



# PIRG

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**ACTION  
FOR SOCIAL  
CHANGE**

**ONTARIO PUBLIC INTEREST RESEARCH GROUP**

***CAMPUS SOCIAL JUSTICE RESOURCE CENTRE***

## **Annual Report & Financial Statements**

September 2014 to August 2015

Presented at Annual General Meeting  
March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016

-Unceded Algonquin Territory-

[www.opirgcarleton.org](http://www.opirgcarleton.org)

**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  
Workshop**

**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 2014-2015, *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, and a variety of information fairs, held in the atrium, and colloquium speakers.

The organization continued to offer space, resources, and support to both student and community groups.

Andy, a permanent coordinator with *OPIRG-Carleton*, returned from a parental leave early in the year, while the organization said farewell to Summer Coordinator Rabita Sharfuddin, who left to apply her knowledge and skills in the legal realm where she is sure to excel. In recent years, contract staff such as Yafa, Emma, and Rabita have ensured that the organization has thrived and were pivotal in mobilizations to repel and overcome repeated challenges.

In the summer of 2015, *OPIRG-Carleton* faced a new challenge to its space at 326 UC, where we've been since 1988. After being faced with eviction and offer to move to a closet on the first floor, the organization mobilized to secure a new lease to maintain its space at 326.



# OPIRG-Carleton Financial Statements

(For Year Ended August 31, 2015)

## STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2015

### REVENUE

Student Fees	192,287
Interest	510
Other	55
Total	192,852

### OPERATING EXPENSES

Salaries and Benefits	101,071
Rent	15,166
Programming	27,005
Office expenses	1,909
Provincial dues	5,126
Insurance	1,647
Photocopy expenses	3,339
Advertising and promotion	2,412
Donations and bursaries	3,840
Telecommunications	1,200
Professional fees	10,588
Interest and service charges	1,889
Amortization of capital assets	728
Loss on disposal of capital assets	--
TOTAL	175,920

### EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES

16,932

**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, 2014 – March 22, 2015**

Sean Smith, Samiha Rayeda, Gabe Castelloux, Francella Fiallos, Mariam al-Naser, Caleb DeWitt, Sarah Musa, Rana Hamadeh, Surya Sarkat-Huot (resigned), Sam Heaton (resigned October 16)

## **March 22, 2015 – August 31, 2015**

Ashley Courchene, Samiha Rayeda, Rana Hamadeh, Sean Smith, Omar Elsharkawy, Nayha Rizvi, Hamida Mohamoud, Caleb DeWitt (resigned July 26), Alex Miller (resigned)



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



# Staff

Andy Crosby  
Coordinator (permanent / full-time)

Angela Mooney  
Coordinator (permanent / full-time)

Rabita Sharfuddin  
Summer Volunteer, Outreach and Programming Coordinator  
(contract ended September 2014)

# 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 2014-2015: the *Terry Cottam Research Bursary*, the *Undergraduate Research Bursary*, the *Graduate Student Research Bursary*, and administered the *Luther-Macdonald 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 Paula Chinkiwisky (Terry Cottam), Tahmina Anwar (International), Jessica Mullin (Undergrad), and Timothy Walker (Luther-Macdonald). Congratulations!



## LUTHER-MACDONALD BURSARY

OPIRG Carleton provides a \$500 bursary to a Carleton University INTERNATIONAL STUDENT whose interests and commitments fall within our mandate of working on environmental, economic, or social justice issues

Applications are accepted until 5pm, Monday November 3 2014

For more information on how to apply see:  
[www.opirgcarleton.org](http://www.opirgcarleton.org)

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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 8<sup>th</sup>- 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014. The event aimed to provide new students with an orientation on social justice and the OPIRG community.

(Dis)Orientation Week included a film screening: Pre-empting Dissent in collaboration with Carleton's School of Journalism, UOttawa's Faculty of Arts, and rabble.ca. It also included workshops for activists on patch-making, button-making, and screenprinting. OPIRG also organized an Info Fair and free lunch with the Carleton Food Collective along with Indigenous Walking Tour with Jaime Koebel. The final event was a successful comedy show featuring Amer Rahman.

