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CAMPUS SOCIAL JUSTICE RESOURCE CENTRE



Annual Report & Financial Statements

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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 Banner



OPIRG-Carleton's office - 326 Unicentre

Year in Brief – Organizational Developments

In 2016-2017, *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. 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. Financial and Organizational Development Coordinator Andy Crosby welcomed a new member, [baby's name] into family. As such, Andy went on leave and OPIRG hired Ashley Courchene as the new administrative coordinator in May 2017.

Samiha and Ashley 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, 2017

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

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

April 1, 2016 – August 31, 2017

Fa'Ttima Omran, Celeste Alcena, Freddy Stonepoint (stepped down May 2017), Jenna Amirault (stepped down December 2017), Muna Mohamed, Nazneen Khan, Renata Marshall, Sol Presnail, Zainab Abdulhusein



Where the board meets (UC 326)

STAFF

Samiha Rayeda

Volunteer, Outreach, and Programming Coordinator
(Full-Time)

Ashley Courchene

Administrative Coordinator
(Part-time, contract)

Andy Crosby (on parental leave)

Finance and Organizational Development Coordinator



OPIRG CARLETON

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 2016-2017: 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 to:

- Somebody (Terry Cottom)
- Sombody (Undergrad)
- Prince Owusu (International)
- Ashley Courchene and Jordan Grey (Indigenous)

Congratulations!



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

	OPIRG Carleton	University Centre RM 326	Office Hours Mon - Thurs 10am-4pm	(613) 520-2757 vopcopirg@gmail.com	opirgcarleton.org OPIRGCarleton @OPIRGCarleton
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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 12th- 16rd, 2016. The event aimed to provide new students with an orientation on social justice and the *OPIRG* community. We collaborated with *OPIRG-Ottawa* to bring some amazing events.

(Dis)Orientation Week kicked off with an Activist Social and the week was filled with a series of workshops including Decolonization 101, Anti-Opression 101 & 201, Disability Justice. We also held multiple sessions of Indigenous History Walking Tours, in addition to hosting a music making workshop and a zine-making workshop. Rad Frosh 2016 included its grand finale concert which hosted LAL, Amanda Lowe, and the Moonfruits. Other partners included the Womyn's Centre and the Gender and Sexuality Resource Centre.

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

OPIRG Carleton

Radfrosh

RADFROSH EVENTS

Monday, Sept 12:

- 10 AM: Workshop - Decolonization 101 by RJ Jones and Gabrielle Fayant at 251 Bank St (Blue Room)
- 1 PM: Zine Making by Babely Shades at CUSA Womyn's Centre

Tuesday, Sept 13:

- 1 PM: Disability Justice by Emma H at CUSA GSRC

Wednesday, Sept 14:

- 1 PM: Anti Oppression 101 by Hana Jama at CUSA GSRC

Thursday, Sept 15

- 9:30 AM: Waking Tour of Ottawa's Indigenous History by Brian MacDougall
- 1 PM: Anti Oppression 201 by Hana Jama at CUSA GSRC

Friday, Sept 16:

- 12 PM: Walking Tour of Indigenous History by Jaime Koebel
- 2:30 PM: Sound and Music Making Workshop by LAL
- 6 PM: Concert Featuring LAL, Amanda Lowe and Moonfruits



The poster for RADFROSH 2016 FRIDAY features a dark background with a colorful, abstract, splattered paint effect in shades of blue, red, yellow, and green. The text is arranged in a clear, layered hierarchy. At the top left is the GRIP logo, and at the top right is the OPIRG Carleton logo. The main title 'RADFROSH 2016' is in red, with 'FRIDAY' in large, bold yellow letters below it. A grey horizontal bar contains the date 'SEPTEMBER 16, 2016' and the address '250 City Center Ave #202 (GABBA HEY)'. Below this, the word 'HEADLINING' is written in cyan, followed by the stylized white logo for 'LAL'. A red diagonal banner contains the text 'AMANDA LOWE FROM BABELY SHADES' and 'MOONFRUITS' in white. At the bottom right, it says 'DOORS OPEN AT: 5:30PM' and 'COST: \$10'. A small note at the bottom right reads '***NOBODY WILL BE TURNED AWAY**'. The footer contains contact information for the University Centre, Office Hours, phone number, and website.

