

Rapport Annuel Annual Report 2015 - 2016

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SUPPORT THE ALGONQUIN VISION FOR: AKIKODJIWAN KICHIZIBI (SACRED WATERFALLS AREA - CHAUDIÈRE - OTTAWA RIVER)

Nine Algonquin First Nations passed a resolution at the November 19, 2015 meeting of the Assembly of First Nations of Quebec-Labrador. In that resolution they demanded that the sacred area, Akikodjiwan Kichizibi, be returned to the Algonquin Nation for an Algonquin Nation Cultural Park and Historic Commemoration Site. The nine Algonquin First Nations were unequivocally opposed to the Windmill/Dream condo development. The resolution includes the following:

- a call for immediate government consultation with the Algonquin communities about this site;
- opposition to the rezoning of these lands for development;
- a call for no development until there is free, prior, and informed consent from the Algonquin Nation as a whole;
- demand of the return of the sacred site to the Algonquin Nation;
- demand that the governments purchase all privately-held lands at the site;
- a call for the governments to enter into discussions with the Algonquin chiefs and councils for the establishment of a Algonquin Nation Cultural Park and Historic Commemoration Site at this location

What else can you do?

1. Sign the petition at: www.chn.ge/1PbvewU
2. Keep up to date and stay in touch: www.freethefalls.ca

À propos du GRIPO

Le Groupe de recherche d'intérêt public de l'Ontario (GRIPO)

GRIPO-Ottawa a pour mission de rassembler et de consolider une communauté dévouée à la justice sociale, économique et environnementale. GRIPO-Ottawa s'intéresse à ce que les étudiant(e)s et la communauté universitaire font pour favoriser le changement social.

Rapport de notre Conseil d'administration

Notre Conseil d'administration (CA) œuvre à contribuer à notre mission, qui est de favoriser la justice sociale, économique et environnementale. Il est l'employeur des cinq employés permanents qui travaillent pour le GRIPO-Ottawa. Il est formé de neuf (9) bénévoles élus lors de l'Assemblée générale annuelle ou nommés par les membres du CA lorsqu'un poste se libère. Le CA du GRIPO collabore avec le personnel afin d'établir la direction générale de l'organisation et fonctionne selon un modèle de prise de décision par consensus.

Le CA est principalement composé d'étudiants de premier et de deuxième cycle, ainsi que de membres de la communauté. Les membres du CA se réunissent de façon régulière et participent activement à tous les aspects du GRIPO-Ottawa. Ils sont responsables des décisions relatives aux activités de l'organisation. Le CA du GRIPO-Ottawa collabore étroitement avec le personnel afin de déterminer la direction, les objectifs et les secteurs d'intervention de l'organisation. Il joue également un rôle important dans les décisions relatives aux activités et au budget de l'organisation. Ses membres acquièrent de la formation et une riche expérience en matière de lutte contre l'oppression, d'organisation communautaire et de gestion par consensus, et apprennent à agir à titre d'em-

ABOUT OPIRG

The Ontario Public Interest Research Group (OPIRG)

Ottawa's mission is to bring together and build upon a broad-based community dedicated to social, economic and environmental justice. OPIRG-Ottawa is concerned with the contribution that students, the university and the community can make towards social change.

A REPORT FROM OUR BOARD

The OPIRG Board of Directors strives to contribute to OPIRG's mandate of working toward social, environmental and economic justice and is the employer of the five permanent staff members who work at OPIRG. The board consists of up to nine (9) volunteers who are elected at OPIRG's Annual General Meeting or who are appointed by the current board at another time when there are vacant seats. The OPIRG board is responsible for working with staff to determine the general direction of the organization, and functions in a model of consensus decision-making.

The board's composition consists mainly of undergraduate and graduate students, as well as community members. With regular meetings and active participation in all aspects of OPIRG Ottawa, board members are responsible for decisions regarding the operations of the organization. The OPIRG Ottawa board works closely with the staff to determine the organization's direction, goals and areas of focus. The Board also play a large role in making decisions regarding the operations and funds of the organization. Members gain valuable experience and training in anti-oppression, how to be an employer, community organizing, and consensus organizing.

This year OPIRG Ottawa has continued to prioritize the strengthening of internal relationships, and continuing practice of the board staff liaison system. These were created to promote communication between the board and staff and to also better support the staff members. We are very grateful for Marcelo's help in developing materials and

ployeur.

Cette année, GRIPO-Ottawa a continué d'œuvrer à renforcer ses relations internes et à recourir au système de coordination entre le CA et le personnel. Ce système vise à favoriser la communication entre le CA et le personnel et à offrir un meilleur soutien aux employés. Nous remercions Marcelo pour ses excellents conseils et son aide dans l'élaboration de ressources. De plus, nous sommes ravi(e)s d'annoncer que nous avons enfin recruté un coordonnateur des relations avec le campus, Padraic O'Brien.

Le GRIPO a connu une année bien remplie. Nous avons notamment déménagé de notre ancien local, situé sur King Edward, à notre nouveau local plus accessible, situé au 215D du Centre universitaire. Nous sommes heureux d'annoncer que nous aurons possiblement accès à une pièce adjacente à notre nouveau local, qui servira de salle de réunion et de centre de ressources pour la communauté.

Les postes de coordonnateurs du GRIPO-Ottawa sont les suivants : coordonnateur du Centre de ressources, coordonnateur des relations avec le campus, coordonnateur des groupes d'actions, coordonnateur de la recherche, et coordonnateur des finances et de l'administration/trésorier. De plus, les membres du CA s'acquittent des responsabilités suivantes : ressources humaines, relations avec le CA, relations communautaires et médiatiques, politiques, lutte contre l'oppression et représentation au CA provincial. GRIPO-Ottawa est également responsable des politiques au niveau provincial et continue de prioriser la création et la mise à jour de nouvelles politiques.

Cette année, le CA du GRIPO-Ottawa a également pris part à plusieurs comités d'embauche et a accueilli de nouveaux employés. Le CA du GRIPO-Ottawa n'aurait jamais pu accomplir tout ce travail sans le soutien du personnel, des bénévoles et des membres. Le GRIPO a également pris part à l'organisation de la 15e Conférence internationale sur l'abolition pénale (ICOPA 15), qui a eu lieu en territoire algonquin non cédé. Cette conférence a connu un vif succès et nous avons hâte de diffuser nos rapports et nos présentations sur cet événement au <http://www.actionicopa.org/> au cours de l'année 2015.

excellent advice. We are also glad to announce that we have also finally hired a Campus Coordinator, Padraic O'Brien.

This has been a very busy year at OPIRG, with our transition from our old space on King Edward to our new, and accessible, space in UCU 215D. We are glad to announce that we will hopefully we get access to a vacant room next to it for use as a meeting room and resource centre for the community.

The following are the liaison portfolios: Resource Centre Coordinator Liaison, Campus Relations Coordinator Liaison, Action Groups Coordinator Liaison, Research Coordinator Liaison, and Finance and Admin Coordinator Liaison/Treasurer. In addition to the Liaison portfolios, board members we real so responsible for the following portfolios: Human Resources, Board Relations, Community and Media Relations, Policy, Anti-Oppression, and Provincial Board Representative. OPIRG Ottawa is also responsible for the policy portfolio at the provincial level and has continued the task of of prioritizing the creation and updating of new policies, to create opportunities.