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

OPIRG CARLETON PRESENTS  
**(dis)orientation week**  
your FREE radical 101 to economic, environmental, and social justice.  
**SEPTEMBER 8-12**

**MONDAY** OTTAWA PREMIERE  
SEPTEMBER 8th "PRE-EMPTING DISSENT"  
6:30PM MAYFAIR THEATRE

 **UNPACKING THE ACTIVIST KNAPSACK +DIY PATCH AND BUTTON MAKING** **TUESDAY**  
6PM DUNTON TOWER ROOM 2017 SEPTEMBER 9th

**WEDNESDAY** **INFO FAIR & FREE LUNCH**   
SEPTEMBER 10th SERVED BY THE CARLETON FOOD COLLECTIVE  
**12 OUTSIDE UNI CENTRE**  
NEXT TO ARCHITECTURE BLDG.

**INDIGENOUS WALKING TOUR**   
5:30PM @ HUMAN RIGHTS MONUMENT ON ELGIN & LISGAR

 **ACTIVIST HUMAN LIBRARY & SCREENPRINTING** **THURSDAY**  
BRING CLOTHES TO SCREENPRINT ON SEPTEMBER 11th  
8PM ROOSTERS IN THE UNI CENTRE

**FRIDAY** FINALE EVENT: COMEDIAN  
SEPTEMBER 12th **AAMER RAHMAN**  
7PM BABYLON - ALL AGES

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## Info Fairs

On Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>, Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>, Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> (2014) and Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>, and Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> (2015), *OPIRG-Carleton* hosted 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 two colloquiums, in both the fall and winter terms. *OPIRG-Carleton's* Colloquium Speaker Series aims to bring well-known activists, authors, and academics to campus and the local community.

The 2014-15 colloquiums featured renowned comedian Aamer Rahman in September 2014 and Bonita Lawrence and Zainab Amadahy in March 2015.

### Aamer Rahman, September 2014

Aamer Rahman performed a night of political comedy on September 12<sup>th</sup> at Babylon in downtown Ottawa to a packed house.

### Bonita Lawrence and Zainab Amadahy, March 2015

Bonita Lawrence and Zainab Amadahy hosted a lecture on Surviving and Thriving in Colonial Canada in the Azrieli Theatre on March 30<sup>th</sup>.



