

### Our Mission:

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

### Where to find us:

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### Creating New Ways to Better Support our Community

This year has held a lot of new approaches and self reflection for OPIRG.

Our year started off recognizing the one year anniversary of our new space at 24 Trent Lane. We are building our home here and encourage everyone to come check out our radical library our host your organizing session in our meeting space.

At our annual volunteer celebration we also launch our new website! We are very excited to finally have a website that is better able to highlight all the work that we and our volunteers are doing! Check it out at [opirgguelph.org](http://opirgguelph.org). Let us know if you have any feedback!

One of OPIRG's mandate's is to support the growth of radical research in the Guelph community. This year we hosted 'OPIRG-Guelph's Social and Environmental Justice Symposium' bringing together grassroots organizers, researchers, community mobilizers, academics, and radicals across 17 panels. We are focused on

Challenging the idea of what

research and knowledge production looks like, making it more accessible to everyone in our communities, and supporting the development of research that is actually useful to community campaigns and projects for social change. Around 200 students and community members came out to discuss, hear and learn. We are so grateful for everyone's contribution to our first symposium!

OPIRG also took time this year to really reflect on the issues that are currently most important to us, our membership and the community. We established priorities for moving forward. For the 2015/16 year we are working to build deeper relationship and focus more of our energy and finances on the anti-racism, indigenous solidarity and native sovereignty, and anti-poverty work that is happening throughout Guelph. We hope to set these kinds of focuses for our work every year in an effort to do more meaningfully engaged work.

Lastly, OPIRG continued to work meet the communities needs by building a stronger internal framework. We want to thank our amazing volunteer board for all the work and passion they consistently give to help OPIRG grow!

\* 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  
& Speed River Project Coordinator  
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gramming and Community Engage-  
ment Coordinator

#### TEMPORARY STAFF

Vishali Balasubramaniam - Organi-  
zational and Library Support  
Awo Fahal - Events and Program-  
ming 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.)

Sofia Becerra-  
Speed River  
Events Support



### Did you know that the OPIRG-Board and Staff use Consensus for all Decision Making?

Consensus is an inclusive and participatory model of decision making that the all groups at OPIRG use.

It is a creative and dynamic way of reaching agreement between all members of a group.

Read more here: <http://www.seedsforchange.org.uk/>

## Activist Training—Workshops

OPIRG workshops are fun, and free! Do you have an idea for a workshop you'd like us to offer, or one you'd like to facilitate? Get in touch with us! In 2014-2015 we hosted:

- ★The Commercialization & Appropriation of Black Identity: Pop Culture in the Age of the 'New Slave' with Janaya Khan (j)- with The C.J. Munford Centre, The Magnificence Collective, and The International Students
- ★Transformative Justice 2.0: Extended adventures in creating safety from harm without the state with Leah Lakshmi Piepzna-Samarasinha- with GRCGED, CFRU and GQE; as part of Queer Identities Week.

- ★Building Resilience: Herbs For Stress And Every Day Bullshit with Shabina Lafleur-Gangji
- ★DIY Artistic Activism: a how-to workshop with Darius Mirshahi
- ★Being An Effective One-Person Campaigner with Sakura Saunders
- ★ Producing Reports for the Public Interest with Sakura Saunders

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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 please get in touch with the Volunteer Coordinator.

# TRAINING FOR CHANGE

## 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 TRELLIS.



Suggestions for new materials are always welcome!

Check out our awesome Zine Library

## RadiOPIRG

RadiOPIRG is our weekly radio show on CFRU 93.3FM, Guelph's campus community radio station. We keep you updated on OPIRG activities and events; and play talks, interviews and music focused on environmental and social justice that you won't hear on mainstream radio.

RadiOPIRG continues to air on Thursdays on CFRU 93.3FM, now in our new 12-1pm time slot.

Tune in, or listen live or to the archives online at [www.cfru.ca](http://www.cfru.ca).

