

# Annual Action Report

2012-2013

## Our Mission:

To bring about greater environmental and social justice through research, education and activism.

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## Creating healthy waterways, building Indigenous solidarity: A year in the life of OPIRG

Looking back on the past year it is easy to be proud of the work that OPIRG has accomplished.

We led local opposition to the Line 9 pipeline project, one of the most environmentally harmful local projects of this decade.

We worked in solidarity with Indigenous communities through Idle No More, to raise concern about treaty rights, colonialism and the ongoing repression of Indigenous people by the Canadian government.

Unfortunately in February, OPIRG suffered a significant setback when the office was broken into and our computer equipment was stolen. In the end this challenge proved our resilience and created an opportunity to revise some of our priorities.

This summer in an effort to stay current and keep challenging what it means to be an environmental justice organization, OPIRG

engaged in a process to rethink some aspects of the long-standing Speed River Cleanup. It caused us to do some difficult thinking about how to balance the desire to get many people engaged while ensuring that our efforts were actually benefiting the water systems in significant ways.

We ended the year with a Summer Training Institute that saw amazing attendance and some of the most exciting and innovative activist workshops we've ever had the opportunity to offer.



Students and community members gather at the University of Guelph to stand in solidarity with the Idle No More movement.

\* OPIRG Guelph acknowledges that our organization is located on occupied Attawandaron/Attawandaronk (Neutral) territory and we commit ourselves to anti-colonial struggles.

## Who we are—Staff and Volunteer Board of Directors

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**WHAT IS CONSENSUS?** Consensus is an inclusive and participatory model of decision making that is used by the Board of Directors and other groups at OPIRG to make decisions.

## Activist Training—Workshops and Summer Institute

During the summer of 2013 we partnered with the Guelph Resource Centre for Gender Empowerment and Diversity to organize the 7th annual Summer Institute. For the first time we included kids' programming including attendance at the Arboretum's events, crafting with recyclable materials, environmental treasure hunts and skill shares.

### Summer Institute Workshops:

- ★Media Manipulation, Class Power, and Revolutionary Resistance
- ★Coming Back to Our Bodies, Coming Back to the Earth
- ★Introduction to Protests, Creative Resistance and Direct Action
- ★Protecting Our Movements from Police Disruption

- ★Facilitation for Social Change
- ★Earth Repair: Grassroots Remedies for Detoxing and Healing Contaminated and Damaged Land



- ★Accountability as a Spiritual Practice to Collective Liberation
- ★Decolonizing Food Justice
- ★Research Skills for Activists and Independent Journalists
- ★Land, Displacement and Resiliency
- ★Gate-keeping Canadian Bodies and Minds: What's Happening at Canadian Borders?
- ★Planning Winning Campaigns

**DID YOU KNOW?** Consensus decision-making and anti-oppression are both mandatory workshops for active OPIRG members. If you are currently involved in OPIRG, or would like to get involved, and haven't had these trainings yet get in touch with the Volunteer Coordinator.

## OPIRG's Radical Resource & Zine Library

The OPIRG Guelph "Radical Resource & Zine Library" houses a unique collection of books, periodicals and films that explore the practical and ideological aspects of environmental and social justice issues and movements.

We aim to carry books and periodicals that are not available in most libraries, particularly those from small and independent publishers. OPIRG's zine library is not for circulation but we encourage folks to come in and browse through them and copy them where the authors permit.

### ***Some of the titles in our collection include:***

"Deep Green Resistance" by Aric McBay, Lierre Kieth & Derrick Jensen

"Toolbox for Sustainable City Living" by Scott Kellogg & Stacy Pettigrew

"Open Borders: The Case Against Immigration Controls" by Teresa Hayter

"Stuffed and Starved: The Hidden Battle for the World's Food System" by Raj Patel



***Suggestions for new materials are always welcome!***

## RadiOPIRG



RadiOPIRG is our weekly radio show on CFRU 93.3FM, Guelph's campus community radio station. We keep people updated on OPIRG activities and events and play talks, interviews and music related to environmental and social justice.

**RadiOPIRG airs 1-2pm on Thursdays on CFRU 93.3FM.** Tune in, or listen live or to the archives online at [www.cfru.ca](http://www.cfru.ca). Volunteers are always welcome, and all training is free but is not required.

If you're part of a group or project focused on environmental and social justice and want to come on the show let us know.