**OPIRG Carleton presents**

**a night of political  
comedy with**

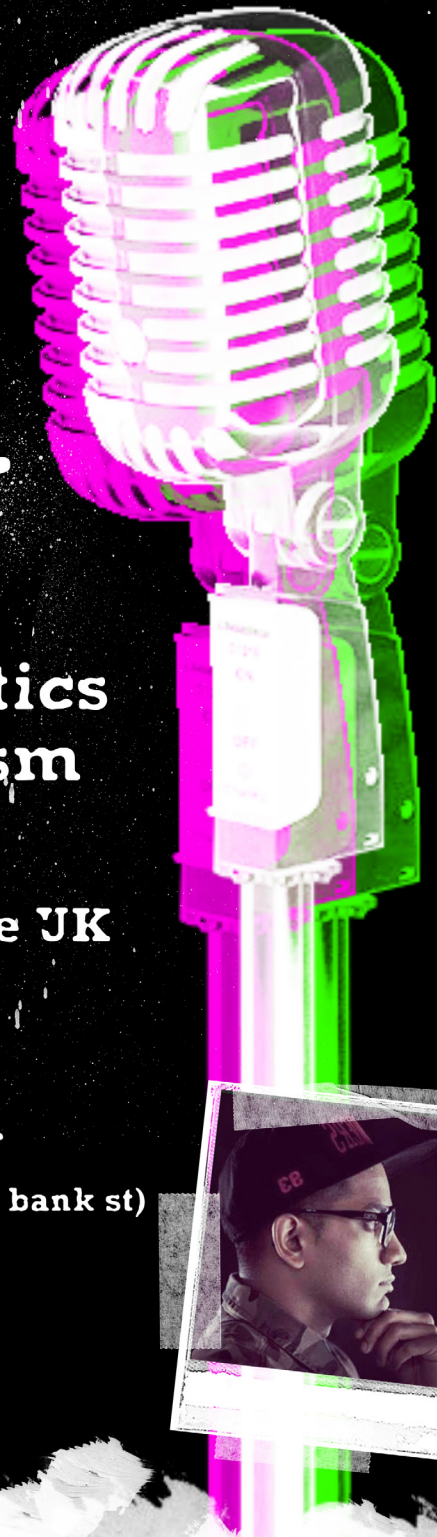
# **AAHMER RAHMAN**

**"...confronting the politics  
of race and imperialism  
head-on..."**

**-Ceasefire Magazine JK**

**7pm, fri sept 12th  
babylon nightclub (317 bank st)  
all ages**

**co-sponsored by OPIRG-GRIPO OttawaJ**



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## SURVIVING and THRIVING in COLONIAL CANADA

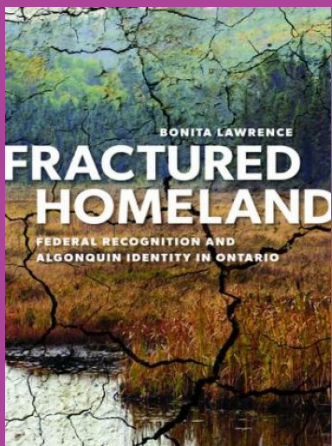
### an OPIRG Colloquium featuring

## Bonita Lawrence and Zainab Amadahy

Monday, March 30, 2015  
Azrieli Theatre, Room 302  
Carleton University



Doors at 6:00pm  
Colloquium 6:30pm - 8:30pm  
Book signing 8:30pm -9:00pm



**FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**  
**MORE INFORMATION:**

[www.opirgcarleton.org/home/winter-colloquium-2015](http://www.opirgcarleton.org/home/winter-colloquium-2015)



# Tools for Change Training

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 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.

*OPIRG-Carleton's* 2014's Tools for Training workshop series ran throughout October and November and included workshops on decolonization, activist self-care, cis privilege, consensus-based decision making, anti-oppression, and working in groups. *OPIRG* also hosted a history of protest Ottawa walking tour.



**[WORKSHOPS FREE AND OPEN TO ALL!!]**

<p><b>Saturday, Nov. 8 @ 2 pm</b> University Centre 376</p> <p><b>WORKSHOP: Working in Groups—How We Approach Organizing Ourselves Collectively</b> w/ Greg MacDougall</p>	<p><b>Monday, Nov. 10 @ 1 pm</b> Residence Commons 214</p> <p><b>WORKSHOP: Anti-Oppression 101—Intersectional Approaches</b> w/ Jade Pichette</p>
<p><b>Monday, Nov. 10 @ 4 pm</b> Residence Commons 214</p> <p><b>WORKSHOP: Examining Cis Privilege</b> w/ Jade Pichette</p>	<p><b>Monday, Nov. 10 @ 6 pm</b> University Centre 376</p> <p><b>WORKSHOP: Intro to Consensus Based Facilitation and Decision Making Techniques</b></p>



# Other Programming Highlights

In addition to OPIRG's annual programming and Tools for Change workshops, OPIRG's board and staff also organize and support additional programming and workshops each year based on the needs and interests of volunteers, Working Groups, and the social justice community. Check out some more samples highlights from 2014-2015 below!

## **Noojimo Annish Wenjikdaazod Kitchi-sippi (NAWK) Healing Rage Conference**

OPIRG-Carleton Board members and staff helped to organize and support this amazing conference.



