

OPIRG YORK Campaign Application 2018-2019

Thank you for your interest applying for OPIRG York campaign support.

Below you will find information on what constitutes a campaign, how OPIRG can support your campaign, the application process and the policies surrounding campaign support.

OPIRG York is a volunteer-driven, non-profit organization based at York University. Fundamental to our operation is the provision of support to campus-based campaigns that organize around various issues of social justice and environmental action. Some examples of campaigns include the Fight for \$15 and Fairness; YU Divest; and Real Food, Real Jobs.

What role do campaigns play at OPIRG?

Campaigns are central to the functioning of OPIRG. We look to support campaigns that promote a specific issue pertaining to progressive political organizing and anti-oppressive, anti-colonial, anti-imperialist, social, economic and environmental justice. These campaigns should be dedicated to enacting change on campus and/or in the broader community. Groups or clubs working on campaigns receive funding from OPIRG and access to OPIRG's resources, such as training, workshops and strategic guidance. OPIRG York is committed to change at York University but we ALSO envision larger community interaction. We work to blend student organizing with grassroots activism to ensure broad social and environmental change. Thus, we are encouraging applications for groups working on campaigns with a broad vision, especially from groups who come from traditionally marginalized communities.

APPLICATION PROCESS

To be considered for campaign support, please fill out the application form that is attached below, and sign the campaign-support policies form. This form allows the campaign to concisely outline its goals and the way in which it embodies a particular issue. Once reviewed by the OPIRG York board of directors, the contact person will be notified of the board's decision. Campaign organizers then must follow the campaign-support policies.

If you have any questions about applying for campaign support and/or what the benefits of campaign support are, please contact the volunteer coordinator at 416-736-5724 or email opirgyork@gmail.com.

We are also in the office (*C449, the Student Centre, York University, 4700 Keele.*) from 11am-5pm from Monday to Thursday. So please feel free to stop by anytime!

WHAT OPIRG CAN DO FOR YOU

All campaigns are allocated a budget for projects and events they wish to have. These might include a speaker series, movie nights, handbooks, outreach materials, trainings and anything else. In addition to a budget each group organizing a campaign also has access to OPIRG's many resources:

- * We offer a budget for all organizing groups as well as access to other important resources like the phone, Internet, printer, and photocopier.
- * We help with volunteer outreach by giving out your campaign literature as well as directing potential volunteers to your meetings/email.
- * We will help plan and brainstorm possible events, actions, etc.

- * We offer the OPIRG office as a place to meet, hangout and hold meetings for your group.
- * We book rooms for you to have meetings, host events, meet-and-greets, film screenings etc. on the York campus.
- * We book tables for you to distribute your information/literature to the York community.
- * We send information out over the list serve for your events and meetings so as to ensure people hear about it.
- * We can help you draft literature, make posters, put up posters, and generally advertise your campaign, including events, meetings etc., related to your campaign.
- * We offer space on our website to write about your campaign and/or issues of importance that you would like the York community to know about pertaining to your campaign.
- * The use of our Resource Centre (including books, zines, newsletters, etc.) and the possible addition of new resources for the issue/cause you are working on.
- * We offer anti-oppression trainings, consensus/collective building and facilitation trainings for all organizing groups.
- * This is in addition to the help of OPIRG staff, board members and volunteers for project support, visioning and outreach etc.

WHAT OPIRG YORK EXPECTS IN RETURN

- * The contact person for the campaign will keep us apprised and up-to-date on meetings, events, etc.
- * Information for the OPIRG York website, including current contact person and links to affiliated organizations.
- * The organizing group(s) will put the OPIRG York logo on all posters and other advertisements.
- * The organizing group(s) will maintain the OPIRG York mandate at all times and avoid and address any and all racist, sexist, classist, ableist, anti-Semitic, Islamophobic, homophobic, transphobic, xenophobic and/or any other oppressive language or actions in meetings, at events, and so on.
- * The organizing group(s) will use the OPIRG York office respectfully and responsibly. This includes cleaning up after yourselves, keeping the office tidy and not removing/taking items from the office without asking permission, or returning.
- * The organizing group(s) will be committed to fostering a cooperative and communicative environment that is welcoming to newcomers and based on consensus decision-making.
- * Organizing group members will attend a mandatory meeting with the Volunteer Coordinator, once per term and an orientation meeting.
- * Every organizing group will present their work throughout the year at the Annual General meeting at the end of March or early April of the year.