This year, the OPIRG board participated in multiple hiring committees, and welcomed new staff. The work done by the OPIRG Ottawa board could not be done without the support of the staff, volunteers, and members. Also, OPIRG a was part of the organizing committee for the Fifteenth International Conference on Penal Abolition (ICOPA 15) held on unceded and unsurrendered Algonquin Territory. The conference was a tremendous success and we look forward to disseminating our report and posting presentations from the proceedings on www.actionicopa.org in early 2015.

We would like to thank all of the hard working individuals and groups that have supported OPIRG Ottawa and continue to contribute to creating change towards social, economic and environmental justice.

Nous aimerions remercier tous ceux qui appuient le GRIPO-Ottawa et qui continuent de promouvoir la justice sociale, économique et environnementale.

OPIRG action groups' reports

Action Groups Coordinator – Ronda Brook

OUR ACTION GROUPS

OPIRG/GRIPO-Ottawa helps students to organize action groups to learn about and take action in support of social, environmental or economic justice. OPIRG offers advice and assistance with recruitment, meeting space, promotion, supplies, funding, volunteer training, resource materials and more. Students and community members initiate their own projects and learn by doing. As you will see below, OPIRG's action groups were very active again this year!

Action for Survivors of Torture And War Trauma (ASTAWT)

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This year ASTAWT raised enough money to sponsor two Syrian refugee families to come to Ottawa, and we are currently in the process of bringing both families to Canada. The organization has also this year increased the size of its board from three to eight members. The Organization also sits at the Mental Health Table of Refugee 613. This year ASTAWT also forged a Community Partnership with the Michaëlle Jean Centre for Global and Community Engagement. ASTAWT participated in OPIRG Week 2016 with an event at St. Paul University. ASTAWT President Benjamin Segobaetso represented the organization at the First Canadian Summit on Statelessness which was held at the University of Ottawa on February 24, 2016.

ASTAWT is a registered not-for-profit organization based in Ottawa that provides advocacy, support, and healing for survivors of torture and war trauma in the community.

The purpose of our organization is to:

- Research issues affecting survivors of torture and war trauma and to advocate on behalf of those survivors for access to rehabilitation

Les rapports des groupes d'action du GRIPO

NOS GROUPES D'ACTION

GRIPO/OPIRG-Ottawa encourage les étudiant(e)s à s'organiser en groupes d'action pour s'informer et pour favoriser la justice sociale, environnementale et économique. GRIPO conseille et aide les groupes dans divers domaines: recrutement, réservations, promotion, matériel, financement, formation, documentation, etc. Les étudiant(e)s et les membres de la communauté peuvent entreprendre leurs propres projets et apprendre de leurs expériences. Comme vous pourrez le constater ci-dessous, les groupes d'action du GRIPO ont encore été très actifs cette année !

BlakCollectiv



L'objectif du BlakCollectiv est de garantir la survie et la dignité des étudiants noirs sur le campus de l'uOttawa, ainsi que d'enrichir et d'améliorer leur vie étudiante. Au cours de l'année, nous avons organisé de nombreuses activités afin de mettre en lumière les conditions auxquelles les étudiants noirs sont quotidiennement confrontés, tant sur le campus qu'à l'extérieur. Récemment, nous avons centré nos efforts de sensibilisation sur le problème des exécutions extrajudiciaires de personnes noires. Nous avons mené des campagnes d'affichage et des manifestations dénonçant les exécutions extrajudiciaires, et œuvré à la mise en œuvre d'un programme d'Études relatives aux Noirs.

La Campagne pour des Sites de Consommation Supervisées (CSCS)



La Campagne pour des sites de consommation

services;

- Provide a safe and culturally sensitive space to survivors of torture and war trauma where they can meet and have conversations; and
- Provide summary legal advice through in-house paralegal services to survivors who may have to appear before the Immigration and Refugee Board (IRB) for hearings.

Black Lives Matter - Ottawa Coalition



The Black Lives Matter Ottawa Coalition is a grassroots group of youth working in the Ottawa area seeking justice from state-sanctioned violence.

BlakCollectiv



Blak Collectiv is a group dedicated to ensuring the survival and dignity of Black students and people in Ottawa, and around the world. We have been incredibly busy this year remembering the lives lost at the hands of police brutality. Our main achievement was the creation of the Black Lives Matter and Sandra Bland mural on the Ottawa Tech Wall. We also saw the permanent installation of the Trans Women of Color mural at the McNabb Community Centre. In May, we hosted a Black Lives Matter March to draw attention to the Black lives lost internationally from police violence.

Blak Collectiv recognizes the important role art plays within activism, and with that in mind hosted our first Artivism panel. Over the summer we were also able to hold a community wide Block Party, as a way to connect and give back to Ottawa's Black community. During the academic year some of our members were able to participate in the SFUO's Activist Assembly Panel with BLM founder – Patrice Cullors and other prominent Black activists. Blak Collectiv continues to collect support for the creation of a Black Studies

supervisée rassemble des acteurs communautaires qui militent pour l'ouverture de sites de consommation supervisée à Ottawa. CSCS Ottawa a connu une autre année intensive de campagne, de démarchage et de planification d'activités. Le 31 juillet, à l'occasion de la Journée internationale commémorative des consommateurs de drogue, nous nous sommes réunis pour saluer la mémoire de ceux qui nous ont quittés. Le 22 août, lors du Forum social des peuples, nous avons sensibilisé des activistes de partout au pays qui partagent notre vision. Le 29 août, à l'occasion de la Journée de sensibilisation aux surdoses, nous avons manifesté contre l'absence de services d'injection supervisée à Ottawa, qui permettraient de prévenir des décès par surdose. Nous avons milité pour la réforme des politiques fédérales en matière de drogue lors du rassemblement Fed UP qui a eu lieu le 30 septembre, trois ans jour pour jour après que la Cour suprême ait rendu son jugement permettant à Insite (le premier et le seul site d'injection supervisée au Canada) de demeurer ouvert à Vancouver. Dans la foulée des élections du 27 octobre, CSCS a milité pour favoriser l'élection de conseillers municipaux qui appuient la création de sites de consommation supervisée à Ottawa. Nous avons parcouru les quartiers de Carlington et de Vanier afin de recueillir des signatures et de susciter des appuis pour la création de sites de consommation supervisée en ville.

En novembre, nous avons dévoilé sur YouTube une vidéo intitulée *Limits of compassion*. Dans cette vidéo de sept minutes, d'anciens et d'actuels consommateurs de drogue nous font part de leurs témoignages et de leurs espoirs de voir des services de santé plus axés sur la compassion à Ottawa. En décembre, nous avons organisé un déjeuner des Fêtes, afin de favoriser l'édification d'une communauté qui habilite et soutient les consommateurs de drogue. Le 5 février dernier, nous avons projeté le documentaire *The House I Live In*, et des présentateurs de la Drug User Advocacy League (DUAL) sont venus nous raconter dans quelle mesure leur incarcération et la guerre contre la drogue les avaient affectés.

Department, develop and host anti-oppression workshops, and support community members at large.