## OntarioPIRG—The Provincial Network

OPIRG Guelph is one of the twelve Ontario-based PIRGs that participate as members of Ontario PIRG. Each OPIRG chapter has two seats on the Board of Directors of Ontario PIRG, which is incorporated as a charitable organization.

It is through Ontario PIRG that staff at all the chapters are able to belong to a union, CUPE 1281, and have access to health benefits. Membership in Ontario PIRG also means access to great programming and development opportunities like the Public Interest Schools, Board Training Schools and Issue-based Networking Meetings. This network provides the PIRGs with a valuable tool for sharing skills and experiences that make us stronger organizations.

## Action Groups—The heart of activism at OPIRG!

**What is an Action Group?** Action Groups are made up of five or more people who choose to focus on a particular issue or area related to social and environmental justice.

Each Action Group receives funds, organizational support, training, space to meet and organize, and access to OPIRG's networks of student and community activists.

All you need to start a group is an idea for a project or campaign that fits within the OPIRG mandate. The Volunteer Coordinator can help you to find other interested people to work with, and go over the proposal form with you.

### **DID YOU KNOW?** If

you're interested in getting involved with an Action Group, or starting your own, please get in touch with the Volunteer Coordinator.

## GOTBike

GOTBike came together to promote cycling and other forms of active transportation on campus and around Guelph. This past year GOTBike put on workshops, and worked with the Guelph Coalition for Active Transportation to host Guelph's first annual Free Motion Festival. Members also led large group rides to and from the Hillside Festival.

This group is not currently active, but if you're interested in this kind of work get in touch with the Guelph Coalition for Active Transportation or contact us at OPIRG for other ideas.



## Growing Community Health

Growing Community Health became an OPIRG Action Group in the summer of 2013. Its focus is on working in solidarity with migrant farm worker communities in the area of their health. The group's work includes organizing health fairs, developing workshops and informational materials to address concerns raised by these communities, and meeting with local service providers.

Growing Community Health is an active OPIRG Action Group.



Credit: MayDay-NOII-2012

## More Amazing Action Groups!

### Guelph Anti-Pipeline Action Group (GAP)

GAP Action aims to raise awareness and engagement in challenging oil dependency. Formed in the winter of 2013 the group's main focus has been on pipelines, specifically the proposed reversal of Enbridge's Line 9 which if approved would allow for Tar Sands bitumen to be pumped from Aamjiwnaang/Sarnia to Kanien'keha:ka/Montreal. Throughout the winter, spring and summer of 2013 the group organized and participated in awareness raising, education, lobbying, rallies, fundraisers and actions.

GAP continues to work on the campaign against Line 9 and is currently also starting to work on a fossil fuel divestment campaign at the University of Guelph. If you're interested, the group can be reached at [guelphgap@gmail.com](mailto:guelphgap@gmail.com) or on Facebook: Guelph Anti-Pipeline Action Group (GAP Action).



### Occupy Gardens



The goals of Occupy Gardens were to increase food security around the city of Guelph; to educate people about growing, storing and cooking food, as well as how to use medicinal plants; to empower lower income people to grow food which is free from chemical additives; to divert plastic bottles and containers by making seed pots from them; and to use public space more productively. The group helped to organize the March Against Monsanto in May, and hosted a Garlic Mustard pull and pesto-making event in the summer.

This group is not currently active, but other organizations in Guelph are doing similar work. If you're interested in getting in touch with them please contact us at OPIRG.

### Palestine Solidarity Network

In October the group hosted a talk and performance by Remi Kanazi, a Palestinian-American spoken word artist. Kanazi talked about the importance of the BDS movement and, with reference to a few musicians that BDS has pressured to cancel shows in Israel with mixed results, he placed particular emphasis on the need for a cultural and artistic boycott of Israel. He also performed several poems and shared a bit about his visit to the West Bank as well as a bit of his family's experience of being forced to leave Palestine.

This group is not currently active, but if you're interested in Palestinian human rights and solidarity please get in touch with OPIRG so that we can connect you with other people doing this work.



## Events Roundup

*OPIRG organizes and supports many events throughout the year. Whenever possible we aim to make our events physically accessible and free.*

**Running Down the Walls** — A 5km run/walk/bike/roll-a-thon to raise funds for and awareness about political prisoners, organized by the Guelph Anarchist Black Cross.

