

Annual Action Report

2013-2014

Our Mission:

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

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Creating New Beginnings: Looking back at 2013-2014

This year brought a lot of change to the OPIRG—Guelph community.

We bridged a new partnership with the Wellington Water Watchers and together grew the Speed River Cleanup into the new and improved 2Rivers Clean Up.

After approx. 30 years, of calling 1 Trent lane home we lost our office and acquired a new space with new and potential at 24 Trent Lane.

Marnie Eves, the Organizational & Policy Development Coordinator of 9 years moved on to new opportunities. Thank you for all your passion and energy Marnie!

We helped form our new action group Rhythms of Resistance Guelph. This group's goal is to bring more music, energy and life to local organizing.

Fossil Free Guelph separated from Guelph Anti Pipeline and formed their own action group. This has been an amazing and successful group. Keep an eye out for all their work!

Thanks to a funding opportunity with the Ontario Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change, OPIRG teamed up with the City of Guelph and their River System Advisory Committee to implement the new project entitled Speed and Eramosa Rivers Riparian Enhancement Project. This new initiative diversified and rehabilitated degraded urban river banks through community-based naturalization activities.



Food Not Bombs folks in front of 1 Trent Lane.



Our new office at 24 Trent Lane. Come visit!

* 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

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Board

Tyler Burleigh
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STAFF

Kiran Bhattarai - Office Coordinator
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Marnie Eves - Organizational & Policy Development Coordinator
Mandy Hiscocks - Volunteer Programming and Community Engagement Coordinator

TEMPORARY STAFF

Roisin Lyder - Library Support and Promotions Assistant
Elizabeth Woodside - Organizational Support

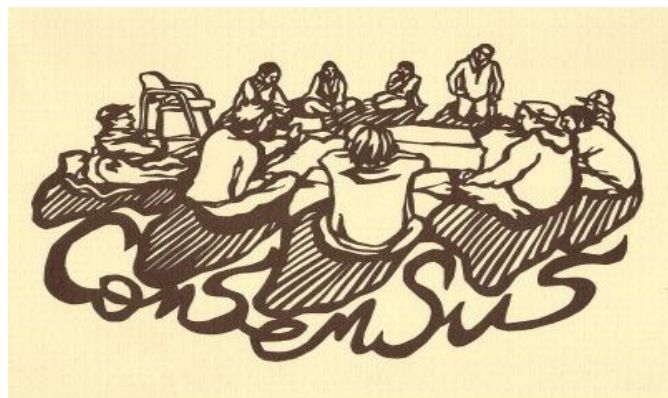
All permanent and term staff are Unionized with CUPE 1281. This means along with other staff and other Ontario PIRGs, we have a collective agreement that outlines the conditions of their work and their relationship with their employer (Board of Directors.)



Activist Training—Workshops

Anti-oppression and Consensus decision-making are things we take very seriously at OPIRG, and so we offer basic workshops on a regular basis. They are mandatory for active OPIRG members and open to anyone, and were offered this year in the Fall. We also offered workshops on:

- ★ Video Activism - with Amy Miller, director of The Carbon Rush.
- ★ Learning to Listen: non defensive listening strategies to become a strong ally – with Leah Henderson
- ★ Decolonize & Anti-oppression Community Workshop - with tami starlight
- ★ Moving Forward: A workshop to explore what is needed for a global campaign to shut down the carbon market offset projects - with Amy Miller. Hosted by OPIRG's Anti-pipeline Action Group
- ★ Herbs for Stressful Times – with Emily Peters
- ★ Storytelling for Social Justice – with Raul Gatica



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

What's happening in our Radical Resource and Zine Library?

The OPIRG Guelph resource library is dedicated to providing alternative and independent publications to our working group volunteers, community members, and University of Guelph students. We aim to carry books and periodicals that are not available in most libraries, particularly those from small and independent publishers. We achieve this through careful selection of materials, coordinating with the community, volunteers, staff, and board on acquisition decisions, and having our book collection available through the University library system TRELIS.

Suggestions for new materials are always welcome!



RadiOPIRG

RadiOPIRG is our weekly radio show on CFRU, Guelph's campus community radio station. We inform listeners about what's going on at OPIRG and give air time to people and groups you won't hear on mainstream radio. We play talks, interviews and music related to environmental and social justice.