Campaign for Safer Consumption Sites in Ottawa (CSCS)

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The Campaign for Safer Consumption Sites is a grassroots organization of members of the Ottawa community who are advocating for the establishment of safer consumption services in Ottawa. We are a volunteer-run organization which applies anti-oppression and consensus decision-making. In May, 2015, we hosted a discussion on supervised injection services for International Harm Reduction Day. We also took part in Drug Users Memorial Day in July. Then, on International Overdose Awareness Day, we met at the Human Rights Monument to remember the 45 individuals who died in Ottawa from overdoses in the previous year. We hosted a discussion on September 30, the fourth anniversary of the Supreme Court decision legalizing Insite, the supervised injection site in Vancouver. All members of the community are invited to join our group. Please help us continue to advocate for justice and equality for people who use drugs in 2016!

Critical Urban Research Society (CURS)

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 Critical Urban Research Society

The CURS (Critical Urban Research Society) is an OPIRG action group. The focus of the group is to engage in critical discussions around a variety of urban issues, which affect all individuals including marginalized groups. The group meets regularly and the discussions are generally centered on an information piece (the format varies from news article, blog piece, book chapter, or academic journal article) related to a chosen theme. Since the group has been set up it has contributed books and other materials for the OPIRG library. Currently, the group is mostly comprised of geography students. This year we have worked towards diversifying our

Critical Urban Research Society (CURS)

[Les coordonnées de ce groupe seront bientôt affichées sur le site du GRIPO.]

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 Critical Urban Research Society

La *Critical Urban Research Society* œuvre à encourager les gens à explorer des textes liés aux études urbaines critiques et axés sur la justice sociale. Notre groupe de lecture analyse des textes universitaires dans un environnement hors classe détendu, où tous peuvent partager leurs points de vue sans être jugés. En ce moment, nous achetons d'importants livres pour le Centre de ressources du GRIPO, et ceux-ci seront intégrés au catalogue de la bibliothèque Morisset. N'hésitez pas à nous contacter si vous souhaitez vous joindre à nous ou si vous avez des suggestions!

Families of sisters in spirit (Eastern Canada)

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 Families of Sisters in Spirit (Eastern Canada)

Families of Sisters in Spirit (Est du Canada) est un nouveau groupe communautaire sans but lucratif qui est dirigé par les familles de femmes et de filles autochtones disparues ou assassinées de l'Ontario, du Québec et des provinces de l'Atlantique. Notre groupe fait partie d'un collectif de familles et de collectivités de partout au pays qui luttent pour que justice soit rendue aux femmes et aux filles autochtones disparues ou assassinées. Les efforts inlassables de groupes comme Walk 4 Justice ont permis d'accroître le soutien à notre cause et la conscientisation par rapport à la route des pleurs et au Downtown Eastside de Vancouver. Par le passé, des groupes de travail pluri-juridictionnels ont été créés en C. B., en Alberta, en Saskatchewan et au Manitoba, mais malheureusement, il s'est avéré plus difficile pour les familles de l'Est du Canada de conscientiser le public et d'amener les gouvernements à changer leurs politiques. Nous espérons qu'en nous unissant dans l'amour, le soutien et la solidarité envers les familles de nos sœurs dispa-

group. We have focused on our social media presence. We have expanded activity on social media, primarily on our Facebook page and Twitter account. We are working towards hosting bi-monthly movie and discussion nights. We hope to grow more. Join Us!

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 Families of Sisters in Spirit



FSIS continues to do work in the community to support healing and transformative justice for Indigenous families impacted by disappearance, murder and violent death. As with previous five years, we have hosted two major events, one on/ around October 4th and February 14th, coinciding with MMIW (missing and murdered Indigenous women) events across these lands. However, we have moved away from public displays of mourning, such as vigils and rallies on Parliament Hill and engagement with governmental/institutional interventions for "change". We have found in the past that these demand certain performances of grief by Indigenous families to predominantly non-Indigenous audiences with very little concrete changes happening. At this time we prefer to amplify and reassert strategies which assert Indigenous sovereignty (also privacy) and leadership and reclaim Indigenous healing traditions; while also decentering whiteness and settlers' feelings and changing scripts around consensual allyship and community-building.

On October 3rd 2015, we held our first Children's Pow Wow to honour those children, babies and youth whose mothers and grandmothers have been stolen through violence. Children danced in regalia, drummed and sang. There was a feast provided by Wawatay Catering which OPIRG paid for(!) and a giveaway, where organizers and some participants bring item(s) to be given away to children and families as a gesture of love and reciprocity. The Children's Pow Wow was hugely successful and we are planning another Pow Wow, feast, ceremony, and giveaway for October 2016. The theme will center youth and Two-Spirit resilience

rues ou assassinées, nous pourrions engendrer les changements nécessaires.

METTONS FIN À LA VIOLENCE CONTRE NOS SŒURS. L'HEURE DE LA JUSTICE A SONNÉE!

uOttawa sans fossiles

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UOttawa sans fossiles a connu une année extraordinaire! Notre noyau de militants a continué d'être très actif et de nouveaux membres se sont continuellement joints à nous. En septembre, certains de nos membres se sont rendus à New York pour participer à la plus grande marche climatique de l'histoire. Cela a engendré une vague d'enthousiasme qui a amené de nouveaux bénévoles à s'impliquer. Après avoir actualisé nos outils de sensibilisation, nous avons tenu des tablées informatives, offert des présentations en classe et recueilli des signatures aussi souvent que possible. Nous avons été présents lors de la plupart des réunions du BDG cette année. En novembre, certains de nos membres se sont rendus à Montréal pour prendre part à la Convergence pour un avenir sans énergies fossiles avec d'autres groupes qui militent pour le désinvestissement dans les énergies fossiles. Grâce à la campagne de notre groupe, les étudiants de premier cycle de l'uOttawa ont manifesté leur appui au désinvestissement. De plus, nos bénévoles ont conçu et présenté un atelier sur le thème du désinvestissement dans les énergies fossiles lors de l'Assemblée activiste de la FÉUO. Et il ne s'agit que du premier semestre!

Lors du semestre d'hiver, nous avons œuvré à recueillir davantage de signatures pour notre pétition, à tisser des liens avec les syndicats et les professeurs, à susciter le soutien des étudiants autochtones et à accroître notre visibilité sur le campus. Nous avons à nouveau offert notre atelier sur le désinvestissement lors de la Semaine verte du Centre de développement durable de la FÉUO, organisé une réunion couronnée de succès lors de la semaine GRIPO, et reçu une bonne couverture médiatique sur le campus.



À l'occasion de la St-Valentin, nous avons organisé

and leadership within the community.

This past February 13th, FSIS hosted the "Honouring the *Kokums* and Kids" brunch/feast to show love for grandmothers/caregivers and children living in Ottawa/Gatineau. The feast was prepared by our friends at the Native Youth Sexual Health Network and Minwaashin Lodge and financed by the Indigenous Adoptee Committee and a fundraiser by the Muslim Women Ottawa group. There was also an expanded giveaway, which we called a Free Store. We requested that non-Indigenous folks (instead of attending the event) donate items, especially clothes, toys, games, food and household items as a more tangible display of settler support/solidarity.

It has been a truly amazing year for FSIS. Our work continues! *Meegwetch* to OPIRG/GRIPO for supporting our work!

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The University of Ottawa should be looking to our future and not investing in an industry whose irresponsibility threatens life on our planet. Fossil Free uOttawa (FFUO) continues to engage with students and other campus community members around the issue of fossil fuel divestment by soliciting signatures for its petition to have uOttawa divest its holdings from major fossil fuel companies, tabling around campus, and continued presence through social media. In the December, we delivered the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives report «Pension Funds and Fossil Fuels: The Economic Case for Divestment» to the University administration and informed them that the University of Ottawa's pension plan could have made a \$21.5 million profit if the University had divested from fossil fuels in 2012 and reinvested in the green companies already in its portfolio. We also presented a "cheque" representing the unrealized profits to the University administration.