**Speed River Project's Tree Identification Hiking Workshop and Tree Planting**

**The Smashing Hunger Squashing Poverty Tour with the co-founder of Food Not Bombs (Keith McHenry)** — Presented with the Tea Tree House Collective.

**Film Screening: Tapped** — Presented with Council of Canadians and Wellington Water Watchers.

**Rally/Sit In to Defend our Coasts:** Solidarity event with those opposing the proposed Northern Gateway pipeline project in BC.



**The Ugly Canadian: Stephen Harper's Foreign Policy with celebrated Canadian author Yves Engler** — Presented with Council of Canadians, Guelph Wellington Coalition for Social Justice.

**Screening: Bottled Life and Discussion (Festival of Moving Media)** — Presented with Wellington Water Watchers.

**Rally for Peace in Gaza**

**Immigrant and Indigenous Solidarity Panel Discussion and Hip Hop Celebration**

featuring: Harsha Walia, Immigrant and Indigenous Justice Activists from No One is Illegal London and Toronto, Test Their Logik, Sakhitowin Awasis, Lee Reed and others. Presented with Fuerza/Puwersa.

**UK Documentary Maker and Activist Harry Fear** — A discussion of his experience reporting on Israel's "Pillar of Cloud" attack on Gaza in November 2012.

**Idle No More** — Sign and placard making, letter-writing, and solidarity rally.

**Film Screening: Toxic Trespass and Discussion** — Presented with Council of Canadians and Campus Ubuntu.

**Bus to Stolen Sisters March in Toronto**

**Peter Kent Un-welcoming Rally** — Canada's Minister of Defence visits UofG to receive Leadership Award.

**OPIRG Elections and AGM** — Featuring keynote speaker Farrah Khan, and co-founder of the first PIRG in Ontario, Robert Stirling.



**Stop the Tar Sands! No Line 9 Reversal!** — Report back and info session from the Earth First! Organizers Conference 2013, featuring Amanda Lickers.

**Panel Discussion: Education is a Right & Freeze the Fees Rally**

**Film Screening: Maximum Tolerated Dose** — Documentary on animal testing, presented as part of "Who were the 'Enviropigs'?", an event to bring awareness and remembrance to genetically engineered pigs created & killed at the University of Guelph. Organized by Guelph Students for the Ethical Treatment of Animals and Guelph Pig Save.



**Guelph Action to Stop GM Alfalfa** — Hosted with the National Farmers Union Local 340, Council of Canadians Guelph Chapter, Canadian Biotechnology Action Network, and the Guelph Wellington for Social Justice.

**Anti-Line 9 Speakers, Six Nations Hip Hop Tour, Peak Release Party** — Presented with The Peak.

**Rally to Freeze the Fees at the UofG Board of Governors Meeting**

**Rally and Discussion: May Day and Labour Justice** — Presented with Fuerza/Puwersa, CUPE 3913, Young Communist League Guelph, Guelph Student Mobilization Committee.

**Speed River Project Community Tree Planting and Park Maintenance Days**

**March Against Monsanto** — Organized by OPIRG's Occupy Gardens and the Council of Canadians Guelph Chapter.

**Garlic Mustard Pull and Pesto Making** — Presented by Occupy Gardens.

**Utah Tar Sands Road Show Teach-in** — Presented by OPIRG's Guelph Anti-Pipeline Action Group (GAP).

**No Line 9 House Show** — Organized by OPIRG's Guelph Anti-Pipeline Action Group (GAP).

**Free Motion Festival** — Hosted by Guelph Coalition for Active Transportation, OPIRG's GOTBike.

**Two Rivers Festival Event - Outdoor Film**

**Screening: Lost Rivers** — Presented with CFRU.



**Critical Mass and Film Screening: Pedalling towards a future free from sexual assault and harassment** — Presented with GRCGED, Women in Crisis, CFRU, GQE, the CSA Bike Centre.

**National Aboriginal Day Celebration** — Sponsored with U of G's Aboriginal Resource Centre, Anishnabeg Outreach, Aboriginal Student Association, Grand River Métis Council, Campus Ubuntu, and Council of Canadians Guelph Chapter.