RadiOPIRG airs 1-2pm on Thursdays on CFRU 93.3FM.

You can tune in, or listen live or to the archives online at www.cfru.ca.

Volunteering in radio is fun and not nearly as intimidating as you might think – training isn't required, but any you'd like to get is offered for free by CFRU staff. If you'd like find out more about volunteering with

RadiOPIRG, or if you'd like to come on the show to talk about your group or project, please get in



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.

Ontario PIRG meetings are held at least twice yearly in person, one of the meetings being the Annual General Meeting which is held in the Fall of each year.

Each PIRG holds a portfolio which are designed to spread the responsibility for tasks amongst the chapters so that each chapter member can be involved with the running of the organization. Membership in Ontario PIRG means access to great programming and development opportunities like the Public Interest Schools, Board Training Schools and Issue-based Network Meetings. This network provides the PIRGs with a valuable tool for sharing skills and experiences that make us stronger organizations.

The Summer Institute

In the Spring of 2014 we partnered with the Guelph Resource Centre for Gender Empowerment and Diversity to organize the 8th annual Summer Institute. Many thanks to Deaglan McManus, who came on board to run the workshops in June and July and who did an amazing job. Here is the list of Summer Institute workshops and facilitators:

I Am Accessible - Liz Van Reenan

Consensus Decision Making and Facilitation 101 - Sarah Scanlon

An anti-oppression discussion for Guelph organizers and activists - Zahra Murad

It Starts With Us: Decolonizing Ourselves - Sâkhitowin Awâsis

Know Your Rights! Activists and the Law - mandy hiscocks

Coming Back to Our Bodies, Coming Back to the Earth - Amelia Meister

Trauma in Sci Fi, Fiction, and Memoir - Mel Gayle and Sarah Mangle

Radical and Rooted Counseling/Caregiving Skills - Jen Meunier

Research Skills for Activists and Independent Journalists - Tim Groves

Introduction to Protests, Creative Resistance and Direct Action - mandy hiscocks

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. They receive 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.



Fossil Free Guelph

Fossil Free Guelph broke off from Guelph Anti-pipeline Action in the spring of 2014 in order to focus on a fossil fuel divestment campaign at the University of Guelph. Their first action was on Fossil Fools Day, when they installed a giant inflatable pipeline in Branion Plaza to raise awareness about the U of G's investment in the fossil fuel industry. The group garnered an impressive amount of support and spent the summer strategizing for the fall. FFG is going strong and can be reached at fossilfree-guelph@gmail.com.

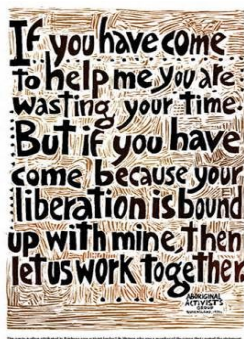
More Amazing Action Groups!

Growing Community Health

Growing Community Health became an Action Group in the summer of 2013. The group works in solidarity with migrant workers through improving their access to health care and resources. In addition to their ongoing advocacy work with individuals, they organized a workshop called Storytelling for Social Justice, a set of community meetings on migrant justice issues, and an information session about immigration detention, deportation and community responses. GCH can be reached at growingcommunityhealth@gmail.com.

Guelph Anti-Pipeline (GAP)

GAP 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. This year GAP hosted a film screening of "Do The Math" as well as the Guelph stop of the Tar Sands Dragon Opera tour. They also organized a workshop on shutting down carbon offset projects and organized a bus to the Line 9 National Energy Board hearing in Toronto. The group continues to raise awareness and engage in lobbying and protest efforts against Line 9, and to expand their understanding of fossil fuel dependency and alternatives, decolonization and Indigenous solidarity, and land defense. GAP can be reached at guelphgap@gmail.com.



Mining Justice Guelph

Mining Justice Guelph was a short-lived group that formed out of a concern around environmental destruction and human rights violations by Canadian mining corporations operating in Latin America. As this report goes to print the group is no longer active, however we have hopes that it will start back up. If you're interested in doing mining justice work please get in touch:

volunteer@opirgguelph.org.