Our group members painted two new large banners for the Fossil Free Campaign and attended an action in Montreal in solidarity with Divest

une activité dans le cadre de laquelle nous avons invité les étudiants à écrire des cartes décrivant pourquoi ils souhaitaient que l'Université d'Ottawa « rompe » avec les entreprises d'énergies fossiles. Pour attirer l'attention du public, nous avons ensuite offert ces messages à Allan Rock sous la forme d'une carte de St-Valentin. Nous avons récemment fait un plaidoyer pour le désinvestissement dans les énergies fossiles devant le Comité des finances du BDG de l'Université, et ses membres ne se sont pas montrés entièrement fermés à cette idée. Il s'agit d'un énorme progrès.

Et ce n'est pas tout! Bien que le semestre tire à sa fin, nous CONTINUONS d'enrôler de nouveaux bénévoles, d'inviter l'APTPO à appuyer notre campagne et de recueillir des signatures pour notre pétition. Nous nous préparons à influencer le BDG dans la mise à jour de sa politique sur les placements éthiques et nous prévoyons terminer le semestre avec une activité inspirée du Poisson d'avril, le « Fossil Fools Day ». Cette année, nos membres sont devenus de bons amis et d'excellents organisateurs, et ils ont accompli un travail colossal. Bravo tout le monde, et que 2015-2016 soit encore plus formidable!

Le Mouvement de Solidarité avec les Peuples Autochtones -Ottawa (Abrégé en anglais: IPSMO)

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Le Mouvement de solidarité avec les peuples autochtones - Ottawa (IPSMO) est une organisation populaire qui soutient directement les peuples autochtones dans leurs diverses luttes pour la justice. Nous œuvrons au sein des communautés afin de contester les mensonges et les demi-vérités au sujet des peuples autochtones et de l'esprit de colonisation qui prévalent dans la société canadienne. Notre organisme est ouvert tant aux personnes autochtones que non-autochtones, et fait

McGill. Representatives from FFUO also facilitated a workshop on fossil fuel divestment at the Student Federation's (SFUO) second annual Activist Assembly.

A primary focus of the campaign over the past year has been soliciting faculty signatures for a letter supporting uOttawa fossil fuel divestment. Upon collecting over 90 signatures to the letter, the campaign received media attention from both the Ottawa Citizen as well as campus papers.

The uOttawa Board of Governors (BoG) Finance Committee has been discussing the issue of fossil fuel divestment over recent months, and has committed to announcing a decision on divestment by the end of spring 2016. A day of panels on divestment and fighting climate change have been organized by the University, with panellists suggested by FFUO, the SFUO, and the Graduate Students' Association (GSAÉD). Fossil Free UOttawa will be mobilizing for a strong presence at these panel discussions on March 21 and will continue to push for a positive outcome in the BoG's decision concerning fossil fuel divestment.

A Hidden Generation

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 A Hidden Generation

A Hidden Generation seeks to inform and create a national dialogue for Indigenous and non-Indigenous people about how Canadian child welfare policies have impacted thousands of Indigenous peoples' lives. Most Canadians are aware of the residential schools, but have no idea about the ongoing intergenerational trauma still experienced by Indigenous people living in urban and rural communities. Our goal is to expose and address the assimilative child welfare policies that effectively sought to erase Indigenous peoples' connections to the land by denying language, ceremony and cultural traditions.

We are making a documentary film called "The 60's Scoop: A Hidden Generation" to raise awareness about the removal of an estimated 16,000 Indigenous children from their families and communities, the placement of the children with non-Indigenous

campagne au niveau local et régional.

En 2014, les membres de notre collectif ont offert de nombreux ateliers sur la solidarité avec les peuples autochtones. Lors de ceux-ci, les participants étaient invités à reconnaître leur statut et leurs responsabilités en tant qu'occupants d'un territoire non cédé, et à prendre conscience que l'État canadien demeurera illégitime tant qu'il ne reconnaîtra pas la souveraineté autochtone. En août, lors du Forum social des peuples, l'IPSMO a agi à titre de groupe d'ancrage pour l'Assemblée de solidarité autochtone. De nombreux orateurs ont offert des présentations, dont Clifton Nicholas, Lynn Gehl, des activistes du Unist'ot'en Camp et des défenseurs du territoire algonquin. Le 19 juin, notre activité intitulée *Résistance et solidarité autochtone : contre les pipelines, pour la Terre*, a donné lieu à la projection de nombreux courts métrages sur la défense du territoire, dont RESIST: The Unist'ot'en's Call To The Land. En mai, en solidarité avec le mouvement Idle No More, l'IPSMO a offert un atelier sur la décolonisation et la lutte à l'oppression, animé par Tami Starlight. En juillet, l'IPSMO a aidé à organiser l'activité *Décolonisons ensemble*, qui a donné lieu à une visite guidée, une assemblée de solidarité et à une projection de film. Au cours des derniers mois, l'IPSMO a œuvré à faire connaître la vision de l'aîné William Commanda concernant le site sacré de la Chaudière. La Ville d'Ottawa a récemment modifié le zonage de cette île afin d'y permettre la construction de condos et de bâtiments commerciaux.

Joignez-vous à nous le 22 avril, à l'occasion du Jour de la Terre, pour un festin, un film et une discussion en l'honneur de notre Terre mère et des femmes, filles et personnes autochtones bispirituelles. Le film qui sera présenté, *Karistatsi Onienre: The Iron Snake*, porte sur l'opposition aux sables bitumineux et aux pipelines. La discussion, à laquelle participeront Jocelyn Iahtail (Crie), Gabrielle Fayant (Métisse) et Lynn Gehl (Algonquine), se centrera sur les liens qui unissent l'eau, la Terre et les femmes autochtones, ainsi que la résistance des femmes face à la violence. Cet événement constituera une collecte de fonds pour Shawnejeagamik, le centre d'accueil autochtone situé au 510, rue Rideau. Le gouvernement fédéral a récemment coupé le financement qu'il accordait au

adoptive families, and the extensive harm that resulted. We hope that the film will help Indigenous communities that are still impacted and in need of closure, healing and accountability. Film production work began in the summer of 2015, and Colleen Hele (an adoptee herself), has been travelling in five provinces to build community with Indigenous and non-Indigenous people through educating, ceremony and listening. Colleen Hele has been interviewing adoptees and their families, collecting their experiences on film. She attended Indigenous Adoptee Gatherings in Ottawa and in Manitoba, visited the Blue Quills former residential school archives, and even interviewed and filmed a social worker who took part in the 60's Scoop. Along the way, she gave presentations at the University of Regina, the Edmonton Police Services Conference, Carleton University and University of Victoria about the impacts of the 60's Scoop and colonial child welfare policies.

A lot of research is also being conducted by Margaux Kristjansson to contribute to the documentary film. She has visited the National Archives to study the child welfare policies which caused Colleen Hele and others to be taken from their families. She is also examining government files (requested through Access to Information and Privacy) to investigate how the State was able to traffic Indigenous children from reserves and communities.

