



SIMON FRASER PUBLIC INTEREST RESEARCH GROUP
ANNUAL REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
SEPTEMBER 2015 TO AUGUST 2016

WHAT IS SFPIRG?

The Simon Fraser Public Interest Research Group (SFPIRG) is a student-funded and student-directed resource centre dedicated to social and environmental justice.

PIRGs were established across North American campuses in the 1970s and '80s as a way for students to advocate for social change. SFPIRG was set-up by students on SFU's Burnaby campus in 1981! SFPIRG has done loads of amazing work over the years and has positively impacted the lives of students and the wider community.

Our mission is to engage students and community in social and environmental justice. Areas of work include education, action, research and community-building initiatives. We are non-partisan, which means we are not allied with any particular political party.

SFPIRG brings together a diverse range of people and our work is all centred on a shared set of values. These include: intersectional anti-oppression; body sovereignty and diversity; indigenous sovereignty and decolonization; self-representation, self-determination, and empowering student and community leadership; inclusive and accessible space to build community on campus; continual learning and growth; accountability, integrity, wholeness and healing; collective and collaborative working methods; sustainability; and respectful communication.

We are a registered non-profit organization with our own constitution and bylaws. We are governed by a student-led board of directors and we use consensus decision-making as the basis for our work. We have a team of three permanent, unionized staff who carry out the work of the organization. SFPIRG is a certified Living Wage employer. We are independent from both the University and the Simon Fraser Student Society.

We work closely with other student organizations on campus, including the Women's Centre, Out on Campus, CJSF, First Nations Student Association (FNOSA), Embark, The Peak, and Students of Caribbean & African Ancestry (SOCA). Collectively, we are known as the Rotunda groups. Find us in **TC326 in the Rotunda** or visit www.sfpirg.ca for more info.



WHAT DOES SFPIRG VALUE AS AN ORGANIZATION?
TURN THE PAGES TO LEARN MORE ABOUT SOME
OF THE VALUES THAT INFLUENCE OUR WORK!



BOARD of DIRECTORS (TERM STARTING MAY 2016)

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- Susan Chiv Director of Administration
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- Shelvin Chandra Bike Co-op Coordinator (Spring & Summer 2016)
- Rejaa Dar Communications & Resource Assistant (Spring 2016)
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- Lisa Orton LFTI Coordinator (Fall 2015)
- Allison Worth Independent Electoral Officer (Spring 2015)

SFPIRG values Anti-Oppression; therefore, we acknowledge that systems of oppression exist, are interconnected and must be challenged on multiple fronts through a diversity of actions.

Fall 2015 Programming

SFPIRG had a very busy Fall 2015 semester! We invited Micheal Vonn of the BC Civil Liberties Association to speak on Bills C-51 & C-24, affecting Canada's surveillance and citizenship legislation.

At SFU Burnaby, we hosted a full-day skill-building workshop on facilitation, a condensed version of our well-known workshop design & facilitation course.

At SFU Surrey, we hosted a workshop on diversity & equality, introducing concepts of intersectional anti-oppression work to many fresh faces.

And at all three SFU campuses, our Street Team hosted a film screening & discussion of the documentary, "It Was Rape", as part of the #SFUSASC campaign.



Spring 2016 Programming



During the Spring 2016 semester, SFPIRG hosted the "Spring Into Action!" film series, featuring films on capitalism, masculinity, food systems, and environmental refugees. The film series featured facilitated discussions aimed at encouraging students to take action in their day-to-day lives!

We also held a full-day workshop at SFU Surrey on corporations, exploring the history of corporate structures and their intersections with many forms of oppression.

SFPIRG VALUES INDIGENOUS SOVEREIGNTY AND THE PROCESS OF DECOLONIZATION globally. WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT **SFPIRG** IS LOCATED ON UNCEDED INDIGENOUS LAND BELONGING TO THE COAST SALISH PEOPLES. BASED ON OUR CURRENT KNOWLEDGE, THIS INCLUDES THE TERRITORIES OF THE MUSQUEAM, Skwxú7mesh (pronounced *Skohomish*), Tseil-waututh and Kwikwetlem Nations.