Volunteers are always welcome – it's fun, and no experience is necessary! All CFRU training is free but is not required to participate in RadiOPIRG. Let us know if you're part of a group or project for



## 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 which is the AGM.

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. Any volunteer at an OPIRG can contribute to the provincial network!

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. OPIRG-Guelph holds the Financial and Archiving Portfolios. Want to know more? Just Ask!

## The Summer Institute

During the summer of 2014 we partnered with the Guelph Resource Centre for Gender Empowerment and Diversity to organize the 9th annual Summer Institute. We put on 10 amazing workshops:

Self-Care (as) Community-Care - with Ali Sauer

Empower Everywhere Biodiesel from used cooking oil - with Handel Callender

Re-Examining Allyship with Aboriginal People and Communities – with the Aboriginal Resource Centre

Self Care Tools for Activists—with Cee/illogik

Violence on the Land, Violence on our Bodies: Building an Indigenous Response to

Environmental Violence – with the Native Youth Sexual Health Network

Coming Home: a poetic exploration of decolonization – with Amelia Meister

Media Justice for Movement Building - with Mina and Shabina

Building Black Centered Movements - with Yasmin Mumed and Chukwuma Nwebube

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

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. We can help you to find other interested people to work with, and go over the proposal form with you.

As of the writing of this report all of these Action Groups are still active. If you're interested in getting involved with one of them, or in starting your own, please get in touch with the Volunteer Coordinator.

## Fossil Free Guelph

Fossil Free Guelph is calling upon the university to freeze all new investments in fossil fuel companies immediately and to divest completely from these companies in five years. Originally part of Guelph Anti-Pipeline Action, they became a separate group in the spring of 2014 in order to put more energy into the divestment campaign.



The group kicked off the year with an information meeting that drew a large crowd, and followed up with an awareness raising event – complete with banner drop and mini-putt! – in the University Centre in November. The 350.org film “Do The Math” was screened in January and was followed by dinner and a discussion, and in February the group ran Global Divestment Day at the U of G. The rest of the year was spent increasing awareness and support in preparation for a referendum campaign in the 2015-16 year.

## ***Growing Community Health***

Growing Community Health is a migrant justice group focused on improving access to health care and resources for migrant workers and newcomers. They formed in the summer of 2013.

In the fall the group teamed up with Guelph Community Health Centre, Immigrant Services Guelph-Wellington, and HIV/AIDS Resources & Community Health to organize the Guelph Newcomer Health Fair which focused on connecting newcomers, immigrants, refugees, migrant workers, international students and international visitors to health and social services resources in Guelph. They then joined forces with the Migrant Workers Alliance for Change and Fuerza Puwersa to host the Guelph stop of the Building Bridges, Breaking Barriers: Migrant Worker Speaking Tour.

In the winter semester they gathered with Fuerza/Puwersa and potential new members for a community gathering and strategy meeting focused around upcoming changes to the Temporary Foreign Workers Program across Canada, and then worked with the Local Immigration Partnership to present the documentary "Earth to Mouth", about (im)migration and agriculture in Ontario.

## **Guelph Anti-Pipeline (GAP)**

Guelph Anti-Pipeline Action aims to raise awareness and engagement in challenging oil dependency.

In January GAP organized a panel discussion on Direct Action. The panel featured Vanessa Gray, an environmental justice organizer from Aamjiwnaang First Nation; Michif spoken word artist, educator and community organizer Awâsis; and Miptoon, a medicinal elder from Neyaashiingmiing. They also hosted a public viewing of Stephen Lewis' "Putting a Price on Carbon" debate and an Apply-A-Thon to the National Energy Board public consultation process on the controversial Energy East Pipeline.

GAP has been opposing the reversal of Enbridge's Line 9 since coming together in early 2013, and in the summer they organized a free bus to Toronto to support the Chippewas of the Thames court appeal and continued to support community actions taking place along the line.