Indigenous peoples solidarity movement – Ottawa (IPSMO)

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IPSMO is an Ottawa-based, grassroots collective that supports Indigenous struggles for justice and decolonization. We acknowledge that Ottawa, and the entire *Kitchissippi* (Ottawa River) watershed, is Algonquin territory. We are committed to helping decolonize this territory, and to supporting national and transnational indigenous struggles. Our collective is for anyone who wants to be in solidarity with Indigenous people, but we want to be clear that most of us are settlers. Our group strives to


centre, dont le nom signifie « maison de la compassion » en langue algonquine. À moins qu'il ne voie son financement être rétabli, ou qu'il ne trouve d'autres sources de financement, le centre se verra obligé de fermer ses portes.

« Je ne crois pas en la charité. Je crois en la solidarité. La charité est verticale : elle va du haut vers le bas. La solidarité est horizontale : elle respecte les autres. J'ai beaucoup à apprendre des autres. »

– *Eduardo Galeano*

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 Justice for Abla

Justice for Abla regroupe des membres de la communauté qui luttent pour que justice soit rendue à Abla Abdelhadi, une Canadienne d'origine palestinienne qui a vécu dans la région d'Ottawa pour la majeure partie de sa vie. Membre de longue date de la communauté activiste d'Ottawa, Abla a souffert de racisme, de capacitisme, de sexisme et de violence lorsque des accusations criminelles ont été portées contre elle en raison de sa maladie mentale. Bien que les accusations aient été retirées l'année suivante, Abla n'a pas été dédommée pour les coûts qu'elle a dû défrayer et les abus qu'elle a subis. Nous croyons que cette situation ne reflète en rien ce à quoi la justice devrait ressembler.

Notre groupe se fonde sur des principes de décolonisation et de lutte à l'oppression. Nous œuvrons dans un cadre axé sur la justice sociale et les expériences des Autochtones et des personnes de couleur allosexuelles, transgenres et bispirituelles. Nous sommes conscients que ce qui est arrivé à Abla s'est produit dans le contexte de la psychiatrie et des établissements mentaux occidentaux, qui continuent d'être des outils utilisés pour coloniser les Autochtones, asservir les Noirs et maintenir la suprématie blanche et le racisme à l'égard des Noirs.

Abla milite pour que justice soit rendue aux personnes ayant une incapacité : ses écrits et ses présentations visent à conscientiser les gens à propos du capacitisme. Pour plus de renseignements à ce

listen to and take direction from Indigenous voices. Learning from indigenous knowledge-holders is crucial to decolonizing ourselves, and to challenging the colonial ideas and practices that dominate Canadian society and undermine indigeneity.

We provide support to actions and campaigns for Indigenous sovereignty, defence of the land, cultural revitalization, ending violence against Indigenous women, girls and two-spirits, and the honouring of treaties and agreements. For example, locally we have worked to oppose the construction of private condominium housing by Windmill Development Group Ltd. on two sacred islands at Chaudiere Falls within Algonquin territory. IPSMO also held an educational event in solidarity with the *Unist'ot'en* Camp. The camp was established in 2010 by the *Unist'ot'en* Clan of the *Wet'suwet'en* Nation in northwestern British Columbia to protest the planned Chevron Pacific Trail natural gas pipeline and Enbridge's Northern Gateway pipeline through their territory.

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 Justice for Deepan Budlakoti



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The Justice for Deepan support committee was formed in July 2013 to support the struggle of Deepan Budlakoti in his quest to have his citizenship restored. Deepan Budlakoti is a 26 year old, Ottawa-born man currently facing deportation to India, a country in which he has never lived, does not have family where he is not even a citizen. Both of his parents and his brother are Canadian citizens and live in Canada. He grew up as a Canadian citizen and he held a Canadian passport. But 3 years ago, Canada revoked Deepan's citizenship, alleging that it was an error (because of his parents' alleged status when he was born). Deepan is now stateless and lives in a situation of indefinite detention, with little opportunity to work legally, and also without health care coverage.

Justice For Deepan rejects the Canadian state's systematic, racist policy of 'double punishment' in which im/migrants, refugees and those with-

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Le comité de *Justice for Deepan* a été formé en juillet 2013 afin de soutenir Deepan Budlakoti dans sa lutte pour le rétablissement de sa citoyenneté. Deepan Budlakoti est né à Ottawa, et il fait parti de notre communauté, mais le gouvernement Canadien lui a retiré sa citoyenneté et essaie d'expulser Deepan vers l'Inde, un pays où il n'a jamais vécu.

Justice For Deepan rejette la politique systématique raciste de la double peine du gouvernement canadien, qui punit les (im)migrantEs, les réfugiés et les personnes sans statut deux fois pour la même infraction.

Nous avons organisé des activités de sensibilisation afin d'informer le public au sujet du cas de Deepan, qui a dû faire face à des doubles

peines, au racisme systématique, à la criminalisation et à l'incarcération. Nous soulevons des fonds pour pouvoir demander à la Cour fédérale de mettre fin aux violations des droits de M. Budlakoti sous la Charte ainsi qu'en vertu du droit international.

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 The Leveller: Campus • Community • Culture

Le *Leveller* est un journal qui s'intéresse à l'actualité et aux événements culturels de la région d'Ottawa-Gatineau, et dans une moindre mesure, à l'actualité mondiale. Il vise à offrir à ses lecteurs un vibrant portrait de leur campus, de leur communauté et des événements qui les façonnent. C'est aussi une tribune qui convient aux éditoriaux provocateurs et aux débats animés portant sur des enjeux touchants les étudiants, le personnel

out status are punished twice for the same thing. Under Canadian immigration law, non-citizens who are convicted of criminal offences are punished twice: first when they are sentenced for the crime; and second by being declared 'inadmissible' and deported from Canada. Justice for Deepan is actively supported and endorsed by a growing number of organizations including Solidarity Across Borders, No One Is Illegal - Ottawa, Immigrant Workers Centre, Prisoner Correspondence Project, NOWAR-PAIX, Canadian Labour Congress and Canadian Civil Liberties Association.

Justice For Deepan works to produce information kits and to organize rallies and events to raise awareness about how Deepan's rights are being violated. We have also been supporting Deepan's legal battle to compel the Canadian government to reinstate his Canadian citizenship that was so unjustly stripped from him on a technicality. The injustices inflicted upon Deepan were also a motivating factor in the organization of the First Summit on Statelessness in Canada, held on our campus in February, and co-sponsored by a half-dozen organizations, including the Canadian Centre on Statelessness, the Human Rights Research and Education Centre and the Ontario Public Interest Research Group – Ottawa (OPIRG).

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 The Leveller: Campus • Community • Culture

The Leveller is a publication covering news, current events, and culture in the Ottawa/Gatineau region and, to a lesser extent, the wider world. It is intended to provide readers with a lively portrait of their campus and community and of the events that give it meaning. It is also intended to be a forum for provocative editorializing and lively debate on issues of concern to post-secondary students, staff, and faculty as well as Ottawa residents.

This past academic year, the Leveller published six hard-hitting issues comprising Volume 8. The Leveller has now been publishing since February 2009 and continues to expand its readership and reach throughout the city. We also continue to diversify

universitaire, les professeurs et les résidents de la région.

Au cours de la dernière année scolaire, le *Leveller* a publié six numéros percutants. Notre journal, qui publie depuis février 2009, continue d'accroître son lectorat et d'étendre sa diffusion partout en ville. Nous continuons également de diversifier notre contenu et œuvrons à étoffer notre section francophone, intitulée *Les Sans-culottes*.

and work hard to build the French language section of the newspaper.

