain workplace experience with a social justice organization.

OPIRG was honoured to host Sól Presnail - completing a Bachelor's of Social Work - for the duration of the 2015-2016 academic year. Sól worked on a number of important projects and as become a fixture here at the PIRG.

Towards the end of the practicum placement, Sól was elected to the Board of Directors to serve a two-year term. Sól currently acts as the Staff Liaison. The stubborn PIRG refuses to let Sól go!



OPIRG CARLETON

Working Groups

Working Groups are collectives - groups of people who voluntarily agree to work together on a common issue towards a common goal while sharing responsibilities and decisions equally. Together with our volunteers, PIRG Working Groups are the heart of our organization. Working Groups with OPIRG are provided access to the office and office resources, a small budget and training.



Working Groups of 2015-2016

- A Hidden Generation
- Access to Information
- Anti-Capitalist Front
- Black Lives Matter - Ottawa Coalition
- Books 2 Prisoners
- Carleton University Student Action Movement (CUSAM)
- Cinema Politica Carleton
- Families of Sisters in Spirit
- Indigenous Peoples Solidarity Movement Ottawa (IPSMO)
- InSol: Women of Colour Collective
- Justice for Deepan
- The *Leveller* newspaper
- No One Is Illegal (NOII) - Ottawa
- Roots Radio
- Students Against Israeli Apartheid (SAIA)

Working Group Descriptions and Highlights

A Hidden Generation

A Hidden Generation is a grassroots documentary project to create awareness of the 60's scoop child welfare policies. The group seeks to inform and create a national dialogue for Indigenous and non-Indigenous people who may not otherwise be informed on how forced Canadian child welfare policies have impacted thousands of Indigenous peoples' lives.

Contact: AHiddenGeneration@gmail.com

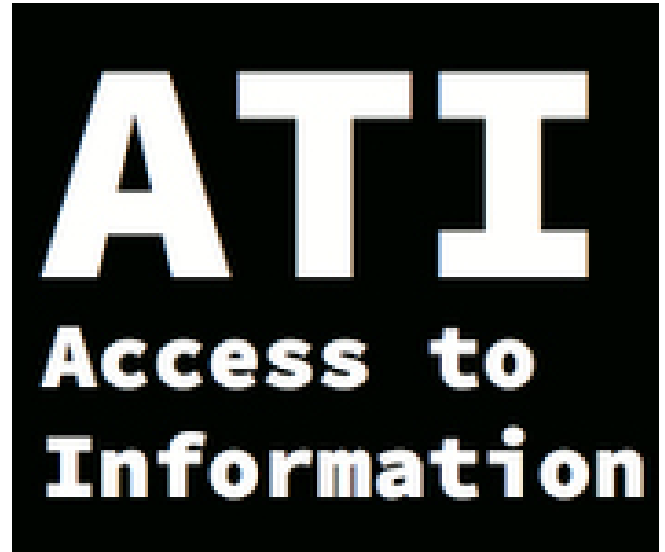


Anti-Capitalist Front

Anti-Capitalist Front is a group of students and workers committed to reclaiming the commons on campus and beyond. We want to democratize the Carleton Board of Governors as well as move beyond it. We envision a campus democratically controlled by students and workers.

Access to Information

In recent years, ATI has published several academic and media publications resulting from ATI/FOI requests. These publications have appeared in Policing and Society, Security Dialogue, Social Justice, Punishment and Society, Social Movement Studies, Canadian Journal of Crime and Criminal Justice, The Dominion, and The Leveller. News coverage of our research has been aired on CBC's "As It Happens", The Globe and Mail, CTV, and APTN.



Over the past year we have been working on a couple of big projects that will change the course of history.

Contact: ati.carleton@gmail.com

Black Lives Matter Ottawa Coalition

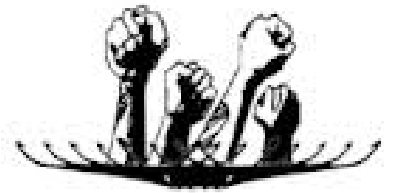
The Black Lives Matter Ottawa Coalition is a grassroots group of youth and community members working in the Ottawa area seeking justice from state-sanctioned violence, police brutality and racial injustice throughout North America.

During the year, Black Lives Matter became were active opposing police violence and murder.