**A Black, Indigenous, and People of Colour  
Organized, Led and Participated Conference**

**NOOJIMO' ANNISH  
WENJIGDAAZOD  
KITCHISIPPI  
HEALING RAGE OTTAWA**

*We hope to inspire your creative mind, nurture your soul and expand  
our networks*

**Keynote speakers:**  
**BONITA LAWRENCE and ZAINAB AMADAHY**  
*Workshops on Decolonization & Anti-Oppression, Healing.*

**March 28 & 29, 2015 - 9am - 6pm**  
Heron Community on 1480 Heron Rd  
Website: [www.nawk.org](http://www.nawk.org)  
Email: [noojimohealing@gmail.com](mailto:noojimohealing@gmail.com)  
Twitter & Instagram: @noojimoottawa  
Facebook: Noojimo Annish Wenjikdaazod Kitchi-sippi Healing Rage  
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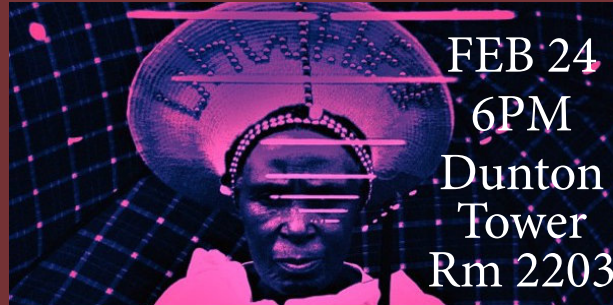
**\*free admission, free food, childcare provided, door prizes\***

# Raising and Reclaiming our Vibrations: Disconnecting from the Colonial Narrative

Long-time PIRG activist Sharrae Lyon - now fronting media project Alien Nation - along with OPIRG-Carleton made this workshop possible. We miss you Sharrae!!

## RAISING AND RECLAIMING OUR VIBRATIONS: DISCONNECTING FROM THE COLONIAL NARRATIVE

WORKSHOP FACILITATED BY SHARRAE LYON



FEB 24  
6PM  
Dunton  
Tower  
Rm 2203

How has the history of colonization and slavery shaped the ways that we have seen ourselves and our communities? This workshop will explore ideas and concepts embedded in Afrofuturism, science-fiction and developing stronger visions for ourselves, our communities and the ways that we are interconnected with the Earth, using movement, role-playing and discussion.

This workshop is tailored to Black People of Colour and non-black people of colour (Asian, Latino, Indigenous to Turtle Island, Middle Eastern, Australian Aboriginal)

Sharrae Lyon is a transdisciplinary artist, writer and facilitator. She believes in the powerful role of science fiction and futurism to answer the spiritual and internal questions around "Otherness," engaging in ancestral healing and unleashing individual and collective power to create lasting change. She is currently working on the development of her transmedia project Alien Nation, that combines art creation and facilitation.

### ALTERNATIVE VALENTINE'S DAY HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS WORKSHOP

FACILITATED BY PLANNED PARENTHOOD OTTAWA

THURSDAY  
FEBRUARY 12  
12 NOON

HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS  
Explore issues of consent, communication and abuse through thought-provoking "what if" scenarios and facilitated discussion

GSA LOUNGE  
(6TH FLOOR UC)  
SNACKS PROVIDED



Planned Parenthood Ottawa



Planning des naissances d'Ottawa



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In February, OPIRG-Carleton, along with our friends at CUPE 4600 and the Graduate Students' Association, invited Planned Parenthood Ottawa to campus to facilitate a workshop on Healthy Relationships.

### Bike Tune-Ups & Cycling Mini-Fair!

All are welcome so bring your bike and join us for this free and fun event!

Thursday May 21st  
11:00AM - 2:00PM

Outside the Architecture Building

\*Rain date Thursday May 28th






OPIRG-Carleton participated in C.U. Cycling's Bike Tune-Ups & Cycling Mini-Fair, infusing elements of social justice into this great outdoor event.