Millhaven Lifers Liaison Group

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It is important to reduce the isolation of life-sentenced prisoners by meeting with them to have discussions and collaborating together on projects which allow lifers' voices to be heard, especially in regards to their conditions of imprisonment, but also regarding other topics of interest.

The Millhaven Lifers' Liaison Group (MLLG) has been meeting regularly since August 2015.

We have recruited six members who have passed their security clearances for the institution and their CPICs. We also have one more who is waiting for his clearance. We have been in contact with the institution since that time, and resumed our visits to Millhaven on February 10, 2016. We have had two meetings inside on Feb. 10 and on March 16. With the Lifers' Group and Millhaven Institution, we are arranging a schedule that will suit all parties concerned and we are aiming to establish a schedule of regular inside meetings every three or four weeks. We also have meetings on campus for our outside volunteers.

Among our activities, we have prepared an article for publication in *The Leveller*, written by

Joey Clavette, and another article is in preparation for the OPIRG Zine. We are also discussing possible meetings with Justice officials to begin a conversation about the problems at Millhaven.

We need to be discerning as we do not want to draw attention to the problems of the institution in a way that will backfire on the already poor conditions for the lifers and other inmates.

The Lifers are a motivated and articulate group of people. They are very knowledgeable about issues of concern to them. They are very pleased to have us go in and they say that they are grateful that people on the outside care enough to come in to visit.

At the March 16 meeting we brought in some book-



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No One is Illegal Ottawa est un groupe de migrants et d'alliés guidés par des principes anti-oppression qui militent et luttent pour la dignité et l'autodétermination de tous les migrants, peu importe leur statut. Cette année, nous avons lancé la campagne Cité sans frontières, qui vise à faire en sorte que tous les services sociaux et municipaux soient ouverts à tous les migrants vivant à Ottawa, indépendamment de leur statut. Nous avons également lancé la campagne End Immigration Detention (EIDN) à Ottawa, afin d'appuyer les activités de la campagne nationale du même nom. Cette campagne vise à sensibiliser le public à la détention des migrants et à mettre fin à la détention indéterminée de familles et d'enfants migrants. En juin, nous avons collaboré avec des défenseurs des droits des migrants afin d'appuyer des activités et des tables rondes sur la détention de migrants lors de la International Conference on Penal Abolition, une conférence contre l'incarcération. En août, nous avons pris part à l'assemblée sur les migrations, lors du Forum social des peuples, qui a eu lieu à Ottawa. Le 7 novembre dernier, nous avons collaboré avec Octopus Books au lancement régional de l'ouvrage *Undocumented: The architecture of migrant detention*, un livre sur la détention des migrants écrit par Tings Chak, qui est membre de la campagne EIDN. De plus, nous avons continué d'offrir un soutien financier, juridique et psychologique à des migrants qui sont menacés d'expulsion ou qui sont venus chercher refuge à Ottawa. Nous espérons continuer de mener nos activités, notre campagne et notre travail de soutien au cours de la

lets "Get Out, Stay Out" written by Melissa Munn and Christine Bruckert specifically for Lifers. We also brought in some Commissioners' Directives that they had been requesting. We have sent in two packages of reading material (articles, Journal of Prisoners on Prison issues), one to the institution library and one to the Lifers' inside Chair. We hope to send in more material as they seem desperate for reading material.

We have heard there is a possibility that the institution will continue the Lifers' meetings throughout the summer which is a positive thing. We look forward to establishing a regular inside meeting schedule; to obtain writings from the prisoners that we can publish; to meeting with members of Parliament to discuss the problems with the institution; and to making the Lifers' presence felt in various social justice activities such as Prisoner Justice Day on August 10, and the International Conference on Penal Abolition (ICOPA) in Quito this coming June.

After an institution-imposed hiatus, MLLG is now back on track, and we are planning to travel regularly to our meetings with the the Lifers Group at Millhaven. MLLG wishes to thank the OPIRG Board and staff for their continued support.

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No One Is Illegal

No One is Illegal Ottawa (NOII) is a group of im/migrants and allies guided by anti-oppression principles that advocates and fights for the dignity and self-determination of all im/migrants regardless of status. On March 2015 the End Immigration Detention (EIDN) campaign, along with other NOII allies, demonstrated and delivered a letter to Yasir Naqvi, Ontario's Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services, demanding that they stop collaborating with Canada Border Services Agency and stop holding people in provincial jails, including indefinite detentions in maximum security prisons. In August, 2015, EIDN and NOII participated in Prisoner Justice Day (Aug 10), demanding that Minister Naqvi call an inquest into the death

prochaine année.

Joignez-vous à nous!

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 The People's Republic of Delicious

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La République Populaire du Délice (RPD) est un groupe d'action qui encourage la communauté, l'alimentation saine et la durabilité environnementale à travers l'optique de la nourriture. Cette année, les membres de la RDP se sont rencontrés une fois par semaine et ont réussi à organiser, à préparer, à cuisiner et à servir des mets végétaliens innovateurs et gratuits pour les étudiant.e.s. Tout cela grâce au travail de notre équipe de bénévoles et les personnes piquées par la curiosité quant à notre cuisine portative dans l'UCU.

Cette année nous avons collaboré avec Herb and Spice et nous sommes toujours heureux de recycler leurs généreux dons de fruits et légumes légèrement abîmés. Nous ramenons ces fruits et légumes au campus et collaborons afin de créer un menu. Nous avons encouragé à d'autres étudiant.e.s et membres de la communauté à nous donner un coup de main pendant les matins RPD, ce qui élargit notre réseau de soutien. Nous avons également été présent.e.s sur les médias sociaux. Vous pouvez visionner des séquences vidéo de notre club et nous travaillons toujours à augmenter la portée de nos services afin de servir plus de repas et mieux conscientiser les étudiant.e.s aux bienfaits d'une alimentation saine. Pour en apprendre davantage, jetez un coup d'œil à nos vidéos promotionnelles et à notre page Facebook.

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 Proletarian Feminist Front - Ottawa

Le Front féministe-prolétarien d'Ottawa facilite le développement du mouvement féministe-prolé-

of Abdurahman Ibrahim Hassan, who died while in immigration custody. From August to September, 2015 NOII held a fundraiser and an Orientation meeting to welcome new volunteers and build capacity.

In September 2015, the tragic death of 3-year-old Alan Kurdi, a Syrian refugee whose family was trying to reach Canada, mobilized NOII groups across Canada to create a new campaign called "Refugees Welcome". This campaign held many demonstrations at the Human Rights Monument in Ottawa, calling for more refugees to be accepted and for Canada to live up to its international commitments. In November, 2015, Refugees Welcome held three public information events to raise awareness about the refugee story, about our responsibilities and about how Ottawa can welcome refugees (done in conjunction with Ottawa Sanctuary Network). We also helped to organize the press conference of "Justice for Migrant Workers" in Ottawa on Jan, 25 2016.

In order to build more allies and connect different struggles together, NOII also works with groups such as Next-Up and Students Against Israeli Apartheid, providing some financial support as well as working together on events. We have also continued to offer financial, legal and emotional support to migrant families in Ottawa facing deportation or seeking sanctuary. No One is Illegal plans to continue our campaign organizing, direct action and support work. Come join us!