GRIP OPIRG

OPIRG CARLETON

RADFROSH 2016
FRIDAY

SEPTEMBER 16, 2016
250 City Center Ave #202
(GABBA HEY)

HEADLINING **LAL**

AMANDA LOWE FROM BABELY SHADES
MOONFRUITS

DOORS OPEN AT: 5:30PM
COST: \$10
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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 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 2016-17, *OPIRG-Carleton* ran a series of workshops throughout the year, including our campus-renowned anti-oppression and consensus-based decision-making workshops, as well as a number of others. This workshop series is known as Tools for Change.

T4C is aimed at orienting the Carleton and Ottawa communities towards activism. All workshops provided key introductory lessons on activism and building allyships within our own communities.



Tools for Change Workshops 2016

Monday, Nov 14

Anti-Opression 101

1 PM - 3 PM, Southam Hall 401

Hosted by: Saph Parchment (Kind Space)

Decolonizing Our Movements: Supporting Indigenous-led Movements in Our Activism

4 PM - 5:30 PM, Southam Hall 411

Hosted by: Colleen Cardinal (A Hidden Generation; Families of Sisters in Spirit)

Tuesday, Nov 15

Consensus Decision Making

1 PM - 3 PM, Southam Hall Room 411

Facilitated by Samiha Rayeda (OPIRG Carleton)

Non Violent Direct Action

7 PM - 9 PM, Southam Hall Room 411

Rana Nazzal (OPIRG Board of Directors, Students Against Israeli Apartheid)

Wednesday, Nov 16

Documenting Our Movement: Using the Media for Actions

1 PM - 3 PM, Southam Hall Room 411

Facilitated by R.J Pate (Community Organizer, Photojournalist)

Accessibility Workshop: How to Make our Organizing Accessible

4 PM - 6 PM, Location TBD

Facilitated by Fa'Time Omran (OPIRG Carleton Board of Directors)

Thursday, Nov 17

Social Movements and Mental Health: Dealing with Activist Burnout

1 PM - 3 PM, University Centre Room 374

Facilitated by Muna Mohamed (Ontario Centre for Excellence in Child and Youth Mental Health)

Anti Oppression 101

7 PM - 9 PM, University Centre Room 280

Facilitated by Hana Jama (Documentary Filmmaker)

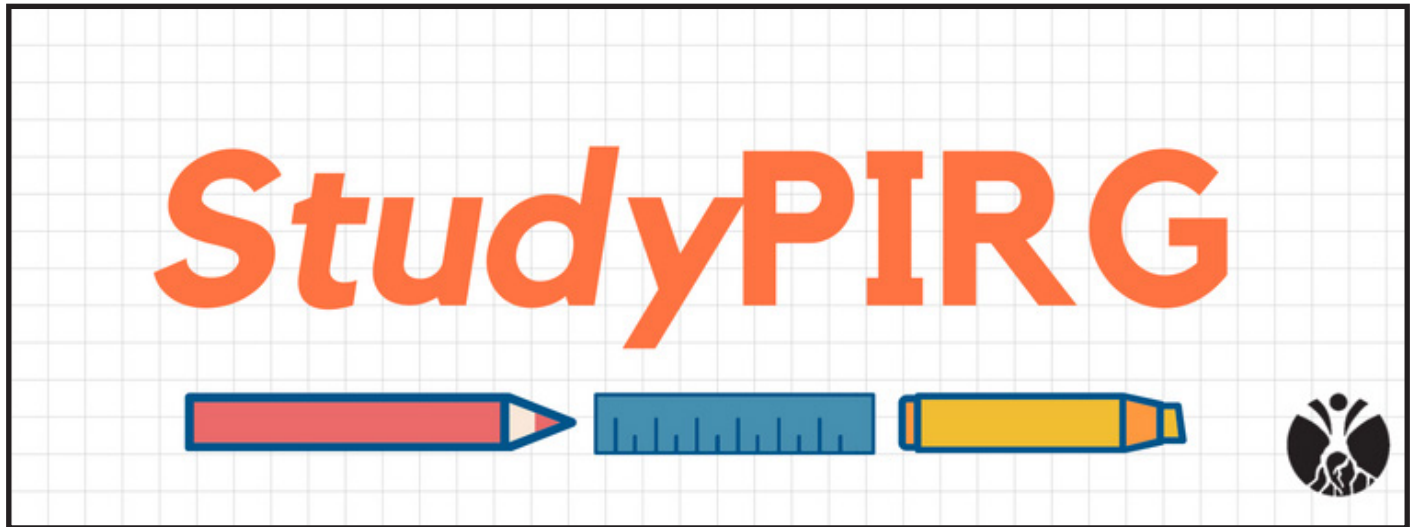
Friday, Nov 18

OPIRG Volunteers Social!

