

I first walked into SFPIRG in 2005 because I had learned about electoral reform in class and was interested in what I could do. At that point I had never been a political person and certainly had no idea how to affect change. SFPIRG became a community for me where I could meet like-minded people, and learn skills on how to organize to push for the changes I wanted to see in my community.

The skills I learned through SFPIRG not only helped me become more engaged in my community, but eventually would lead to a job in international development. Facilitation, confidence in public speaking, desktop publishing, community organizing, working in collaboration with vulnerable communities – these were all skills that were instrumental in my employment and all were honed during my undergrad with SFPIRG.

I see the world differently now and my understanding of what my place is within it has matured and grown. SFPIRG was the catalyst for this growth in many ways.

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