## Speed River Project

For more than three decades the OPIRG Speed River Project has carried out large-scale naturalization initiatives, ecological monitoring, education and outreach activities at various scales. These activities would not be possible without the support of OPIRG-Guelph's staff and volunteers. The project is managed by OPIRG staff member Kiran Bhattarai. Kiran says ***"I would like to extend sincere gratitude to all our committed volunteers on behalf of the OPIRG Guelph Speed River Project."***

### Autumn Tree Planting and Park Maintenance



Dozens of volunteers including park stewards came together and had a lot of fun planting native trees at the east side of Wolfond Park in September 2012. At this event volunteers planted 50 native trees and shrubs and took care of over 150 trees and shrubs from the previous plantings by mulching, weeding and removing invasive species such as Garlic Mustard and Knotweed. Native species planted included: Sugar Maple, Basswood, Black Elderberry, Chokecherry, Ironwood, and Serviceberry.

### Native Tree Identification Workshop

The Native Tree Identification Hiking Workshop was held at Wolfond Park in late September 2012. Small groups of participants were led by experienced facilitators. Around 25 people from the neighbourhood community as well as University of Guelph students showed great interest and enthusiasm for the topic. Participants identified native and non-native species with the help of facilitators and received a handout that explains prominent identifying characteristics of the dominant species. The main goal of the workshop was to encourage community engagement in order to educate community members about the natural areas in their neighbourhood. The workshop also inspired participants to discuss the significance of biodiversity and the ecological interactions of native and invasive species of plants growing along the river.

**DID YOU KNOW?** The goal of the Speed River Project is to provide meaningful environmental stewardship opportunities for students and the broader community to engage in action-oriented projects intended to enhance the ecological health of the Speed and Eramosa rivers.

## Speed River Project continued

### Spring Tree Planting and Park Maintenance—Beaver Trouble?!?

Speed River Project organized two different planting days in May 2013 (May 18 and 25) along the north bank of the Eramosa River at Eramosa and Lyons Parks. Lyons Park is one of the riparian areas that has seen a great amount of beaver activity. *The impacts of beavers on terrestrial ecosystems can be negative, such as tree gnawing and flooding, but the impacts can be seen in a positive light if we look beyond that damage.*

**How can beaver impacts be positive?** Destruction of vegetation caused by beavers can result in the accumulation of organic matter and the slowing of water flow. The stagnant water bodies they create, often called beaver ponds, are conducive to the growth of many aquatic invertebrates, such as common mayflies and caddis-flies, which are a source of food for fish, amphibians, reptiles and birds.



*In this way beaver ponds play an important role in increasing the natural diversity in the whole complex of aquatic ecosystems.* Wolfond Park Steward Sue Smith highlighted this complex issue, saying: "it is time to engage in discussion about the increasing presence of beaver in our neighbourhood parks."

In order to counteract the work of the beavers we worked with *more than 60 volunteers to around 280 native trees and shrubs in Lyons Park.* We planted more than 15 different native trees and shrubs, such as, American Elm, Basswood, Blackcherry, Black elderberry, Burroak, Chokecherry, Highbush Cranberry, Nannyberry, Red Osier Dogwood, Silky Maple, Tamarack, White Cedar, White Pine and White Spruce. In this Park, Garlic Mustard and Japanese Knotweed were major invasive species. Now it is becoming apparent that planting trees and shrubs into the river corridors have helped further the work of the river restoration.

### Edible and Medicinal Plant Identification Workshop

The Edible and Medicinal Plant Identification Hiking Workshop was organized on Saturday June 1, 2013 along the banks of the Speed and Eramosa Rivers. The main goal of the workshop was creating awareness about the value of our riparian ecosystems and supporting continuing education of communities.

Scott Reid, an experienced facilitator with expertise on the topic, led the workshop. He explained the virtue of wild edible and medicinal plants, preparation of herbal remedies for common ailments, nutritive values and basic botanical characteristics of wild herbs and shrubs. Over 30 participants eagerly identified over 40 wild edible and medicinal plants with the help of the facilitator. They learned prominent defining characteristics of herbs and shrubs, such as habitat, leaf type, stem characteristics, flower and seed.



## Speed River Clean Up 2.0

It is difficult to make changes to a well-loved community event such as the Speed River Clean Up. The event has been going on for over 30 years and in that time has inspired many young environmentalists and created a space for appreciation of the importance of our two rivers, the Speed and the Eramosa.

However, this year, after talking with a number of experts in environmental science we learned that despite our best intentions there might be some negative consequences to the way we have been running the Clean Up. Most notably that wading in and around the rivers in the spring could endanger some of the new and growing insects, amphibians, and crustaceans.

