

Dis-Orientation Week Event Proposal

September 13th - 18th, 2021

****This document is not the official form for event proposals. This document is intended to allow you to see the information on the Google Form, which is the official form, that you will fill out once you have gathered all of the required information about your event.****

What is Dis-Orientation Week?

Dis-Orientation Week (Dis-O Week) is a week of various events and activities oriented around social justice, environmental justice and anti-oppression put on by Trent groups and members of the community. Dis-O Week is an integral part of keeping the embers of activist culture burning at Trent. Through this week, a new group of students and community members are invited to participate in and join the future of social justice, environmental justice and anti-oppression at Trent and in the community.

Dis-Orientation Week was sparked by the administration's attempt to close Trent's downtown, more progressive colleges and centralize the university in 1999. From this attempted shift towards a more neo-liberalized school, Dis-Orientation Week was born as a form of resistance for activists in the community and has continued on until today.

As part of an overall effort to keep the embers of activist culture burning at Trent, we strongly encourage and favor Dis-O event applications that are geared towards community building. Examples of community-building events include launches of clubs and groups that meet regularly, events that facilitate prolonged social interaction (such as a protest march or an overnight retreat), events that teach people how to build community or better relate to each other or events that get people interacting to each other. The goal with this caveat is to aid students in forming culture-changing relationships with each other and their event leaders to build momentum and sustainability within the activist culture at Trent.

What Your Group Can Expect From Dis-O Week Organizers:

- We may be able to offer some financial support for groups with small budgets.
- We can help with volunteer outreach by advertising your group in Dis-O materials.

- We will list your event in the Dis-O Week schedule, to be distributed to all incoming students.
- We offer the OPIRG office and information materials.
- We can meet with you and help you brainstorm possible workshops, activities, discussions, etc.
- We will list your event in future volunteer callouts if needed.
- We can provide access to TCSA tents, tables, and other resources.
- We can partner on events.

What Dis-O Week Organizers Expect in Return:

- An event proposal fully completed and submitted to opirg@trentu.ca by 5 pm on Saturday, July 31st.
 - If approved:
 - Any external advertising for the event will have the Dis-Oriented Week logo.
 - Open communication leading up the week.
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Information regarding COVID-19:

Due to the pandemic and in the interest of keeping everyone safe, OPIRG Peterborough will be prioritizing virtual events for this year's Dis-O week. If there is an event that you would like to propose that is not adaptable online, but can be done safely outdoors, socially distanced, and in accordance with local health regulations, please send us an email as soon as possible to discuss the details.

***** All applications are due no later than Saturday, July 31st at 5pm. If you have any questions please reach out to us at opirg@trentu.ca. Thank you! *****

Event Information

Title of Event:

Associated club(s)/group(s)/organizations(s):

Event Summary (150-300 words):

Relevance to Dis-O Week definition (see "What is Dis-Orientation Week?") (100-200 words):

How will you incorporate an aspect of community building into your event? (50-200 words):

How will you ensure your event is more accessible and anti-oppressive? (100-200 words):

Length of Event (One Hour, Two Hours, Three hours, Half Day, Ongoing/Drop-in (full day))

Type of Event: (Workshop, Orientation/Tour, Film screening, Social event, Discussion, Lecture)

Target audience (check all that apply): (First year students, Upper year students, Faculty/staff, Broader Trent community, Broader Peterborough community, other)

What is your tentative budget for the proposed event? (*will be required to attach to Google Form)

Do you need any financial assistance from the Dis-O Week Organizing Committee (keeping in mind that we are operating on a limited budget)? (please include in budget above)

Do you have a preferred date or time (eg; before 5:00 weekdays, Monday evening, etc.)?

Do you need any specific equipment or resources? (Access to Zoom account, livestream equipment, etc.)

Is there anything else which you require from the Dis-O Week Organizing Committee?