

Annual Report

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2019-2020

About Us

MISSION STATEMENT

OPIRG works to create and sustain student and community-based engagement through research, education and action on social justice and environmental issues; challenging oppression in all its forms; and using consensus-based decision-making in a non-hierarchical and accessible setting.

WHAT WE OFFER

- Student employment, placement, and volunteer opportunities
- Sponsorship for community events and projects
- Training on consensus-based decision making & anti-oppression
- Our Green Dishes and Free Market programs
- Events, workshops, campaigns, and much more!



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Research

This past year, we hosted two Trent Community Research Centre projects. Over the summer we worked with the Seasoned Spoon Cafe on a research project that focused on the impact of the Student Choice Initiative on levy groups at Trent University. The report outlines the Student Choice Initiative, as well as highlighting case studies of the Spoon and OPIRG through case studies. Finally, an in-depth budgetary analysis of these organizations was conducted in order to make strategic recommendations for the future.

The second project is a continuation of the first that continues case studies of other levy groups like Active Minds, the Centre for Women and Trans People, Kawartha World Issues Centre, and Trent Queer Collective. This project is to be completed by April 2020.

OPIRG also created a new student staff position this year: Research Coordinator! Through this position we have worked on smaller research projects that inform students on how and where to vote, the importance of composting, and what levy groups provide to students.

Sponsorships

In addition to research, programming, and events that we initiate, OPIRG Peterborough also contributed funds toward the following:

- International Women's Day
- Anti-Oppression Free School
- Nogojiwanong in Solidarity with Wet'suwet'en
- Creating Space
- Putting Your Degree to Action
- Transition Skills Forum
- Precarious2: Arts Festival

Programs

GREEN DISHES

Green Dishes is a waste-reduction project designed to eliminate the need for disposable dishes at community and campus events in the Peterborough/Nogojiwanong area. It is a dish-lending program which enables organizations and individuals to borrow large quantities of reusable dishes for a small price.

Some of the groups/events that have used the service this year:

- Trent University Native Association (TUNA)
- Trent Queer Collective
- Trent & Ghana Program
- Abraham Festival
- Trent Radio
- Peer Support
- GreenUP
- Peer Support
- The Arthur Newspaper
- Community Movements Conference
- The Centre for Women & Trans People
- Kawartha World Issues Centre
- Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)
- EDUCAT Conference Committee



Programs

FREE MARKET

This program was started by the initiative of a small group of Trent students in 2005 who wanted to promote the values of reusing and recycling over discarding and “re-consuming”. The program serves the environmental purpose of reducing waste materials through reuse, and the social justice purpose of providing free goods to those who need them.

This year we worked on increasing the number of bins on campus (now there is one at every college campus), painting bins they stand out as donation bins (see photo below), and increased outreach through social media posts of #freemarketfinds.



Highlights



February 2019

February 8th was our last AGM where we had Tiny Greens do a succulent workshop and used items from the Free Market at planters. Later that month we also collaborated with Community Race Relations Committee to facilitate and Anti-Oppression workshop during Self Love Week.. We also held two movie nights "Poor No More" with Nourish, and "Migrant Dreams" with TFS and the Seasoned Spoon.

March 2019

We hosted and collaborated on these events:

- Slowing Down Fast Fashion
- Levy Groups Workshop Day
- Ninth Floor Film Screening
- International Women's Day
- Global Strike for Future
- Trent Student Walk Out and Pop Up Rally
- Putting Your Degree to Action
- Supermarket Tour Facilitator Training



April 2019

On April 20th we had our Annual Free Market Giveaway with Food Not Bombs catering.



May to August 2019

We hired a Trent student through CSJ who assisted us on initiatives like the Unist'ot'en red dress campaign and a local yard sale to collect donations & funds to purchase items needed for those camping in Victoria Park. Our Coordinator also provided Anti-Oppression training for almost 200 Trent O-week leaders.

September 2019

In September we held our annual DISORIENTATION WEEK which included 14 events:

- ABC's of Bike Maintenance
- ABC's of Bike Maintenance for Women and Trans People
- Student Choice Initiative Panel Discussion
- Cultural Awareness Training
- MENding Workshop
- Campfire & Potluck Gathering
- A Hard Day's Night Film Screening
- Town and Gown Drag Show & Caberat
- Farm to Table Tour
- Absynthe Poetry Open Mic
- Cards Against the Patriarchy
- KWIC Open House
- Vegan BBQ
- Mind Your Mind Symposium

We also took part in Clubs and Groups day and the Volunteer Fair!