Rhythms of Resistance Guelph

Rhythms of Resistance came on the OPIRG scene in the late fall of 2013. RoR is an international network of samba-based drum groups who use music to energize protests and rallies. RoR Guelph purchased equipment and learned some songs. While they didn't get the chance to play publicly in 2013-14, they laid the groundwork for the future. RoR is currently an active group and can be reached at ror.guelph@gmail.com



Events Roundup

OPIRG organizes, funds, supports and collaborates on many events throughout the year. If there's an event you'd like to see happen but you lack resources, get in touch! Here's what we put on in 2013-14.

Environmental and Social Justice Cabaret ft. The Guelph Spoken Word Team -

Organized in collaboration with other campus organizations as part of Orientation Week

OPIRG's Orientation Week Open House

Panel discussion on student activism— Co-hosted by the Central Student Association as part of Orientation Week

DisOrientation Week Radical Campus Tour

End British Occupation of Ireland! Support The POWs!- With speaker Brendan Casey of the Ballyshannon/Bundoran Hunger Strike March

Book Launch: "Paved with Good Intentions: Canada's development NGOs from idealism to imperialism." Featuring authors Nikolas Barry-Shaw and Dru Oja Jay

March Against Monsanto – Coorganized with the Council of Canadians – Guelph chapter

Film Screening on fossil fuels and divestment: "Do The Math"- Hosted by OPIRG's Guelph Anti-pipeline Action Group

No Line 9! No Tar Sands Pipelines! Bus to the rally outside the NEB hearing in Toronto—Organized by OPIRG's Guelph Anti-pipeline Action Group

Queer Identities Week- Organized alongside many other organizations

Anti-Colonial Thanksgiving Dinner- Supported by OPIRG through our CDR fund

Conference: Human Rights are Animal Rights - Organized with Animal Liberation Ontario

"The Carbon Rush": Film Screening and Discussion with director Amy Miller -In partnership with the Guelph Festival of Moving Media

Community Tree Planting and Park Maintenance Day - Hosted by OPIRG's Speed River Project

Smashing Hunger & Squashing Poverty Tour! With Food Not Bombs co-founder Keith McHenry –In partnership with Food Not Bombs Guelph

Presentation of CAZZAROLA! Anarchy, Romani, Love, Italy - With author/musician/actor Norman Nawrocki

"Defensora": Film screening and discussion with Rights Action's Grahame Russell— With support of the Political Science Department

Fundraiser to support the Migrant Detention Strike: Featuring Lido Pimienta, Shi Wisdom, and LAL- Collaborative effort spearheaded by Fuerza/Puwersa and Kazoo!

Indigenous Resistance & Land Defense: Anti-colonial film screenings and discussion with Amanda Lickers- In collaboration with The Peak, GRCGED, and Food Not Bombs Guelph

Immigration Detention, Deportation, and Community Responses: Information Session with speakers Yvonne Runstedler and Matthew Behrens- Hosted by OPIRG's Growing Community Health Action Group in collaboration with Fuerza/Puwersa.

Undoing Border Imperialism ~ Reclaiming Citizenship: Panel Discussion featuring Harsha Walia, author of Undoing Border Imperialism, Deepan Budlakoti, and Josh Gilbert from the End Immigration Detention Network

OPIRG's Welcome (Back) Get-together

Alternative Town Hall on the PPP: Students, Faculty and Workers Speak Up! - In partnership with the Guelph Student Mobilization Committee

U of G's Environmental Science Symposium—Supported by OPIRG through our CDR fund

The Tar Sands Dragon Opera - Hosted by OPIRG's Anti-pipeline Action Group

Drum Circle and Candlelight Vigil for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women—In partnership with the Aboriginal Student Association and GRCGED

The Mi'kmaq Warrior Society cross-Canada speaking tour—Supported by OPIRG through our CDR fund

Languages of the Unheard: Why Militant Protest is Good for Democracy: Talk and discussion with author Stephen D'Arcy—As part of our Annual General Meeting

Sabotaging Democracy: Robocall Vote Suppression in Canada's 2011 Election: Talk and discussion with Professor Emeritus Michael Keefer

What is The Future of Idle No More?: Talk and discussion with Rebeka Tabobodung—In partnership with the Aboriginal Students Association, Campus Ubuntu, Council of Canadians-Guelph, Grand River Metis Council, and the Aboriginal Resource Center - Student Life.