While removing garbage from our beautiful rivers does have an important aesthetic value it wasn't having the desired impact on the river health that we had hoped for.

What we heard from our scientist friends was that the tree canopy around the river was extremely valuable and that we should continue our efforts to look after it. So, part of the Clean Up day was spent maintaining some of our previous tree plantings and removing invasive plant species that threaten their survival.



We got kids to “build houses for crayfish” in order to increase spaces for small species to hide and thrive. The hope is to counteract past practices which saw the flattening of the river beds and removal of rocks which serve as shelter for many species.

Finally, we did “clean up”, but did so on a much smaller scale and focused time thinking about how waste and pollutants end up in the river in the first place. We talked about how we might find ways in to focus our efforts on addressing the source of the waste to prevent more of it from showing up in the river in the future.

All-in-all we are pleased with the results of the event and we feel strongly that we are in a great position to work with our community to develop new ways to connect with and make positive changes to our environment.

## 2Rivers Festival

The 2Rivers Festival celebrates the uniqueness of the Speed and Eramosa rivers and the inspiration they provide. OPIRG was one of the founding members of the festival and was a sponsor and organizer in 2013.

In this 2nd year of the festival over 30 free river-related events were held in Guelph. These included hikes, paddling, water-related talks, performance, river heritage and children's events. There was also a free concert and celebration. OPIRG held the annual Cleanup as a part of the festival and co-hosted an outdoor screening of the film Lost Rivers.



## Co-Sponsorship, Donations and Requests Fund Summary

CDR Recipient	Project or Program Funded
Danica Black	Power Shift 2012 Conference
Support for Migrant Workers	Leamington Health Fair for Migrant Farm Workers
Guelph ABC	Running Down The Walls
Alanna Balint	Mental Health "Let's Call Bulls#It" event
Erin Warner	Arrow Archive Zine Library
Erica Rathie	Resistance inside Canadian prisons in the last 20 years
Vera Mirhady	Power Shift 2012 Conference
Michael Nicholson	Animal Liberation Ontario
The University of Guelph	Footnotes Feminist Journal
Centre for Gender & Social Justice	Trans Access Events
GRCGED	Everybody Conference
Friends of Ayba Yala Research Group	International Women's Day- Destroy the Patriarchal Prison System
Amanda Lickers	Anti-Tar sands Organizers Earth First Delegation
Peter Miller	Scholarship Donation for Che Brigade
Anishinabek Confederacy To Invoke Our Nation-hood	Seven Grandfather Teaching
Mary Carl Guiao	Radically Fabulous Media Justice Collective
Alicia Rubel	Study on the prevalence of polyamory
Grassy Narrows Women's Drum Group	Help The Fight For Treaty Rights Continue!

## Israeli Apartheid Week

OPIRG works in partnership with other campus and community groups to participate in this international week to address injustices experienced by Palestinians in the Israeli Occupied territories. IAW 2013 focused on education through information tables and public events. Topics of discussion were:

- the meaning of "apartheid" in the context of Israel and Palestine
- the history of the conflict and the current situation
- the complicity of the Canadian government
- the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) campaign
- solidarity strategies for activists and organizers.

Guest speakers were Greg Shupak and Noa Shandlinger. The week ended with a screening of the critically acclaimed film 5 Broken Cameras, a first-hand account of life and non-violent resistance in the West Bank village Bil'in.

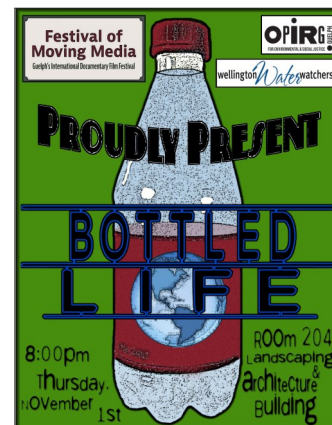


## Partnerships

At OPIRG we recognize the value of working in cooperation with allies in the community and across borders to build stronger movements for social change. One of the ways that we do this is through our campus and community partnerships. Listed below are our 2012-2013 partners:

### COMMUNITY PARTNERS

**FESTIVAL OF MOVING MEDIA:** The Festival of Moving Media is a primarily documentary-based film festival which brings challenging, dynamic films that are not available through mainstream media to our urban centre, to help promote social and environmental awareness while building community dialogue and cooperation. OPIRG sponsored and hosted the film "Bottled Life," in cooperation with the Wellington Water Watchers.



