

I have been part of SFPIRG since I began my undergraduate degree at SFU in 2014. I started as a volunteer and then joined the Board of Directors. I also co-facilitate the Racialized Resistance and Healing action group through SFPIRG.

As a young racialized Muslim woman and displaced Palestinian who often feels silenced and drained by the toxic-whiteness and systemic oppression that permeate academia, being at SFPIRG often offers me with a necessary space of comfort; a place where I can speak my truths unapologetically, share knowledge and resources, vent, laugh, cry, and act upon my commitments to social and climate justice. I met some of the dearest friends and mentors I made at university through SFPIRG.

I regularly apply the skills I gained from SFPIRG to my life, studies, and grassroots community organizing efforts, which are skills that supported me with finding employment and I now work as a women's centre coordinator. SFPIRG's active commitments to disrupting all systems of oppression, supporting resistance struggles, and uplifting systemically marginalized voices on their own terms resonate with me, and having such safer, accessible space on campus has been integral to my growth and wellbeing as a student.