7 PM, Mikes Place

Hang out with the OPIRG Carleton volunteers and staff in a fun environment!

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS



StudyPIRG (Jan 12-16, 2016): Opened OPIRG for all to enjoy all types of snacks throughout the day, and pizza in the evening.

The poster has a dark, textured background with a silhouette of a mountain range at the bottom. The title 'MANIFESTATIONS OF COLONIAL VIOLENCE' is written in large, white, hand-drawn style letters. Below the title, the subtitle 'Accounts from Survivors of Residential Schools and Indigenous Child Welfare Policies' is written in smaller, teal, sans-serif font. At the bottom, the event details are listed in white text: 'Featuring Colleen Cardinal & John Moses', 'Thursday, January 12 | 7 PM', and 'Dunton Tower Room 2203'. A small line of text below that says 'This event is free and open to everyone. Light refreshments will be served. Visit www.opirgcarleton.org for more info.' At the very bottom, the text 'BROUGHT TO YOU BY OPIRG CARLETON' is written in a teal, hand-drawn style font.

Manifestations of Colonial Violence (Jan 12, 2016)

Featuring Colleen Cardinal and John Moses:

Colleen Cardinal will be speaking on the Sixties Scoop/Indigenous Child Removals, what it is, who it impacted, how it impacted and its connection to ongoing violence, racism and contemporary issues affecting Indigenous peoples today. Colleen will also be speaking on the grassroots organizing of adoptee gatherings, rallies and educational awareness being done by the National Indigenous Survivors of Child Welfare.

John Moses will be speaking on his late father Russ's residential school memoir, written in 1965. This memoir recounts the conditions his father endured at the Mohawk Institute Indian Residential School in Brantford Ontario, which he attended from 1942-1947.

Other Highlights



Israeli Apartheid Week (March 13 - 26, 2017):

IAW seeks to raise awareness about Israel's apartheid policies towards the Palestinians and to build support for the growing Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement against Israel. Inspired by the ongoing popular resistance across historic Palestine and the intersections being made globally between various struggles with Palestine, we hope to make Israeli Apartheid Week 2017 a powerful contribution to the Palestinian struggle for freedom and justice.

Surviving Capitalism (March 18, 2017):

A 4-part workshop geared towards students, but it is open to anyone interested in learning more about money management and budgeting. The day will consist of the following sessions:

PART 1: Basic Banking 101

- Student banking options
- Introduction to short-term investing
- Banking definitions (ie. TFSA's, GICs, credit scores, etc.)
- Student credit options (ie. Student line of credit, bank loans, credit cards, etc.)
- OSAP 101
- Banking red flags

PART 2: Frugal Living

- Grouponing
- Rewards cards
- Life hacks on how to save when going out
- Thrift shopping
- Samples and other way to be cute on a budget

PART 3: Couponing

- MY MOM WILL BE COMING ALL THE WAY FROM WINDSOR TO TEACH YA'LL HOW TO COUPON!! YOU DON'T WANNA MISS THIS..

PART 4: Budgeting

- Ways to earn more money (ie. Sell clothes on Kijiji)
 - Saving for long and short term goals
- [Each attendee will be creating a personalized monthly and weekly budget. (Colourful stickers and other supplies ie. paper/pens will be provided)]

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 2016-17, *OPIRG-Carleton* co-sponsored events and initiatives with almost \$XXX. Below are some of the co-sponsorship highlights from 2016-2017:

- Fem(me) Talk: Life of a Muslim Feminist
- Gender based violence on our campus? Keynote by Farrah Khan
- Mental Health in the Black Community
- Healing Justice
- International Womans Week
- Harm Reduction Workshop
- Brandon Wint on Masculinity, Disability and Sexuality
- Beats Beat the Police
- Memorial for Nasir Al Raas
- Self Care Mask Making Workshop
- Rethinking Canada's 150: Human Library and Arts Showcase
- From Migration to Integration: Syrian experience in Canada

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 2016-17, *OPIRG-Carleton* donated almost \$X,XXX to the following:

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/>

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.

Contact: opirgonckcu@gmail.com



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 2016-2017

- \$15 and Fairness
- A Hidden Generation
- Access to Information Carleton
- Anti-Capitalist Front
- Black Like Me
- Books to Prisoners
- Cinema Politica
- Carleton Students for Justice Climate
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- The Leveller

WORKING GROUP DESCRIPTIONS

\$15 and Fairness

The Ontario government is reviewing our out-dated labour laws in 2016. Now is our chance to push back against low-wage and precarious jobs. We're demanding a \$15 minimum wage; paid sick days for all workers; fair scheduling; better protections for part-time, contract, temp agency, and sub-contracted workers; and better enforcement of the law when workers' rights are violated. The movement is growing, and the time for change is now.