Resilience Festival- Organized by Transition Guelph and supported by OPIRG's CDR fund

Workshop on the Two Row Wampum—Organized by the Anti-Colonial Thanksgiving Committee as part of The Resilience Festival, and supported by OPIRG through our CDR fund

Sustainability Week events— Supported by OPIRG's CDR fund

Confronting Injustice: Social Activism in the Age of Individualism- Book launch and discussion with author Umair Muhammad

Fossil Fools Day – Guelph— Organized by OPIRG's Fossil Free Guelph Action Group

U of G Rally Against Cuts and Tuition

Increases—In partnership with the Guelph Student Mobilization Committee

Film Screening: "How to Survive a Plague"- Hosted in collaboration with The Magnificence Collective and Earful of Queer

Community Tree Planting Days—Hosted by OPIRG's Speed River Project

Provincial Election 2014 – All Candidates Meeting—Organized by the Guelph-Wellington Coalition for Social Justice and The Guelph & Wellington Task Force for Poverty Elimination

2Rivers Cleanup- In partnership with Wellington Water Watchers

Speed River Project

Speed and Eramosa Rivers Riparian Enhancement Project

The Speed River Project received an award from the Ontario Ministry of Environment through their Great Lake Guardian Community Fund to continue its ecological restoration activities. In this endeavour, the OPIRG Guelph teamed up with the City of Guelph and their River System Advisory Committee to implement the project entitled Speed and Eramosa Rivers Riparian Enhancement Project. This new initiative diversified and rehabilitated degraded urban river banks through community-based naturalization activities. Specifically this project focused on increasing plant diversity along the riverbanks through planting naïve trees, shrubs and herbaceous species, and controlling the growth of the exotic invasive plant species. The ultimate goal was to provide improved habitat for urban wildlife (frogs, beavers, songbirds, etc.) dependent on riverbank ecosystems. During the last spring four community tree planting workdays were held in May and June 2014, where approximately 1200 plant were planted. There were 35 different plant species - 900 trees and shrubs and 300 herbaceous species.

Fall Fruit Tree Planting and Park Maintenance

On Saturday November 10, 2013 dozens of volunteers including park stewards came together and had a lot of fun with native fruit trees planting at the north side of the Eramosa River in Lyons Park near the Victoria Road. At this event volunteers planted five different species of fruit trees, such as apple, pears, plums, cherry and cranberry along the bank of the river. Park users, both humans and animals, will be able to enjoy it very soon as they are going to give fruit in 3 to 5 years. Volunteers also took care of about 700 trees and shrubs from previous plantings by weeding and mulching. The noble initiative of planting fruit trees in open space was something volunteers wanted to see as they raised question about why not we plant some fruits trees along the river. Planting fruit trees in the public space also provides an opportunity to connect with nature and the source of the food that we consume.



Spring Tree Planting and Park Maintenance

In order to increase the biodiversity of native species and to improve the vitality of the riparian zones in our watersheds, the Speed River Project organized four different planting days on May 24 and 31, and June 1 and 7, 2014 along the North bank of the Speed River at Silvercreek Park, and the East bank of the Speed River at Wolfond Park. Silvercreek Park is also one of the key riparian areas that has seen the most visible beaver activities. This is a time for big discussions about the beaver populations in the City of Guelph. Despite this threat the Speed River Project never gives up tree planting around our neighbourhood parks.

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

Speed River Project continued

On Sunday morning May 24, 31 and June 7 dozens of volunteers, including some high school students park stewards, City of Guelph River System Advisory Committee members, the City of Guelph staff, OPIRG staff and board members came together and planted around 1130 plants including trees, shrubs and herbaceous species. Altogether 35 different plant species were planted along the North bank of the Speed River at the Silvercreek Park. Specifically the trees and shrubs, such as American elm, basswood, blackcherry, black elderberry, burroak, swamp white oak, chokecherry, tamarack, highbush cranberry, nannyberry, red osier dogwood, silky dogwood, red maple, silver maple, white cedar, white pine and white spruce were planted to support the food and habitats for various aquatic and terrestrial species.