Contact: blmottawa@gmail.com



Books to Prisoners



The *Books to Prisoners Project* was initiated by *OPIRG-Carleton* members who were inspired by the prison activism of other *OPIRGs*, especially those in Montreal. Our aim is to use Ottawa community resources - namely, books - and deliver the donations to prisoners who have requested reading materials.

This project ties together research regarding prison regulations, programming, and accessibility, as well as education of the public about the current condition of our prison system, and a move towards action, in the form of getting books to the prisoners. It is a great way to become involved in Ottawa's activist community.

Contact: books2prisoners@hotmail.com

Cinema Politica

Cinema Politica aims to educate, enlighten and inspire individuals using progressive documentary films that cover a wide variety of social, political and environmental themes.



We are committed to raising awareness about pressing contemporary issues, inspiring activism in relation to these issues, and promoting independent media and political arts. In addition to screening a range of films, we also invite guest speakers to complement screenings while answering questions and facilitating discussions. The *Cinema Politica* network now boasts over 40 chapters across Canada and is the largest grassroots documentary film series in the country.

Contact: carleton@cinemapolitica.org

Carleton University Student Action Movement (CUSAM)



Carleton University Student Action Movement (CUSAM) lobbies and takes action to freeze and lower tuition at Carleton. The group believes that tuition should be affordable for all students from all walks of life, and fighting to freeze and lower tuition at Carleton is just the way to do that.

The Carleton University Student Action Movements exists to pressure the University of Carleton for an immediate tuition freeze, and has a long term goal of lowering tuition from its high levels. The broader purpose of the organization is to fight for affordable education for students at Carleton and in Ontario.

Contact: carleton.u.s.a.m@gmail.com

Families of Sisters in Spirit (FSIS)



Located on Unceded Algonquin Territory in Ottawa Families of Sisters In Spirit (FSIS) is a grassroots and completely volunteer based group dedicated to supporting families of missing and murdered Aboriginal women and girls. FSIS was created as a response to the federal governments decision to de-fund the Sisters in Spirit (SIS) initiative which was a research and policy initiative dedicated to documenting the epidemic of violence faced by Indigenous women and girls in Canada and to identify root causes of this trend and work towards solutions.

Contact: familiesofsistersinspirit@gmail.com

Indigenous Peoples Solidarity Movement Ottawa (IPSMO)

The Indigenous Peoples Solidarity Movement – Ottawa (IPSMO) is a grassroots organization that directly supports indigenous peoples in diverse struggles for justice. We also work within communities to challenge the lies and half-truths about indigenous peoples and colonization that dominate Canadian society. The organization is open to both indigenous and non-indigenous people, and focuses on local and regional campaigns. As we act in solidarity with indigenous people, we build relationships where we can learn from indigenous cultures. By doing this, we can further decolonize ourselves, and so learn to better challenge the racist and colonial ideas that dominate Canadian society.

We provide support to actions and campaigns for Indigenous sovereignty, self-determination, defense of the land, environmental protection, cultural revitalization, and the honouring of treaties and agreements.

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InSol: Womyn of Colour Collective

InSol is a united front of multiethnic women existing at multiple ends of the colonial difference. We proudly identify as a dynamic fusion of critical womyn who stand in solidarity with the transnational struggle against all forms of oppression(s). Our mission is to take a proactive approach that fights against all forms of oppression, not limited to but including racism, colonialism, imperialism, sexism, patriarchy, ageism, ableism, heteronormativity, and classism.

Our Vision:

- To apply a critical, anti-racist, intersectional approach to our work;
- To recognize the multi-faceted and complex identities and lived situations of our sisters in the struggle;
- To remain critical and aware of our locations of power, privilege, and oppression, and their interconnections;
- To remember "the Master's tools will never destroy the Master's house";
- To provide an alternate and safe space for unlearning and re-learning;
- To stand in solidarity with Indigenous struggles for dignity and self-determination.
- To respect diversity within the feminist movement and know that equity and not equality is our ultimate goal;

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Justice for Deepan

As an OPIRG- Carleton Working Group, *Justice For Deepan* continues to support Deepan Budlakoti in his fight to stop his deportation, to have his conditions dropped and to have his Canadian citizenship restored. The *Justice for Deepan* support committee was formed in July 2013 to support Deepan Budlakoti in his quest to have his citizenship restored. *Justice For Deepan* rejects the Canadian state's systematic, racist policy of 'double punishment' in which im/migrants, refugees and those without status are punished twice for the same thing. Throughout our work, we have consciously sought to make connections, to build links and solidarity with other social justice groups and movements in Ottawa and elsewhere, including migrant justice group *No One Is Illegal*.