Contact: ottawa15andfairness@gmail.com



A Hidden Generation

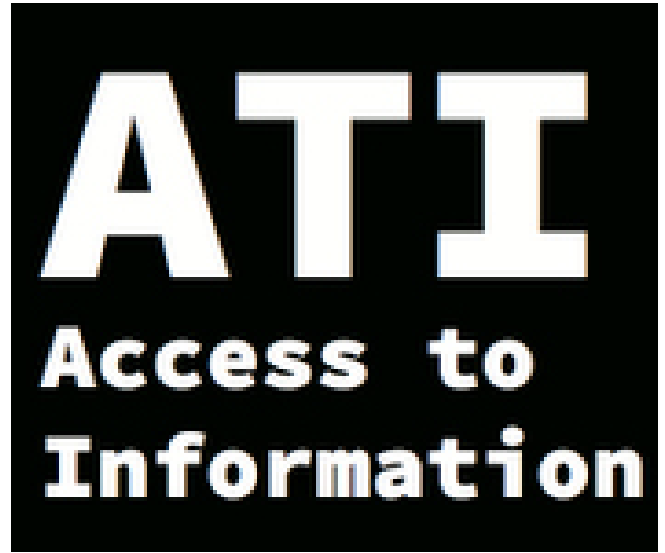
A Hidden Generation is a grassroots documentary project to create awareness of the 60's scoop child welfare policies. The group seeks to inform and create a national dialogue for Indigenous and non-Indigenous people who may not otherwise be informed on how forced Canadian child welfare policies have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

Contact: AHiddenGeneration@gmail.com



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.

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.

Black Like Me

Black Like Me understands that everything Black people do to survive on a daily basis in this world is not only a form of rebellion, but also an expression of freedom. As such, we are dedicated to creating spaces where we can find happiness, safety, support, and whatever else they need to live, as long as we have the energy and capacity to do so.

Contact: Facebook - Black Like Me

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 Students for Climate Justice

Carleton Students for Climate Justice (CSCJ) is a working group under *OPIRG Carleton* that works in solidarity with Indigenous land defenders/water protectors for environmental justice. Our goal is to foster an intersectional approach in the climate justice/environmental movement(s).

Contact: carletoncscj@gmail.com

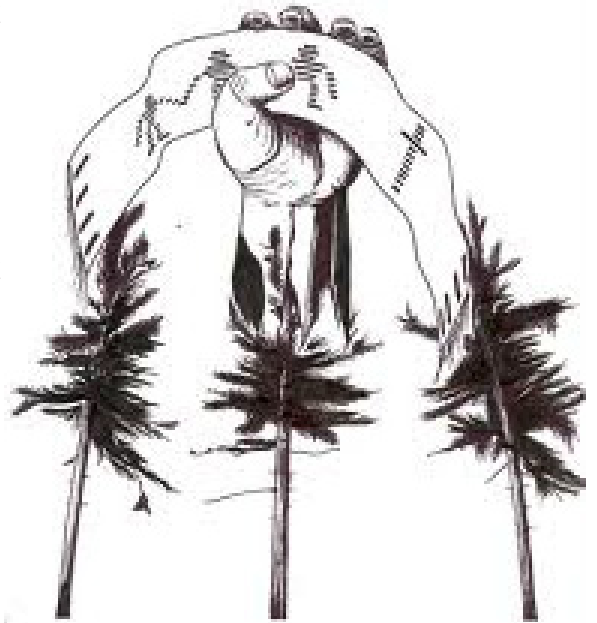
Familites of Sisters In Spirit (FSIS)

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.



Indigenous Peoples Solidarity Movement Ottawa

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.
Contact: ipsmo@riseup.net

InSol: Womyn of Colour Collective



InSol: Womyn of **COLOUR** C o l l e c t i v e

InSol is a united front of multiethnic women existing at multiple ends of 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.

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*.