**TRANSITION GUELPH:** Their mission is to encourage, inspire, and support people in the community – government, businesses, civil society and individuals – to work together, become involved in building that resilience and social cohesion while reducing their reliance on fossil fuels. OPIRG was a major partner in Transition Guelph's Resilience Festival, which features a wide variety of ways to learn about and connect with the many efforts and initiatives underway to improve our community resilience! The festival featured speakers, workshops, skill-sharing and resource fairs.



### CAMPUS PARTNERS

#### GUELPH STUDENT MOBILIZATION COMMITTEE-

The Guelph Student Mobilization Committee (GSMC) was created in the summer of 2012 at the University of Guelph by a group of students inspired by the Quebec Student Strike. The Committee engaged in student consciousness raising about student fees and debt through class talks, tabling and campus demonstrations.



**TEA TREE HOUSE/FOOD NOT BOMBS**—After securing a limited term student levy Tea Tree House became partners with OPIRG in order to access their funds and to move forward with their agenda to establish a food service on campus that would be sustainably produced and affordable.



Although Tea Tree House officially disbanded in the Winter of 2013 they hosted a number of successful events and food servings throughout the year. The group Food Not Bombs was given permission to carry on the work of Tea Tree and work as a partner with OPIRG.

# Finances

## Major Funding Sources of OPIRG Guelph (Year 2012/2013)

Name of fund provider	Amount
The University of Guelph Student Levy	\$276,438
Government of Canada (Canada Summer Jobs) & University of Guelph (Work Study Programme)	<b>\$3,009</b>
Others/Donations and Fundraising	<b>\$3,282</b>
Total Funding	<b>\$ 282,729</b>

Summary Statements of Financial position as at August 31, 2013		
Assets	Year 2012/2013	Year 2011/2012
Total Current Assets	\$110,132	\$123,428
Capital Assets	\$15,445	\$14,313
Total assets	\$125,577	\$137,741
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Account Payable and Liabilities	\$28,682	\$11,667
Income and other tax payable	0	0
Deferred Revenue	\$1,000	\$2,000
Net Assets	\$95,895	\$124,074
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$125,577	\$137,741
Summary Statement of operations for the year ended August 31, 2013		
REVENUE	Year 2012/2013	Year 2011/2012
Donations and Fundraising	\$2,185	\$5,958
Grants for Programs	\$3,009	\$4,389
University of Guelph student levy	\$276,438	\$268,628
Other	\$1,097	\$1,824
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$282,729</b>	<b>\$280,799</b>
EXPENSES		
Wages and benefits	176,947	\$174,678
Office administration	54425	\$56,639
Projects and Programming	72632	\$57,863
Amortization	\$6,074	\$5,883
Total expense	\$310,078	\$295,063
Total Capital loss this year	(\$830)	0
Total net income (loss) for the year	(\$28,179)	\$(14,264)

Note: The summary financial statements are based on audited Financial Statements which are available upon request.



## How to get involved with OPIRG

### Join an Action Group, or Start Your Own

Action Groups are made up of people who choose to focus on a particular issue or area. They engage in research, education and action to meet a set of collectively determined goals.

### Radical Resource Library

Our Radical Resource Library is catalogued and searchable through the University of Guelph Library, however it is autonomously managed by OPIRG. Come by and check out our amazing collection!

### Workshops, Actions and Events

We organize regular speaking events, workshops, rallies and film nights. Is there something you'd like to learn or teach? A protest or action you wish would happen? A film you'd like to screen? A speaker you'd like to hear or a talk you'd like to give? Get in touch!

### Office, Events and Library Teams

Help us out in the office, organize and promote events, maintain and promote our library.

### Speed River Project

Plant and maintain native trees and shrubs along the banks of the Speed and Eramosa rivers. You can come out for a day, be part of the project year-round, or become a Park Steward in your community.

### RadiOPIRG

OPIRG's radio show airs on CFRU 93.3FM Thursdays 1-2pm. Tune in, or listen online at [www.cfru.ca](http://www.cfru.ca). We're always looking for volunteers. No experience necessary!

### Run for the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors make key decisions about the finances, policies, operations and direction of OPIRG. It's a great opportunity to learn some useful skills and gain experience working with a non-profit.

### Partnerships and Solidarity

Are you part of an organization that could benefit from partnering with OPIRG? Talk to us! We may be able to help.

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