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CROSS-CAMPUS SOCIAL JUSTICE  
WINTER PARTY



*The Leveller*  
CAMPUS - COMMUNITY - CULTURE



Association des professeurs et professeurs à temps partiel  
Association of Part-Time Professors

# 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. Below are some of the co-sponsorship highlights from 2014-2015:

- **Justice for Deepan's** "Who is Canadian?" event featuring Barbara Jackman
- **Families of Sisters in Spirit** gathering/feast honouring and remembering missing and murdered Indigenous women, girls, two-spirit, and trans people.
- **Graduate Students' Association** event Carleton Student Action Forum & Social featuring comedian Ryan McMahon.
- **Canadian Council of Muslim Women** Project Communitas workshop
- **Students Against Israeli Apartheid (SAIA)** Carleton's Israeli Apartheid Week
- **Justice for Deepan's** event "The Right to Have Rights: Statelessness, Citizenship and Belonging"
- **Native Youth Sexual Health Network** in support of "Walking With Our Sisters"
- **Indigenous Peoples Solidarity Movement Ottawa (IPSMO)** event "Celebrating the Defense of Mother Earth which was a fundraiser for Odawa's Drop-in Centre at 510 Rideau Street.
- **Black Students' Association Conference**

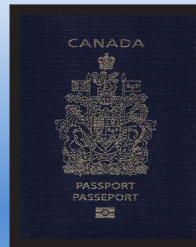


Ryan McMahon - Carleton Student Action Forum

## JUSTICE FOR DEEPAN & THE CRIMINALIZATION AND PUNISHMENT EDUCATION PROJECT

PROUDLY PRESENTS

## BARBARA JACKMAN: WHO IS CANADIAN?



Tuesday,  
October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014

7:00pm | Simard Hall  
Room 430  
University of Ottawa

How do laws shape who is and who is not Canadian? While Canada's laws have always policed whose lives count more, newly emerging amendments to Canada's Citizenship Act under Bill C-24 will make citizenship for naturalized Canadians dramatically more insecure and contingent. Leading expert in Canadian immigration and national security law, Barbara Jackman, will discuss the political and ideological landscape that has given rise to the most recent definition of citizenship and the serious legal problems it raises for current and future Canadians.



**Barbara Jackman** Ms. Jackman practices law with Jackman, Waldman & Associates in Toronto where she has developed a reputation as one of Canada's most effective advocates of refugee rights.

Tickets | \$20.00 | ALL PROCEEDS GO TO JUSTICE FOR DEEPAN



JusticeforDeepan.com | Tickets: [www.picatic.com/whoiscanadian](http://www.picatic.com/whoiscanadian)



# 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. See below for more donations made by *OPIRG-Carleton* in 2014-15.

- *Peace Brigades International - Canada*
- *Justice for Deepan*
- *Extradition Legal Defence Fund - Justice for Hassan Diab*
- *The Justice for Mohamed Harkat Committee*
- *Indigenous Environmental Network*
- *Indigenous Survivors of Child Welfare*
- *Indigenous Adoptee Gathering*
- *Noojimo Annish Wenjikdaazod Kitchi-sippi (NAWK)*
- *CKCU 93.1 FM*
- *No One Is Illegal - Ottawa*
- *Council of Canadians*

You are invited to a  
**KARAOKE FUNDRAISER WITH**



**China Doll**  
**November 20 2014**  
**8 - 11 PM**

Benefiting:  
**Indigenous Adoptee Gathering 2015**  
**Ottawa**  
Ottawa - 60's  
scoop adoptees,  
their families and  
loved ones.

**SHANGHAI RESTAURANT**  
651 Somerset Street West

Contact: [info@indigenouadoptee.com](mailto:info@indigenouadoptee.com) if you have any inquires or donations for prizes.



# 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. In the winter semester of 2015, OPIRG welcomed Vanessa Carson, a 4th year Human Rights student. Vanessa was interested in working on issues related to citizenship and migrant rights. Thus, she was a great fit to work with the Justice for Deepan Support Committee and No One Is Illegal (two PIRG working groups).