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Yooooo UOttawa! Come to the Terminus on the University Centre's second floor on Wednesdays for an amazing free vegan lunch! Sometimes we even offer some free groceries! You can cook, chat and eat with us! We start preparing the meal at 9:30 am. and from about 11:15 to noon we serve a lunch that contains no animal products. Donations are welcome. Tell your friends, and bring a plate or container for all this deliciousness!! We reduce

tarien à Ottawa et partout au Canada! Nous réunissons les hommes non-cisgenres et les femmes d'origines diverses afin de bâtir notre solidarité et de lutter de façon radicale, jusqu'au bout, pour abolir l'exploitation capitaliste et toutes les formes d'oppression subies par les femmes et par les hommes non-cisgenres. Par l'entremise de discussions théoriques de groupe, de campagnes et d'activités, nous développons nos capacités organisationnelles pour faire avancer le féminisme révolutionnaire, le progressisme et la lutte à l'oppression. Par exemple, cette année nous avons organisé un événement pour célébrer la Journée internationale des femmes. De plus, nous avons récemment établi un comité et organisé une manifestation contre le rassemblement misogyne anti-choix.

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 Revolutionary Student Movement - Algonquin

Le Mouvement étudiant révolutionnaire (MER) vise à édifier un mouvement étudiant pancanadien révolutionnaire, combatif, militant et anticapitaliste. Notre objectif est de mobiliser les étudiants pour faire avancer le mouvement ouvrier dans son ensemble. Ensemble, en tant qu'étudiants au Collège Algonquin, nous développons notre compréhension des activités organisationnelles, des luttes à mener et de nos rôles dans le mouvement activiste étudiant.

Notre mouvement se fonde sur la solidarité avec les jeunes prolétaires qui étudient dans les écoles techniques, les écoles secondaires, les CÉGEP, les collèges et les universités, et les gens qui habitent les quartiers populaires. Nous reconnaissons qu'il faut œuvrer à bâtir un mouvement étudiant qui englobe une diversité d'organisations étudiantes démocratiques et anticapitalistes existantes, non pas pour s'unir de façon hypocrite et en oubliant nos principes, mais en discutant et en établissant ce qui est juste et ce qui ne l'est pas, afin que l'approche révolutionnaire guide nos décisions. En fin de compte, cela contribuera à instaurer un mouvement étudiant fondé sur des politiques justes, qui appuie les gens dans leur lutte contre le système

waste by cooking with cosmetically flawed produce donated by local businesses. The PRD also collaborates with other groups to support grassroots events. For example, we recently had an awesome time collaborating with Carleton's Garden Spot crew on a community event Beats Beat the Police! Be sure to check out the PRD's Facebook page!

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Philippine Migrants Society of Canada (PMSC-Ottawa) is an organization that advocates for the rights and welfare of migrants in Canada, as well as struggles against the oppression of workers in Canada and in the Philippines.

Last year, we launched our Jobs, Just Wages and Justice Campaign to raise awareness about precarious work and the difficult working conditions of temporary foreign workers who are part of the vulnerable workforce in Canada. We organized a series of events on this theme last year to mark International Women's Day and May Day.

In Fall 2015, we co-organized an anti-capitalist hip-hop concert with OPIRG as part of Alt 101 Week. This March we provided a "Know your rights" workshop to empower migrant women to fight for their labour rights. We also organized a film showing on campus to highlight the hardships faced by Filipino migrant workers overseas.

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We, the Proletarian Feminist Front – Ottawa (PFF), want to build the proletarian feminist movement in Ottawa and across Canada! In uniting non-cis-male folks from all origins on a class basis, we strive to build the greatest unity while preserving our will to fight in the most radical way, that is, to fight all the way to the end, so that we can abolish capitalist exploitation and all forms of oppression that non-

capitaliste.

Afin de réduire les frais de transport des étudiants collégiaux, le MER a tenu des réunions afin d'organiser la campagne référendaire en faveur du laissez-passer universel de transport en commun (U-Pass). Nous avons également organisé une soirée cinéma au cours de laquelle nous avons projeté le film *Octobre : dix jours qui ébranlèrent le monde*, qui relate les événements qui ont eu lieu à Petrograd en 1917. Nos membres se sont réunis ce semestre pour regarder le film *In time* et pour discuter du fait que le capitalisme nous vole tout notre temps. Notre groupe de lecture contestataire se réunit chaque mercredi et nous préparons également des activités pour montrer notre appui aux étudiants en grève du Québec!

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 Revolutionary Student Movement UOttawa

Notre but est de construire un mouvement étudiant pancanadien révolutionnaire, militant et anticapitaliste aligner avec la lutte de la classe ouvrière. Nous voulons construire un mouvement guidé par des principes communistes pour la réussite de l'émancipation du peuple soumis au capitalisme.

On vise à être antiréformiste pour se tenir indépendant de l'état bourgeois et soutenir la lutte du peuple contre le capitalisme, l'impérialisme et le colonialisme au Canada et à travers le monde.

Nous allons mettre fin à l'exploitation, l'aliénation et toutes oppressions en soutenant les luttes contre l'oppression individuelle et institutionnelle variées.

Nous tachons à renforcer intérieurement et propager extérieurement une puissante culture antiraciste, anticapacitiste, antihomophobe, anti-transphobe et féministe prolétaire, en théorie et en action.

cis-men (and women in particular) suffer. We also bring together revolutionary feminists in order to develop our capacities as progressive, anti-oppressive organizers through theory discussion groups, campaigns, and other events.

We recently held a meeting to begin organizing a protest against the misogynist anti-choice rally in May. They claim to march «for life», but in reality, they march against bodily autonomy for gender-oppressed people by opposing abortion. Abortion is a fundamental right for gender-oppressed people.

The PFF also organized a protest of a Canadian Associate for Equality (CAFÉ) event this fall at St. Paul's University. CAFÉ assists the perpetrators of sexual assault by (mis)directing the blame towards feminists and away from institutions and practices which actually facilitate or trivialize sexual assaults. The PFF opposes CAFÉ and the shaming of victims of sexual assault. Together, we can stop them and end rape-culture!

In order to end the oppression, alienation, and exploitation maintained by this racist patriarchal capitalist state, we must understand that our struggles are all connected – and so is our liberation!

Smash the state, dismantle patriarchy. Work for a society based on equality, free from oppression.

Rebel! Rebuild! Rewild!

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First of all, thank you all very much for accepting Rebel! Rebuild! Rewild! as an action group at OPIRG/GRIPO. R!R!R! recently held a gathering called Vision 2020, which brought together representatives from several allied collectives, such as *Peuple Pour La Terre Mere*, *Collectif Le Recif*, *Ni Quebec*, *Ni Canada*, *SOS Territoire*, the Anishnaabe Nation of the Ottawa River Watershed and the Southern Ontario Coalition Against Tar Sands (SO-CATS), as well as comrades from New Brunswick. We met to create a longer-term strategy for our movement.

At that gathering, we discussed the often-overlooked story of the legal challenge mounted by the Chippewas of the Thames First Nation (COTTFN)

Nous sommes la section uOttawa du Mouvement étudiant révolutionnaire pancanadien.

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f Solidarity for Palestinian Human Rights UOttawa

Solidarité pour les droits humains palestiniens (SDHP) est une association étudiante sans but lucratif qui milite pour la justice sociale dans le but de défendre le peuple palestinien contre la violation de ses droits humains et contre toute forme de racisme, de discrimination, de désinformation et d'informations trompeuses.