SUMMER 2016 PROGRAMMING

Although Summer semester tends to be a quiet semester for students, SFPIRG had a lot going on!



Over the month of June, SFPIRG and Out On Campus collaborated and ran a 4-day, 20-hour course on workshop design & facilitation. The course was facilitated by Anna Soole, a local agent for transformative justice and liberation, and a senior trainer, speaker, and educator for nearly two decades.

SFPIRG also ran a bi-weekly discussion group, bringing students together to discuss practical alternatives to capitalism!

On July 23rd 2016, SFPIRG collaborated with Fat Panic! Vancouver to offer a 1-day, multi-session edition of Fat Camp, an exciting event that educated participants on fat oppression. Fat Politics 101 and 202 workshops were offered, as well as caucuses for fat folks and a workshop on how to be an ally to fat communities.

Our gratitude to the many people who helped make Fat Camp 2016 possible!



SFPIRG values CONTINUAL LEARNING AND GROWTH;
THEREFORE, WE STRIVE TO BE PATIENT,
SELF-REFLECTIVE, COMPASSIONATE, AND HAVE AN ONGOING
COMMITMENT TO THE LEARNING PROCESS.

SFPIRG FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (FOR YEAR ENDED AUG 31ST 2016)

INCOME:	2016	2015
Membership Fees	\$216,740	\$215,981
Grant & Project Revenue	\$7,883	\$21,875
Interest	\$8	\$7
Miscellaneous	\$11,407	\$5,914
Subtotal:	\$236,038	\$243,777
EXPENSES:	2016	2015
Accessibility	\$8,413	-
Grants Committee	\$1,158	\$3,159
Office & Administration	\$20,895	\$41,112
Organizational Development	\$7,153	\$26,517
Operating (rent)	\$6,608	\$4,067
Outreach & Media	\$688	\$2,346
Professional Fees	\$3,417	\$3,279
Programming & Education	\$8,870	\$14,020
Research & Education	-	-
Wages & Benefits	\$162,363	\$169,132
Subtotal:	\$219,565	\$263,632
ANNUAL SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	\$16,473	(\$19,855)
NET ASSETS, START OF YEAR	\$54,350	\$74,205
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	\$70,823	\$54,350

SFPIRG VALUES SELF-REPRESENTATION
AND SELF-DETERMINATION; THEREFORE, WE VALUE
INDIVIDUALS AND COMMUNITIES WORKING AND SPEAKING
FROM THEIR OWN EXPERIENCE.

USAMAH ANSARI CREATIVE JUSTICE AWARD

Due to financial constraints, SFPIRG was unable to offer semesterly grants for social and environmental justice organizing during this fiscal year. However, we did offer the **Usamah Ansari Creative Justice Award** in Spring 2016. Congratulations to noor il amar, who received the \$500 award to support the production of their music album!

As we move forward, we hope to offer semesterly grants once again.

COMMUNITY GROUPS WE SUPPORTED IN-KIND

We supported many community groups in 2015-16 with booking space at SFU campuses, accessing resources and more. Some of the groups we supported included:

- 350 Vancouver
- Animal Voices Radio
- BCCLA
- BCRAD
- Chinatown Action Group
- Fair Vote Vancouver
- femme4community
- Grassroots Women
- Karmik
- Lawyers Rights Watch
- Left Alternative
- MARU & ACCESS
- Men's Programming Initiative
- PeerNetBC
- SAFES
- Sanctuary Health
- SANSAD
- Seriously Free Speech Committee
- Students for Accountability
- Sustainable Transportation Coalition
- UBC Students for Climate Action
- VanBUG
- Vancouver Co-op Radio
- Vancouver Ecosocialists Group
- Vancouver Transgender Day of Remembrance
- VanLUG
- Wild Salmon Creative Action
- Youth Food Policy Council

SFPIRG VALUES INTEGRITY, WHOLENESS AND HEALING;
THEREFORE WE STRIVE TO HOLD SPACE WHERE PEOPLE CAN BE
THEIR WHOLE SELVES, FIND SUPPORT AND ACT TO BRING
THEIR VALUES & day-to-day LIVES INTO GREATER ALIGNMENT.



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