## **JUSTICE FOR DEEPAN** PROUDLY PRESENTS

### **THE RIGHT TO HAVE RIGHTS**

STATELESSNESS, CITIZENSHIP AND BELONGING

THURSDAY, MARCH 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2015  
CARLETON UNIVERSITY  
DUNTON TOWER, 2017  
6:30PM

\*\*REFRESHMENTS TO BE PROVIDED\*\*

#### DISCUSSION PANELISTS



DAIVA STASIULIS  
PROFESSOR OF  
SOCIOLOGY  
CARLETON UNIVERSITY



ALEX NEVE  
SECRETARY-GENERAL  
AMNESTY  
INTERNATIONAL



YAVAR HAMEED  
HUMAN RIGHTS AND  
CONSTITUTIONAL  
LAWYER

THIS EVENT IS MODERATED BY:  
DR. MONIA MAZIGH

FACEBOOK



#### TICKETS

STUDENTS: \$10.00 | NON-STUDENTS \$20.00

TICKETS



FOR TICKETS AND INFORMATION: [WWW.PICATIC.COM/THERIGHTTOHAVERIGHTS](http://WWW.PICATIC.COM/THERIGHTTOHAVERIGHTS)



## STATELESSNESS



THE BEEHIVE DESIGN COLLECTIVE

## JUSTICE FOR DEEPAN

In the month of January alone, Vanessa participated in the NOII Campaign Launch, a Decolonization Workshop, an Environmental Sustainability from an Indigenous Perspective Workshop, and OPIRG training on Decolonization and Anti-Oppression. In March, Vanessa helped organize J4D's The Right to Have Rights event. Throughout the placement, Vanessa undertook a research project and produced and published a zine on Statelessness. Contact OPIRG or drop by the office to pick up a copy! Thank you for your time and contributions Vanessa, we miss you!

# 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.



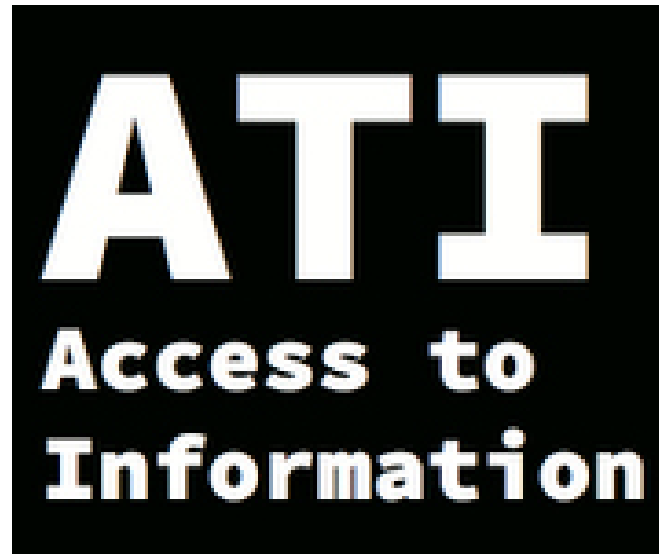
## Working Groups of 2014-2015

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

# Working Group Descriptions and Highlights

## 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, Current Sociology, 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*.