A big thank you to the over 20 groups who collaborated with us and our sponsors: CUPE3908, Trent University, Trent Central Student Association, and Trent University Faculty Association who all made this year's amazing Disorientation Week possible!

In September we also accepted two placement students to work with us and attended climate strike actions in solidarity.



October 2019

In October we held an open volunteer orientation, and started biweekly tabling on campus. We also hired four student staff which included a new position: Research Coordinator. Our Coordinator also facilitated an anti-oppression training for Arthur Newspaper staff. We also hosted a Winter Clothing Drive with Trent International and Trent Outdoors Club.



November 2019

At the beginning of the month we collaborated with 3 social work students to host a film screening of "Who's University Is It?" and had a discussion on student activism. We also took part in Waste Reduction Week by hosting a Free Market Pop Up on campus as well as a Thrift Flip event with TVAN. Later in the month we collaborated with TQC, PARN, CWTP, TCSA, & Out On Campus to host a Trans* Anti-Oppression Workshop. We also promoted a campaign called #OptInChallenge.



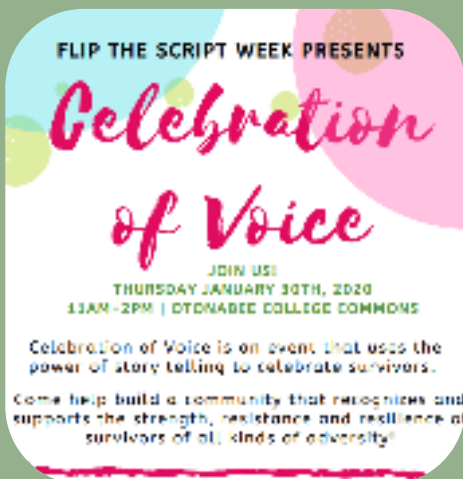
December 2019

Before the holidays, we assisted other organizations and community members in promoting/organizing The International Day to End Violence Against Sex Workers, and a Demonstration against the Citizenship Amendment Act in India.

January 2020

We hosted & collaborated on these events:

- Winter Clothing Drive
- Forgotten Birds of Paradise film screening + Q&A with Benny Wanda
- Flip the Script



Financial Review

Ontario Public Interest
Research Group - Peterborough
Financial Statements
August 31, 2019
(Unaudited)

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Notice To Reader

On the basis of information provided by management, we have compiled the balance sheet of Ontario Public Interest Research Group - Peterborough as at August 31, 2019 and the statements of operating fund and incomes and expenses for the year then ended.

We have not performed an audit or a review engagement in respect of these financial statements and, accordingly, we express no assurance thereon.

Readers are cautioned that these statements may not be appropriate for their purposes.

BDO Canada LLP

Chartered Professional Accountants, Licensed Public Accountants

Peterborough, Ontario
November 6, 2019

Ontario Public Interest Research Group - Peterborough
Balance Sheet
(Unaudited)

August 31	2019	2018
Assets		
Current		
Cash	\$ 87,927	\$ 68,432
Prepaid expenses	864	1,791
	\$ 88,791	\$ 70,223
Liabilities and Fund Balance		
Current		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 2,603	\$ 2,550
Statutory deductions payable	-	3,045
	2,603	5,595
Fund Balance	86,188	64,628
	\$ 88,791	\$ 70,223

Ontario Public Interest Research Group - Peterborough
Statement of Operating Fund
(Unaudited)

<u>For the year ended August 31</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Fund Balance - beginning of the year	\$ 64,628	\$ 37,561
Net Income	<u>21,560</u>	<u>27,067</u>
Fund Balance - end of the year	<u>\$ 86,188</u>	<u>\$ 64,628</u>

Ontario Public Interest Research Group - Peterborough
Statement of Incomes and Expenses
(Unaudited)

For the year ended August 31	2019	2018
Revenues	\$ 114,023	\$ 106,422
Operating Expenses		
Advertising and promotion	-	20
Appreciation - volunteer and staff	173	327
Bank charges and interest	135	76
Insurance	2,046	2,242
Occupancy costs	2,102	1,844
Office expense	4,471	2,877
Professional fees	904	1,407
Programming expenses	6,327	8,949
Repairs and maintenance	-	131
Salaries, wages and benefits	72,065	57,900
Telephone	1,048	1,038
Travel, training and workshops	3,192	2,544
	92,463	79,355
Net Income	\$ 21,560	\$ 27,067