For more information:
www.justicefordeepan.org

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No One Is Legal (NOII) - Ottawa

No One is Illegal Ottawa is a group of im/migrants and allies, guided by anti-oppression principles, that advocates and fights for the dignity and self-determination of all im/migrants, regardless of status.

In 2014, NOII launched the *End Immigration Detention (EIDN)* campaign in Ottawa to support the activities of the broader national campaign. The *EIDN* campaign aims to educate the public around migrant detention and to seek an end to the indefinite detention of migrant families and children.

NOII's most recent efforts revolve around making Ottawa a sanctuary city.



OPIRG Roots Radio

OPIRG Roots Radio on *CKCU 93.1 FM* covers social justice issues on campus and in the larger community, themed broadly along the activism that *OPIRG's* Working Groups are engaged in.

The show airs every 2nd Tuesday during the noon hour slot. The overall goal is to engage with Carleton students and the broader community to not only inform of social justice initiatives, but to create dialogue and get people actively engaged in movements for social justice.



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Students Against Israeli Apartheid-Carleton

SAIA supports the July 2005 call from over 170 Palestinian organizations for a global campaign of boycotts, divestment and sanctions against Israel until it meets its obligation to recognize the Palestinian people's inalienable right to self-determination and fully complies with the precepts of international law. We believe that justice will not be achieved without equal rights for everyone in the area of historic Palestine, regardless of religion, ethnicity or nationality.

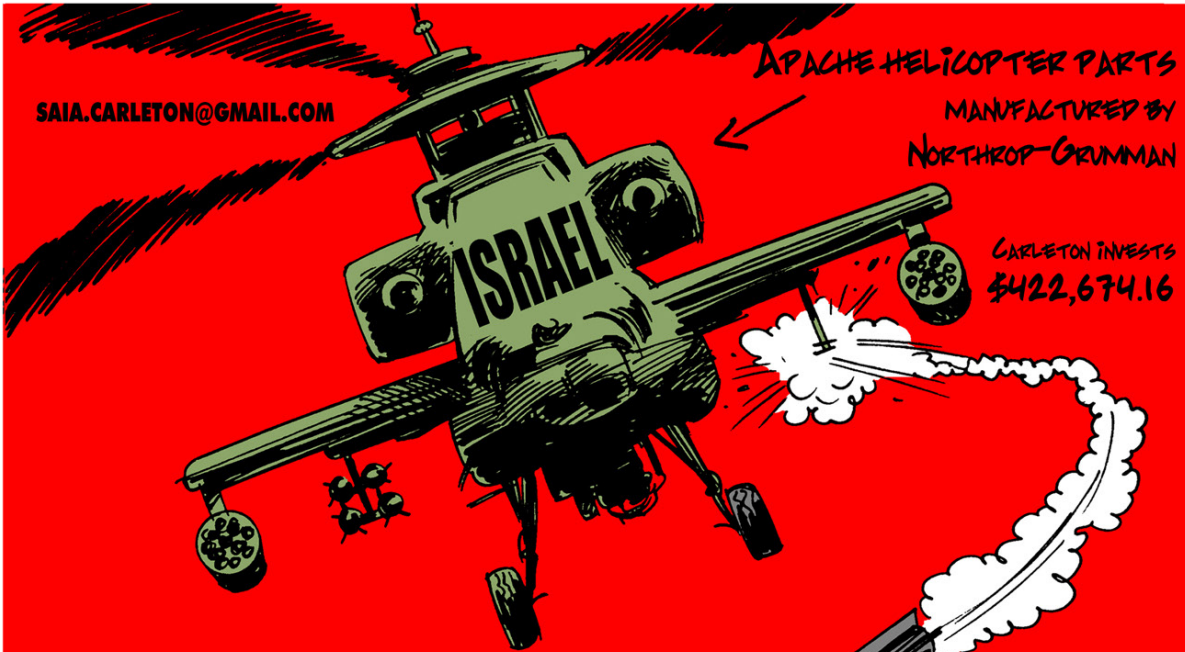
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