**SUPPORT
DEEPAN BUDLAKOTI**

**BORN IN CANADA
BUT FACING DEPORTATION**

www.justicefordeepan.org

www.facebook.com/JusticeForDeepanBudlakoti

No One Is Legal (NOII) - Ottawa

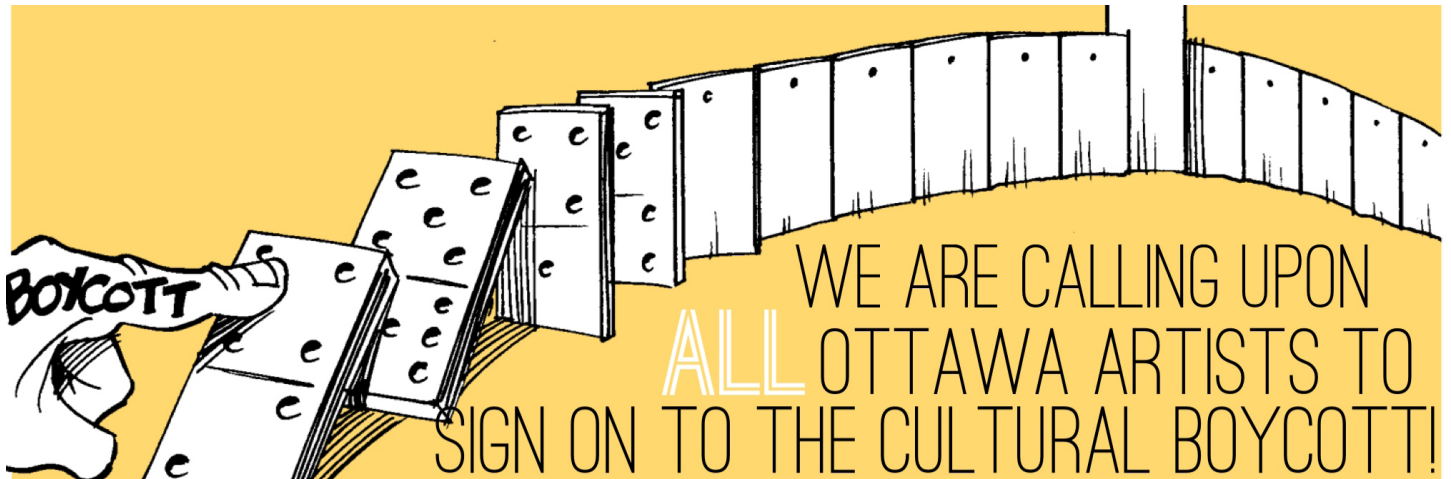


No One is Illegal Ottawa is a group of im/migrants and allies, guided by anti-oppression principles, that advocates and fights for the dignity and self-determination of all im/migrants, regardless of status.

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.

Ottawa Cultural Boycott of Israel



Ottawa Cultural Boycott of Israel promotes and encourages members of the arts and culture community in Ottawa to sign a pledge to boycott any performances in or ties to Israel.

Ottawa Network of Peers Acting for Harm Reduction

ONPAHR is a grassroots organization of current and former drug users who have come together from all different walks of life after realizing there was a need for genuine and transparent advocacy in Ottawa. We are advocating for safer harm reduction practices while reaching out to at-risk populations and better quality of life for the marginalized community in Ottawa

ROOTS (Recognizing Ones Origins and Transferring Strength)

ROOTS is an Ottawa-based organization for Black Afro-Caribbean youth of the diaspora to unlearn oppressive ideologies, relearn out hidden and misplaced histories, indigenize our experiences and promote and share our cultures while creating a

network amongst members of our community that brings us closer together.



Stop Windmill



We are a group of community activists in Ottawa who are concerned that Windmill Development is proceeding with its massive Zibi condo, office and retail project on the islands around Chaudiere Falls without the consent of Algonquin Indigenous groups who have held that the Falls and Islands have been a sacred meeting place for thousands of years.

Student Mental Health Alliance Collective

SMHAC is an advocacy group out of the Student Alliance for Mental Health (SAMH). Our mission is to represent and advocate on behalf of students to improve mental health at a systematic and service provision level at Carleton and within the community.

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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The Council of Canadians - Carleton University Chapter

The Council of Canadians engages students with issues of social justice, climate justice and water sovereignty while drawing on the work of other Council of Canadian chapters.

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.

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SAFE INJECTION SITE POPS UP IN LOWERTOWN

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A new "pop-up" safe injection site in Lowertown is intervening in the current opioid crisis, working to save drug users from overdoses.

The site is currently operating without governmental permission, but local community activists stress the urgency in saving lives now.

Since the pop-up site opened on Aug. 25, drug users can inject drugs in a supervised and safe way at its location in Raphael Brunet Park in Lowertown. Operated by volunteers for 3 hours per day, the service was accessed 575 times in its first 19 days of operation.

"We are a collective that refuses to wait for action or permission or direction from the very people who are most responsible for the crisis,"



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