## **Rhythms of Resistance Guelph**

Rhythms of Resistance's goal is to bring more music and life to local organizing. RoR is an international network of samba-based drumming groups who attend rallies and protests to make noise and increase the energy.

In November RoR invited Hamilton's amazing Flamingo Mutiny Brigade to teach some new songs, discuss the joys and challenges of this type of collective, and inspire current and future RoR-Guelph members.

OPIRG owns drums and other percussion equipment, and the group was fortunate to find a practice space at the Women in Crisis Centre. They went on to support a Pay More Get Less rally in the University Centre, and the march and rally to oppose Bill C-51 in the spring.





## Events Roundup

On top of the events our Action Groups host, OPIRG organizes, funds, supports and collaborates on many events throughout the year. Here's the events we were involved with in 2014-2015:

**Film Screening: "Slingshot Hip Hop"** – with the Critical Knowledge Collective; as part of Dis-Orientation Week

**7th Annual Fresh Water Jamboree Festival** – with "Be The Artist" and many other community organizations

**Dis-O Week Wrap Meet-up and Dinner** – with the other Dis-Orientation Week organizers

**Take Back The Night march and rally** – with Women in Crisis, Guelph Resource Centre for Gender Empowerment and Diversity, and others; as part of 10 Days of Resilience

**Film Screening: "Salmon Confidential"** - with Salmon Are Sacred and the University of Guelph Aboriginal Resource Centre.

**Queer Communities and Alternative Responses to Violence** – with HIV/AIDS Resources & Community Health (ARCH); as part of 10 Days of Resilience

**Raise the Rates! Information Night** – as part of Raise the Rates Provincial Week of Action to Confront Poverty in Ontario

**Raise the Rates! Guelph Rally** – as part of Raise the Rates Provincial Week of Action to Confront Poverty in Ontario

**ACT-Decolonizing Thanksgiving Dinner** – with many other individuals and organizations

**Community Tree Planting at York Road Park!**

**Pay More Get Less Info Night** – Pay More Get Less campaign is endorsed by the Central Student Association, OPIRG, the Guelph Student Mobilization Committee, and more!

**NORMAN FINKELSTEIN: War, Justice & Peace in the Middle East** – with the Arab Students Association - University of Guelph, The Middle East Scholars Society, and the Society of Arab Students

**Chevron's Dirty Hand Tour, Guelph stop** – with the Guelph Young Communist League

**Film Screening and discussion: "Honour Your Word" and "Stolen Dreams"** – with CFRU 93.3FM; as part of the Guelph Film Festival

**Trans Day of Remembrance Vigil** – with The Wellness Centre and Guelph Queer Equality

**Saying NO to War** - A Double Book Launch of "Noble Illusions: Young Canada Goes to War" and "Let them Stay" – with Homes Not Bombs and Toronto Action for Social Change

**Funeral for Post-secondary Education** – PMGL

**Welcome (Back) Party and Website launch**

**Jam the Board of Governors meeting!**

**Building a Food Strategy in Guelph-Wellington** – with Guelph-Wellington Food Round Table

**"TIL THE COWS COME HOME" Documentary Screening and Discussion on the Prison Farm Struggle**

**Film screening: "Pride"** – with CSA Sunday Night Cinema, and The Peak Magazine; as part of A Month In The Mines

**Canada: A Global Mining Haven** – with MiningWatch Canada and The Peak Magazine; as part of A Month In The Mines

**Extracting The Future - Let's talk about aggregate mining in Southern Ontario** – with NDACT, Wellington Water Watchers, Concerned Residents Coalition, Gravel Watch Ontario and The Peak Magazine; as part of A Month In The Mines

**Stick It To The BOG! Down With Cuts And Tuition Fees!**

**Book launch: 'Undocumented: The Architecture of Migrant Detention'** by Tings Chak at our AGM

**International Womens Day Guest Speakers** – with the Guelph Resource Centre for Gender Empowerment and Diversity

**Rhyme And Reason-** Social And Environmental Justice Symposium Hype Party

**Hunger Awareness Week Networking Social** – with Guelph Student Food Bank, Meal Exchange, and Universities Fighting World Hunger - Guelph