**CAMPAIGN APPLICATION
2018-2019**

Date: _____

Name of Contact Person: --- _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Name of organizing group and campaign: _____

Has your campaign been funded by OPIRG York in the past?

YES NO

Is your campaign currently being funded by other sources?

YES NO

If Yes, by whom?

Is your campaign affiliated with other organizations and/or groups on campus, in the greater community or internationally? YES NO

If yes, which one(s)?

Please provide a description of your campaign:

Within this context please outline some of the goals of this Campaign and how it relates to OPIRG. Please also list and describe two proposed events that your campaign would like to organize:

How do you visualize OPIRG York supporting your Campaign (beyond funding)?

OPIRG York is part of Tools for Change, a network of groups that host different skill building workshops that are free for all OPIRG York volunteers. What workshops and/or trainings would your group be interested in attending at York? Check out the following website to see some of the trainings Tools for Change has done in the past:

<http://www.toolsforchange.net/complete-list-of-workshops/>

Please list as many options as you can think of, as it will help us cater our programming towards the interests of your group!

OPIRG York works from a progressive framework that strives to do and support work that is anti-oppressive, anti-capitalist, anti-colonial and fights against ongoing displacement and occupation of Indigenous land. We cannot accept campaigns who go against this mandate. What does your organizing group do to abide by and support this mandate?

OPIRG York is situated in the North York community and caters to students from many areas. We would like to prioritize campaigns that plan to do work on and around the York campus. How will your campaign help prioritize this (E.g. Will you be hosting on campus meetings and events regularly? Is your work based in the North York, or Jane Finch area?)

Do you understand the Campaign policies and will your group abide by them?

Please attach the Campaign policy form, completed.

OPIRG YORK CAMPAIGN POLICIES

- The OPIRG York office is an open, public and accessible space. Please keep it tidy. Clean up after yourself and after your group. Additionally, please be considerate of space and resources while others are conducting meetings in the office.
- Please select two people from your organizing group(s) to have access to the office and who will act as point people for the rest of the group(s). These people will be responsible for the office key outside of office hours.
- The Radical Reading Room is a Resource Centre. We ask that all organizing groups respect this and keep the room clean and keep their materials in an ordered fashion as people require regular access to the books, cabinets and photocopier.
- OPIRG York is continuously working on being an inclusive and progressive space. We ask that you keep this in mind every time you enter the space and do your best to respect this mandate. This includes using respectful language, being aware of relationship power dynamics, avoiding personal attacks, and general friendliness.
- There will be a **mandatory** anti-oppression training at least once a year. All organizing groups must send attendees.
- Campaigns, once approved, are campaigns of OPIRG York for the **2018-2019** academic year, up until the end of the fiscal year on **April 30, 2019**.
- All campaign funds must be used by the end of April 30, 2019, with receipts for expenses submitted on or before that date.
- The organizing groups will maintain the OPIRG York mandate at all times and avoid and address any and all racist, sexist, classist, ableist, anti-Semitic, homophobic, transphobic, xenophobic and/or any other oppressive language or actions in meetings, at events, and so on.
- OPIRG York is nonpartisan. We do not provide support or funding to groups/organizations that are affiliated with political parties.
- Organizing groups will work from a progressive framework that is anti-oppressive and aware of the ongoing displacement and occupation of Indigenous land.

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Campaign Name/Title: _____

Organizing Group's Name: _____