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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; accountability, integrity, wholeness and healing; 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 (FNSA), 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!

Usamah Ansari Creative Justice Award
In honour of the memory of SFPIRG volunteer Usamah Ansari, this annual award supports creative social justice work including art, poetry, music, and writing. It prioritizes communities of colour, refugees, and youth. In Spring 2017, Climate Intersections received the $500 award to support a weekend-long workshop using participatory expressive arts methodologies to delve into cultural barriers and racial exclusion within environmental movements.

Community Groups We Supported
We supported many community groups in 2016-17 with booking space at SFU campuses, accessing resources and more. Some of the groups we supported included:

- 350 Vancouver
- Alliance Against Displacement
- AMS Sexual Assault Support Centre
- Ancient Forests Committee
- Animal Voices Radio
- BC Civil Liberties Association
- Canada Palestine Association
- Canadian Research Institute for the Advancement of Women
- Chinatown Action Group
- Dr Hari Sharma Foundation
- Embark Sustainability Organization
- Filipinos in Vancouver
- Fair Vote Vancouver
- FUSE Society
- IGNITE Retreat
- Industrial Workers of the World Vancouver
- International Centre for Criminal Law Reform and Criminal Justice Policy
- Karmik
- Left Alternative
- Ni’kax’Pamux Nation
- PeerNetBC
- Queer ASL
- rout/nnot
- Sacred Fire Network
- South Asian Network for Secularism and Democracy
- SFU Institute for the Humanities
- Seriously Free Speech Committee
- Stand.eart
- Tseil Waututh Nation
- UNITE HERE Local 40
- Vancouver BSD Users Group
- Vancouver Co-op Radio
- Vancouver Ecossocialists Group
- Vancouver Island Bystander Collective
- Vancouver Linux Users Group
- Welcome Post Project
- YWCA Youth Education Programs

Accountability, integrity, wholeness, and healing; therefore we strive to be accountable, hold space where people can be their whole selves, find support, and act to bring their values & their day-to-day lives into greater alignment.
# SFPiRG Financial Statements (For Year Ended Aug 31st 2017)

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**ANNUAL SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)**

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**Board of Directors (TERM STARTING May 2017)**

Maisaloon Al-Ashkar | Emma Warner Chee  
Matthew Provost | Rodney Stehr

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**Board of Directors (May 2016 - April 2017)**

Maisaloon Al-Ashkar | Jasheil Athalia | Cherop Chemelli  
Jo Jeffrey | Landon Gilmour | Rodney Stehr

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**Permanent Staff Team**

- Susan Chiv | Director of Administration  
- Kalamity Hildebrandt | Director of Research & Education  
- Craig Pavelich | Director of Communications

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**WorkStudies & Temporary Staff**

- Hannah Babki | Communications Assistant (Spring 2017);  
LFTI Coordinator (Summer 2017)
- Sarah Finley | Disability Justice Organizer (Fall 2016)
- Nekita Garcia-Gravel | Social Justice Organizer (Spring 2017)
- Leticia Gardner | LFTI Coordinator (Fall 2016 & Spring 2017);  
Independent Electoral Officer (Spring 2017)
- Chorok Gene | Communications Assistant (Spring 2017)
- Madisin Grier | Decolonization Organizer (Fall 2016 & Spring 2017)
- Jiyeon Lee | Bike Tool Co-op Coordinator (Spring 2017)
- Nancy Nguyen | Communications Assistant (Fall 2016 & Spring 2017)
- Alex Rosende-Tabunar | Communications Assistant (Summer 2017)

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**Intersectional Anti-Oppression:**

therefore, we acknowledge that systems of oppression exist, are interconnected and multifaceted, and must be challenged in multiple ways.

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**Self-representation, self-determination, and empowering student and community leadership;**

therefore, we value individuals and communities working and speaking from their own experience.
**Fall 2016 Programming**

In Fall 2016, SFPIRG celebrated 35 years of social justice work on campus, in particular the healing and building work that makes our movements possible.

We ran a workshop series on art and creation as a form of healing, self-love, and intersectionality. The series was facilitated by Jotika Chaudhary, a multi-dimensional artist, and student of Expressive Arts Therapy. Additionally, we brought in experienced facilitators, Pragya and Lee, to host a full-day workshop exploring art-based approaches to healing after violence and trauma.

In collaboration with the Committee to End Ableism, we held a workshop during Disability Awareness Week, critically discussing oppressive and discriminatory clauses in the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act, which explicitly excludes people with disabilities.

SFPIRG also ran a bi-weekly discussion group, bringing students together to discuss capitalism, where it came from, whom it serves, and what we can do in our day-to-day lives to resist.

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**Spring 2017 Programming**

In the wake of the most recent U.S. Presidential election, and mounting explicit and vocal white supremacy, SFPIRG was involved in multiple initiatives in the Spring 2017 semester. We supported racialized student-organizing in the Racialized Resistance and Healing Action Group, and we ran Unpacking Whiteness, a biweekly discussion series for white people to learn, share, and explore possibilities for creating a more just society.

We also held a full-day “No Blame, No Shame” introductory workshop to Anti-Oppression. The workshop was facilitated by Anna Soole, a local agent for transformative justice and liberation, and a senior trainer, speaker, and educator for nearly two decades.

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**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, Skxwú7mesh (pronounced Skohomish), Tsleil-Waututh and Kwikwetlem nations.

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**Summer 2017 Programming**

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

Over the month of June, we welcomed back Pragya and Lee to facilitate a weekly workshop series at SFU Vancouver, specifically for Black, Indigenous, Mixed-Ancestry, and People of Colour communities. Lee and Pragya again focused on exploring art-based approaches to healing after violence and trauma.

We also held a full-day workshop on pinkwashing and Palestine, which introduced the basics of years of Palestinian struggle against European Imperialism, Zionism, and Israeli settler colonialism, as well as Palestinian resistance to Israeli pinkwashing, and what we can all do to end pinkwashing.


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**Body Sovereignty and diversity; therefore we resist violence against ALL marginalized beings and bodies.**