**Ocean Activism With The Sea Shepherd Conservation Society** – with Guelph Students for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, and others

**Resilience Festival 2015. Including Film Screening: The Garden** – with Transition Guelph.

**The Secret Trial 5 Screening Tour**

**Bring Down the Board of Governors! Rally to Stop the Cuts and Tuition Fee Increases.**

**MayDay Dinner Ayotzinapa to Guelph** – with Fuerza Puwersa, Make Mexico Safe, Alternativa Latinoamericana and The Peak Magazine.

**Community Tree Planting at Silvercreek Park!**

**Tree Identification Hiking Workshop and Tree Planting at Silvercreek Park**

**2Rivers Cleanup**

**Regional Summit To Unite Against Austerity!** – alongside many other campus and community organizations



***If there's an event you'd like to see happen but you need some help, get in touch! We may be able to help with funding, equipment, planning, logistics, and promotion.***

## Speed River Project

Over the three decades the Speed River Project has done large-scale naturalization initiatives, ecological monitoring, and community outreach activities. Now it has become apparent that regular planting of trees, shrubs and herbs into the river corridors help further the work of the ecological restoration. Recent successes of the Speed River Project have been possible through the support of many individuals and organizations, including volunteers, park stewards, OPIRG Guelph's staff and board, City of Guelph's River System Advisory Committee and the Ontario Ministry of Environment.



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 the project entitled Speed and Eramosa River's Riparian Enhancement Project. This project was launched between spring 2014 to summer 2015. 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

### Community Tree Planting

The Speed River Project's ultimate goal was to provide improved habitat for urban wildlife (frogs, beavers, songbirds, etc.) dependent on riverbank ecosystems. During the last fall and spring four community tree planting workdays were held in October 2014, May and June 2015, where approximately 600 plants were planted. There were 35 different native plant species – about 400 trees and shrubs and 200 herbaceous species. The native species comprised 14 different Species species (Red Maple, Silver Maple, Sugar Maple, Service Berry, Buttonbush, Silky Dogwood, Red Osier Dogwood, Tamarack, Swamp White Oak, Bur Oak, White Cedar, Eastern Hemlock, Nannyberry, and American Highbush Cranberry). These native species specifically support the food and habitats for wildlife as well as aquatic and terrestrial species.

During the fall 2014 more than 55 enthusiastic volunteers turned out for planting event at North side of the Eramosa River at York Road Park. Similarly during the spring 2015 total 75 volunteers including park stewards were involved to plant along the North side of the Speed River at Silvercreek Park Guelph. Survival rate of trees and shrubs looks very good (approximately 80%).





## Speed River Project continued

### Summer Clean-Up and Park Maintenance

During the summer of 2015 in the leadership of Wolfond park steward Ms. Sue Smith many volunteers and neighbours gathered and cleaned many invasive species (e.g., Manitoba maple, Japanese Knot-weed), weeded and mulched previously planted trees and shrubs at the very North end of the Wolfond Park. Volunteers also collected piles of garbage and invasive species. City of Guelph's staffs helped collect the garbage from the park. Similarly Ms. Lu Rosmanitz, Silvercreek Park steward has always been keen to take care of park. She has been regularly taking care of the previously planted site as needed. During the last summer over 30 community volunteers and student volunteers were involved to mulch about 300 previously planted trees and shrubs along the North bank of the Eramosa River at Eramosa Park.



### Native Trees and Medicinal Plant Identification Hiking Workshops

The main goal of these workshops was to encourage community engagement and be empowered with knowledge about the natural areas in their neighborhood. They learned significance of biodiversity, the ecological interactions of native and invasive species and importance of the native species to rehabilitate the urban landscapes. These workshops were phenomenal to recognize the value of a particular species in urban forest management planning.