The other planting day that was organized on June 1, 2014 was in Wolfond Park. Under the leadership of park steward Ms. Sue Smith about 75 native trees, such as burr oak, red maple, silver maple, dogwood, elderberry and choke cherry were planted along the east side of the Speed River at Wolfond Park. Participants were happy to see previous plantings thriving adding diversity to the forest. They also have a good plan to water new plantings to help them grow and also have a plan to dead count to find out the total survival rate of new plantings.



Summer Cleanup and Park maintenance

On Saturday morning July 25, 2014 many volunteers and neighbours gathered to remove invasive species and clean up Wolfond Park. In the park garlic mustard, Japanese knotweeds and Manitoba maple are more common invasive species. Volunteers also collected piles of garbage and City of Guelph staff helped collect them from the park.



The Speed River Project also collaborated with the University of Guelph to run the event called Experience Guelph. This is a large scale service-based event for incoming students held during the fall orientation week. We engaged over 60 student volunteers on the afternoon of Sunday August 31, 2014 in a host of park maintenance activities, such as mulching, tree guarding and trampling the grass around the previously planted trees at Silvercreek Park. This was a great opportunity to take care of recently planted species.

2 Rivers Cleanup: Revive. Restore. Rehabilitate

(Formerly the Speed River Cleanup)

The Speed and Eramosa Rivers were once renowned for their teeming fish populations. The abundant river life that once thrived here were clear indicators of the health of these waters.

OPIRG has been doing a river cleanup for more than 30 years. This year we took the plunge and changed the name! In recent years we've been cleaning the Eramosa as well as the Speed, and we wanted our name to reflect that. We also wanted to acknowledge that since the launch of the 2Rivers Festival in 2012, the Cleanup has been one of the major events – if not the kickoff event - happening during that week. Lastly, we wanted to positively address WHY we clean the river: to revive, restore and rehabilitate.

By engaging our community in identifying and mitigating the sources of pollution both seen and unseen, we can revive our rivers. By restoring natural habitats we can set the stage for the return of native populations. By rehabilitating the physical barriers to fish migration, we can clear a path for the speckled trout that once thrived here - to return.

Another big and amazing change this year: we partnered with Wellington Water Watchers. The knowledge and energy they infused into this event was wonderful. We are so appreciative of their time and work and are looking forward to working with them again in 2015.

In 2013 we made some big changes to the way we ran the Cleanup. We wanted to look more closely at the kind of cleanup work we're doing to make sure that it's actually beneficial, to make sure people realize that physical garbage is not the only or the worst kind of pollution of the river system, and to educate people about other issues affecting the health of the waterways.

This year we continued on that track. We focused on one specific area of the river, at Silvercreek Park, split into teams and conducted four different forms of cleanup. The first group collected garbage. The second teamed up with Trout Unlimited Canada's Yellow Fish Road™ program to educate people in the area about household toxins that go down the drain straight into the river. The third focused on tree planting, mulching and invasive species removal – still some of the most effective restorative work we can do for river health. The last group teamed up with Ontario Headwaters Students and Ontario Streams to collect data to be used to assess river health and then develop a revival plan for coming years. This was part one of a multi-part project that we're very excited to continue in the future.

Our long term goal: Clean, healthy rivers for all species to enjoy!

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 3rd 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. OPIRG held the annual Cleanup as a part of the festival.



Co-Sponsorship, Donations and Requests Fund Summary

Major Note: OPIRG Guelph's CDR Committee makes the decisions regarding this funding

No	CDR recipients	Program, project or campaign
1	Running Down The Walls	Prisoner support fundraiser
2	Franklin Lopez	Grass-roots media
3	Friends of Ayba Yala Research Group	Anti-Colonial Indigenous panel
4	Anti-Colonial Thanks Giving Dinner Committee	ACT dinner
5	Environmental Sciences Symposium	Environmental Science Symposium 2014
6	Friends of Ayba Yala Research Group	Free Wallmapu event Toronto
7	Payment to 10 Carden (space rental request for an autonomously organized event)	Film screening, Elsipogtog report back and discussion on sovereignty and nationhood across Turtle Island
8	Guelph Wellington Coalition for Social Justice	Community events calendar maintenance
9	Guelph Students for Environmental Change	Sustainability Week events
10	Anti-Colonial Thanks Giving Dinner Committee	Workshop on the Two Row Wampum as a part of Transition Guelph's Resilience Festival
11	The University of Guelph-Footnotes	Footnotes Journal: the University of Guelph's Undergraduate Feminist Journal 7 th edition
12	Transition Guelph	Resilience Festival
13	Syed Hussan	The Mi'kmaq Warrior Society cross-Canada speaking tour
14	Community Foundation of Nova Scotia	Loretta Saunders Scholarship Fund
15	Grassy Narrows Youth Organization	Support for the fight against a new round of clear-cut logging
16	Brian Jeffrey	The Tower in Print: for social and environmental justice promotion
17	Chris Williams	Fresh Water Jamboree Festival