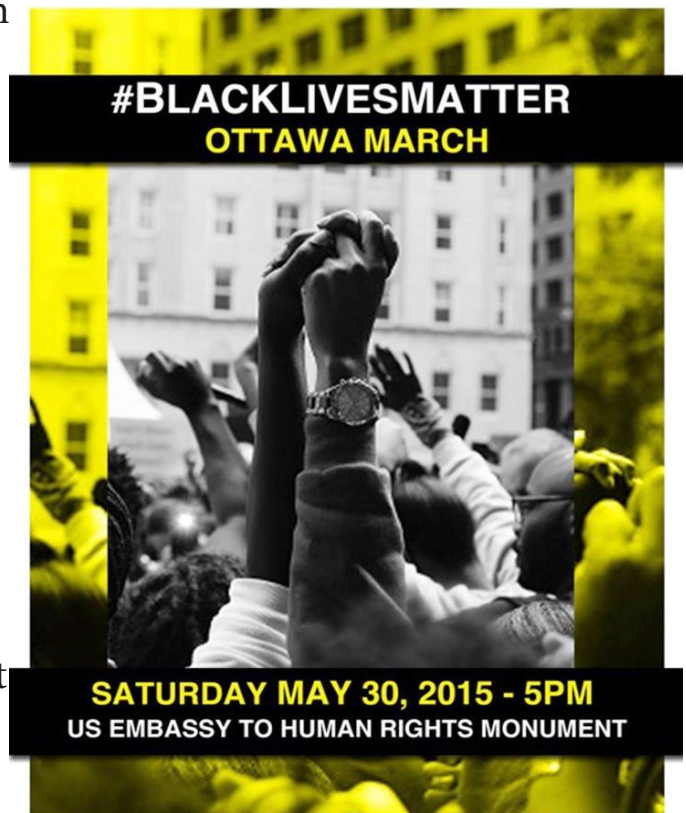
Over the past year we have been working on a couple of big projects that will change the course of history.

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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.

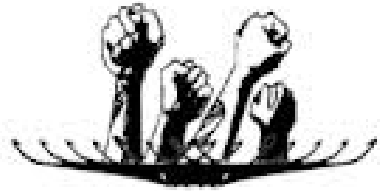
During the year, Black Lives Matter became an OPIRG-Carleton Working Group and were active opposing police violence and murder. BLM members appeared on OPIRG Roots Radio and were also active with the *Leveller* newspaper. OPIRG continues to support the great work that this group does.

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# 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](mailto: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.

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# Carleton University Student Action Movement (CUSAM)

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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.

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## Families of Sisters in Spirit (FSIS)

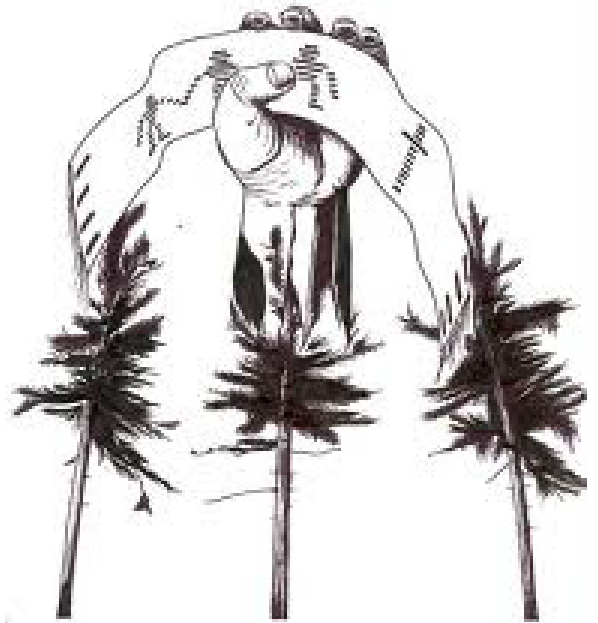


Located on Unceded Algonquin Territory in Ottawa Families of Sisters In Spirit (FSIS) is a grassroots and completely volunteer based group dedicated to supporting families of missing and murdered Aboriginal women and girls. FSIS was created as a response to the federal governments decision to de-fund 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](mailto: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](http://www.justicefordeepan.org)

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# *The Leveller*

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The Leveller is a publication covering news, current events, and culture in the Ottawa/Gatineau region and, to a lesser extent, the wider world. It is intended to provide readers with a lively portrait of their campus and community, and of the events that give it meaning. It is also intended to be a forum for provocative editorializing and lively debate on issues of concern to post-secondary students, staff, faculty, as well as Ottawa residents.