Native Tree Identification workshop was held at the Silvercreek Park on a Saturday in late May 2015. Around 25 people from the neighborhood community as well as University of Guelph student community were in attendance. The facilitator physically engaged all participants with handout to identify the real plant sample in hand at the field.

Edible and Medicinal Plant Identification workshop was organized on Saturday May 30 2015 along the banks of the Speed and Eramosa Rivers. An experienced herbalist facilitator led the workshop explaining 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.



## 2 Rivers Cleanup: Revive. Restore. Rehabilitate

(Formerly the Speed River Cleanup)

OPIRG has been doing a river cleanup for over 35 years. By engaging our community in identifying and mitigating the sources of pollution both seen and unseen, we can revive our rivers. 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. 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.

**Once again OPIRG partnered with Wellington Water Watchers— local experts on all things water! The knowledge, skills and energy they bring this event helps us to grow it further.**

In 2013, the Cleanup saw a remodel. We know that removing harmful garbage from our rivers is a valuable endeavor but there is a lot more to keeping our rivers clean. Our new activities go further by addressing drugs and hormones in our waterways, increasing the tree canopy to cool the river and protect against toxic run off, and supporting the pollinator population to increase river health. With this focus in mind, alongside our traditional garbage pickup, we offered four amazing river-loving activities.

**1) Can you Dig It? Support Tree Growth!** GROW more trees along the river bank for river health

**2) Buzzin' Gardens and Habitat for Beemanity!** CREATE a pollinator garden along the beautiful Eramosa River and build and install bee apartments!

**3) Healthy People, Healthy River!** TEACH the Neighbourhood how to keep plastic micro beads and pharmaceutical drug pollution out of the river!

**4) Wade In! River Cleanup!** CLEAN UP the river by learning what stays, what goes and what is habitat. This is a 36 year tradition!

**5) Bug Out!** ASSESS the quality of the river by collecting, identifying and quantifying its aquatic 'bugs'.

***What's the ultimate goal of The Cleanup? To revive, restore and rehabilitate the Speed and Eramosa rivers for all species to enjoy.***

## 2Rivers Festival: Celebrating the Speed And Eramosa

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 2015.

In this 4th year of the festival 12 free river-related events were held in Guelph. These included community discussions, guided walks and hikes, paddling, water-related talks, performances, river heritage and children's events. OPIRG and Wellington Water Watchers held the annual Cleanup as a part of the festival.



## Co-Sponsorship, Donations and Requests Fund Summary

| No | CDR Recipients  |   |
|----|---|---|
| 1  | MaryCarl Guiao  | Womyn's Wen-do Self-Defence course                  |
| 2  | Earth Justice Action                                  | "Building Community, Building Resistance" gathering |
| 3  | Anti-Colonial Thanks Giving Dinner Organizing Commit- | ACT Dinner  |
| 4  | Environmental Science Symposium                       | Environmental Science Symposium                     |
| 5  | Guelph-Wellington Food Roundtable                     | Food System Change strategy discussion              |
| 6  | Algonquin Wildlife Research Station                   | Donation for maintenance and repairs                |
| 7  | Justice for Deepan                                    | Give the Gift of Health campaign                    |
| 8  | Society for Ecological Restoration, U of G            | Speaking event with John Riley                      |
| 9  | Hannah Batten   | Reconstructing Historical Narratives                |
| 10 | MaryCarl Guiao  | Wen-do Self-Defence Course                          |
| 11 | C.J. Munford Centre                                   | Black History Month                                 |
| 12 | Wellington Water Watchers                             | "Aluna" film screening at the Resilience Festival   |
| 13 | Guelph Students for the Ethical Treatment of Animals  | Sea Shepherd speaking event                         |
| 14 | Wellington Water Watchers                             | 2Rivers Cleanup staff support                       |
| 15 | Our Sustenance c/o Six Nations Economic Development   | Green house activities and herbal primer            |
| 16 | Guelph-Wellington Women in Crisis                     | Women's Health Alliance Community Forum             |
| 17 | Fuerza/Puwersa  | Caravan from Ayotzinapa to Ottawa - Guelph stop     |
| 18 | Kovarthanan Konesavarathan                            | Support for migrant justice related journalism      |
| 19 | Tarek Chammah   | Kitchener May Day event                             |
| 20 | Indigenous Survivors of Child Welfare                 | Bi-Giwen Indigenous Adoptee Gathering               |
| 21 | Chris Williams  | Fresh Water Jamboree Festival                       |
| 22 | Central Student Association                           | 15 & Fairness campaign                              |
| 23 | Guelph Black Heritage Society                         | Heritage Hall accessibility fund                    |
| 24 | Black Lives Matter: Toronto Coalition                 | Donation to ongoing organizing                      |