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Major Funding Sources of OPIRG Guelph (Year 2013/2014)

Name of fund provider	Amount
The University of Guelph Student Levy	\$279,749
Great Lake Community Guardian Fund (Ontario Ministry of Environment) for Speed River Project	\$7,866
Work study University of -Gueph	\$2,040
Others/donation and fund raising	\$5,308
Total Funding	\$ 294,963

Partnerships

At OPIRG we recognize the value of working together with our allies in the Guelph community to build stronger movements for social change. One of the ways we do this is through our campus and community partnerships in order to reach a greater audience, to benefit from the skills and knowledge of others, and to live out our values of cooperation and diversity of tactics. Listed below are our 2013-2014 partners:

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

THE FESTIVAL OF MOVING MEDIA: Festival of Moving Media (FOMM)'s mission is to present a major, annual cultural event for Guelph and surrounding communities. The festival features moving media that celebrates art and ideas that inform people, and which move them to act locally and to think globally about ecological, political, economic, or social issues. This year, OPIRG Guelph partnered with the film festival on The Carbon Rush Film Screening and Discussion with director Amy Miller.

Wellington Water Watchers: Wellington Water Watchers (WWW) is dedicated to the protection, restoration and conservation of drinking water in Guelph and Wellington County. Their work rests upon three pillars: Educate. Advocate. Celebrate. Learn more about your water, and how you can help protect its quality. This year, WWW came together with OPIRG to plan and run the

2Rivers Cleanup (previously called the Speed River Cleanup).

wellington *Water* watchers.ca

CAMPUS PARTNERS

GUELPH STUDENT MOBILIZATION COMMITTEE:

The Guelph Student Mobilization Committee (GSMC) was created in the summer of 2012 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, rallies, and larger discussions. Through our partnership with GSMC we supported many important events and initiatives.



IDLE NO MORE: This year we worked with Idle No More (a collaboration of various community groups focused on doing the work of Indigenous Solidarity, Native Sovereignty and Settler Accountability). We participated in organizing various events and initiatives on and off campus, including:

-Drum Circle/Candlelight Vigil in support of Women's Memorial March, One Billion Rising, and Have a Heart Day

-What is the future of Idle No More?: Discussion and Speakers

Finances

2013-2014 Financial Overviews

Summary Statements of Financial position as at August 31, 2014		
Assets	Year 2013/2014	Year 2012/2013
Total Current Assets	\$106,604	\$110,132
Capital Assets	\$11,132	\$15,445
Total assets	\$117,736	\$125,577
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Account Payable and Liabilities	\$18,725	\$28,682
Income and other tax payable	0	0
Deferred Revenue	\$1,542	\$1,000
Net Assets	\$97,469	\$95,895
Total Liabilities and net assets	\$117,736	\$125,577
Summary Statement of operations for the year ended August 31, 2014		
Revenue	Year 2013/2014	Year 2012/2013
Donation and fundraising	\$1,585	\$2,185
Grant for program	\$9,906	\$3,009
Membership fee University of Guelph’s student	\$279,749	\$276,438
Others	\$3,723	\$1101
Total Revenue	\$294,963	\$282,729
Expenses		
Wages and benefits	\$180,815	\$176,947
Office administration	\$39,402	\$54,425
Programs	\$67,854	\$72,632
Amortization	\$4,313	\$6,074
Total expense	\$293,389	\$310,078
Total Capital loss this year	0	(\$830)
Total net income (loss) for the year	1,574	(\$28,179)

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. 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