## Noojimo' Annish Wenjikdaazod Kitchisipi

Noojimo' Annish Wenjikdaazod Kitchisipi is Anishnabemowin (Alnoquin language) and loosely translates to Healing Rage Ottawa. The purpose of NAWK is to create a Space for BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, Peoples of Colour) to learn and to unlearn, to Meditate, to feel, to grow and to thrive. We hosted the first Healing Rage Ottawa Conference in March of 2015 and we plan on hosting it every year. We are also Planning monthly events for BIPOC. We currently have a Black Peoples group as well as a two spirit group, both meet on a monthly basis and create a safer space For these individuals to network, heal and feel free to be them surrounded by people like them. We plan on having more of these spaces available. We also offer workshops on anti-oppression, anti-racism, two spirit identities, self-care, holistic health and body work, LGBTQ+ identity mapping and many other workshops and trainings.



## 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.

On November 18th 2014, the End Immigration Detention Network sent a letter to Minister Naqvi requesting that he cut all ties with CBSA and stop collaborating in the indefinite, cruel and unjust detention of migrants in Ontario detention centres. The minister has yet to reply and continues to perpetuate this injustice. Immigration detentions must end.



On March 16th, 2014, NOII rallied outside MPP/Minister of Community Safety and Corrections Yasir Naqvi's office. A delegation then delivered children's books about incarceration and migrant justice to Minister Naqvi to share with his kids, for all those children denied access to their own families due to detention and deportation. Contact: [noiottawa@gmail.com](mailto:noiottawa@gmail.com)

## OPIRG Roots Radio

*OPIRG Roots Radio* on CKCU 93.1 FM was launched in January 2013. *OPIRG Roots Radio* 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, environmental, and economic 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.

SAIA's website: <http://www.carleton.saia.ca/>

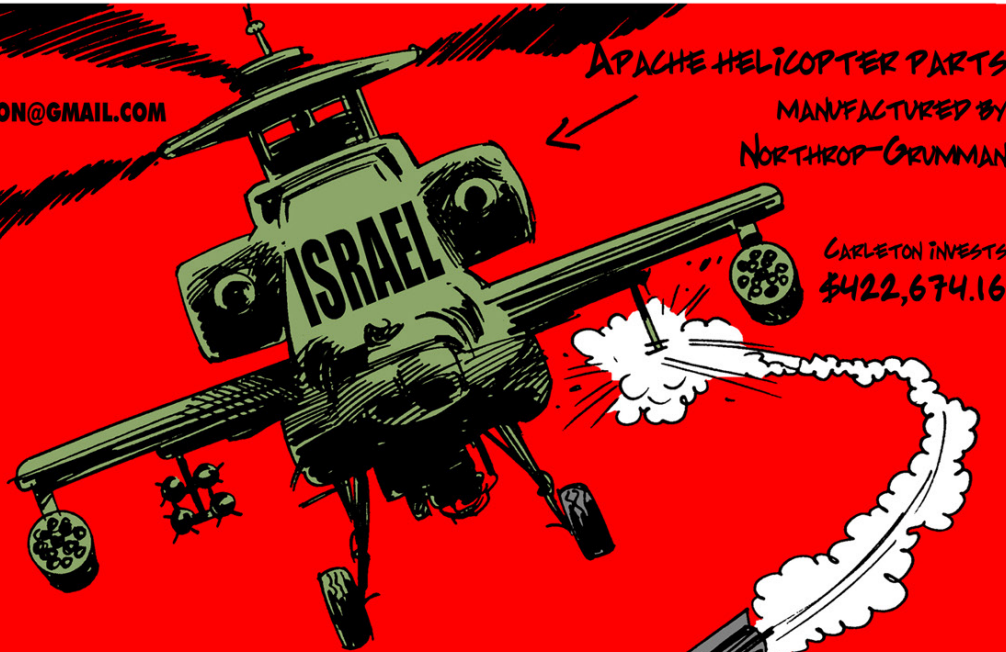
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