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

## Major Funding Sources of OPIRG Guelph (Year 2014/2015)

| Name of fund providers   | Amount            |
|--|-------------------|
| The University of Guelph Student Levy  | \$282,921         |
| Great Lake Community Guardian Fund (Ontario Ministry of Environment) for Speed River Project | \$7,814           |
| Work study University of -Guelph   | \$5,150           |
| Others/donation and fund raising   | \$1,054           |
| Total Funding  | <b>\$ 296,939</b> |

## Partnerships

At OPIRG we recognize the value of working in solidarity with other groups 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 2014-15 partners:

### COMMUNITY PARTNERS

**THE GUELPH FILM FESTIVAL:** GFF is a major annual event which features a selection of global documentaries, short videos, visiting directors, panel discussions plus programming for children. The programming focuses on social justice, the environment and our community. This year we co hosted, with CFRU, the films Honour Your Word and Stolen Dream, with the Director Caro Ibrahim in attendance for discussion.

[www.guelphfilmfestival.ca](http://www.guelphfilmfestival.ca)

**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 includes many workshops and events including OPIRG's screening of the film "The Garden".

### CAMPUS PARTNERS

**THE CJ MUNFORD CENTRE:** A resource centre for racialized students at the University of Guelph. The centre is committed to establishing programming, cultural events and promoting ethnic diversity to the University of Guelph community. This year the funds provided to the CJ Munford Centre helped towards running the Black History Month programming on campus.

<https://www.uoguelph.ca/cjmunford/>



### PAY MORE GET LESS:

A campaign on fighting tuition fee increases and program cuts, and demanding more public funding for education to ensure quality and accessibility. <http://www.csaonline.ca/campaigns/fightthehikes>



# Finances

## 2014-2015 Financial Overviews

| Summary Statements of Financial Position as at August 31, 2015     |                  |
|--|------------------|
| Assets   | 2014/2015        |
| Total Current Assets   | \$119,631        |
| Capital Assets   | \$8,289          |
| Total assets   | \$127,920        |
| Liabilities and Net Assets   |                  |
| Account Payable and Liabilities                                    | \$14,534         |
| Income and other tax payable                                       | 0                |
| Deferred Revenue   | 0                |
| Net Assets   | \$113,386        |
| Total Liabilities and net assets                                   | \$127,920        |
| Summary Statement of Operations for the Year ended August 31, 2015 |                  |
| Revenue  | 2014/2015        |
| Donation and fundraising   | \$355            |
| Grant for program  | \$12,965         |
| Membership fee University of Guelph's student                      | \$282,921        |
| Others   | \$798            |
| <b>Total Revenue</b>   | <b>\$296,939</b> |
| Expenses   |                  |
| Wages and benefits   | \$175,069        |
| Office administration  | \$32,985         |
| Programs   | \$70,125         |
| Amortization   | \$28,431         |
| Total expense  | \$281,022        |
| Total Capital loss this year                                       | 0                |
| <b>Total net income (loss) for the year</b>                        | <b>\$15,917</b>  |

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.

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