Grâce à des actions directes non-violentes et à des activités de sensibilisation, de défense des droits, de solidarité et de promotion de l'identité, de la culture et de l'histoire palestinienne, SDHP œuvre à protéger et à soutenir les droits des Palestiniens tant au niveau local qu'international.

SDHP continue d'œuvrer à promouvoir la campagne de boycottage, de désinvestissement et de sanctions contre Israël sur notre campus. Cette année, nous avons également organisé des activités éducatives pour la Semaine contre l'apartheid israélien, en collaboration avec les Étudiants contre l'apartheid israélien de l'Université Carleton.

Le jardin communautaire de l'Université d'Ottawa

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Les jardins communautaires de l'Université d'Ottawa nous aident à créer des liens à long terme et des amitiés durables comme étudiants et étudiantes, membres du personnel et voisins.

L'Université espère que ces jardins :

- Contribueront à combler le fossé entre les espaces urbains et naturels et permettront aux gens d'échanger et de profiter ensemble des espaces verts sur le campus.
- Sensibiliseront la communauté universitaire à

against Line 9, which is going to the Supreme Court and which could have far-reaching implications for future pipeline proposals. Also at that gathering, R!R!R! decided to collaborate on a project called Towards Autonomy, which will promote the R!R!R! action camp in conjunction with at least two other events, namely: a month-long free school in Trois-Pistoles from July 1-31st, and an action camp in New Brunswick from August 16-20.

Since that gathering, we have co-organized (with Ni Quebec, Ni Canada) two events with the Anishnaabe Nation of the Ottawa River Watershed, one in Montreal and one in Ottawa. The event in Ottawa focused on the protection of the sacred site Asinabka.

In other news, we have been slowly building up a literature distro. We now have Earth First! Journals, and we have also ordered Earth First! direct action manuals. Our large zine distro is currently housed at Collectif Le Recif in Riviere-Trois-Pistoles, QC.

R!R!R! opposes destructive extractive practices, and we have been using social media and the alternative press to urge support for the campaign against the Line 9 oil pipeline. We also printed T-shirts to raise funds for people with legal costs related to a shut-down of Line 9.

One of the things that makes R!R!R! different from other environmental groups is that we bring together both poles of the environmental movement – the one that focuses on resistance to industry, pollution, etc., and the one that focuses on developing alternatives to the fossil fuel economy (organic farming, permaculture, alternative energy, etc.).

This spring R!R!R! will hold a permaculture camp from May 16-22nd. This camp will be organized in collaboration with the Anishnaabe Nation of the Ottawa River Watershed. Last year, we were invited to start an intentional community on a 200-acre farm, and this week-long permaculture camp is a natural place for us to start.

This is not a comprehensive report, but rather than swamp you with more information, we encourage you to come to this year's camp to see what we are up to for yourselves. The third annual Rebel! Re-

l'importance de cultiver des aliments dans son milieu.

Cultiver ses propres aliments peut être une expérience gratifiante puisqu'elle appuie le principe du développement durable, réduit l'empreinte environnementale associée au transport des denrées et crée un milieu propice au développement durable sur le campus.

Où les jardins communautaires sont-ils situés sur le campus?

- Le premier est situé derrière le Centre universitaire. Le second est situé au 649, avenue King-Edward. Cultiver ses propres aliments est un acte gratifiant qui réduit notre empreinte environnementale. Venez jardiner avec nous!



build! Rewild! action camp will take place this June 1-5th, on Algonquin territory north of Ottawa.

Revolutionary Student Movement - Algonquin

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f Revolutionary Student Movement - Algonquin

We are the Canada-wide revolutionary, combative, militant, and anti-capitalist student movement. We align our struggles with those of the broader working class. We are a movement guided by communist principles that serves the people in their fight for emancipation from the capitalist system. We organize proletarian students in the interest of the revolutionary working class movement. We are revolutionary, not reformist. We maintain our independence from the bourgeois state, and we support the peoples' struggles against capitalism, imperialism, and colonialism in Canada and internationally. We will end exploitation, alienation, and all oppressions by supporting struggles against institutional and individual oppressions in their various forms. We strive to support externally and maintain internally a strong anti-racist, anti-fascist, anti-ableist, LGBTQ2S*-inclusive, and proletarian feminist culture in both word and action.

At Algonquin College we host weekly meetings where we plan our organizing actions and read works on various issues, including feminism, anti-capitalism and anti-colonialism. In September we screened the movie "The Trotsky" and had a discussion on relevance of anti-capitalist student organizing in this country, and in March we partnered up with Mamidosewin (Aboriginal student centre on campus) to screen "The Black Power Mixtape 1967-1975", where we served food and had a discussion on resistance to white-supremacist oppression.

Our main task this year is the campaign to change the Student Association's (SA) by-laws to give students to right to call for a referendum. We held 2 planning meetings and we have started a petition to gain student support for the campaign. So far we have collected over 200 signatures, and SA repre-

Résumé de la Semaine Alt 101

Le conseil de direction avait établi les deux objectifs suivants : 1) continuer à orienter les étudiants de première année progressistes vers notre organisation ou dans nos groupes d'action; et 2) hausser la visibilité du GRIPO et des idées politiques progressistes et anti-capitalistes en général sur le campus. Ce deuxième volet, une nouveauté cette année, était au centre des préoccupations du nouveau conseil. L'organisation d'un concert de musique avec des artistes radicaux figurait au centre de cette vision, quelque chose que GRIPO n'avait jamais fait auparavant. En début juillet, un budget de 20 000 \$ a été alloué par le conseil pour appuyer la semaine alternative, une hausse importante par rapport au budget de 9 800 \$ alloué l'année précédente (dont seulement 4 500 \$ avaient été utilisés). L'idée était d'améliorer la visibilité de la Semaine ALT 101 sur le campus.

La planification pour la semaine a débuté tardivement cette année, les contacts initiaux avec les groupes de musique n'ayant été effectués qu'en mai-juin et le coordinateur n'ayant été embauché qu'à la fin juin. Le comité de planification a commencé à se réunir en juillet, et c'est alors que le travail a débuté de façon plus substantielle. Le comité était composé principalement de membres du conseil et de quelques membres des groupes d'action et de services de la FÉUO. Le comité se réunissait toutes les semaines autant que possible et donnait une direction au coordinateur.

Il a également été décidé en début juillet de ramener ALT 101 dans le cadre de la Semaine 101 de la FÉUO, comme cela avait été le cas chaque année jusqu'à la semaine de ré-orientation de 2013. L'idée était de pouvoir ainsi bénéficier de la machine promotionnelle de la FÉUO, comme par exemple l'envoi de courriel en masse aux étudiants de première année. Placer ALT 101 sous le chapeau de la FÉUO signifiait également le devoir de respecter certaines conditions, tel que l'organisation d'événements « sec » comme alternative aux activités avec accès à des boissons alcoolisées, ainsi que la présence de guides formées pour chaque

sentatives said that they have started to look into the legal aspects of changing the by-laws. We plan to continue this campaign until we achieve our demands.

We have also participated in rallies, marches and protests in the city. We went to support the Community March Against Islamophobia in December, as well as the Peaceful rally for the Akikodjiwan Falls and Islands to name a few. The Revolutionary Student Movement Algonquin also took part in a patrol of the market on the night the Return of Kings were planning on meeting up in Ottawa. Lastly, we helped host the RSM Congress in November. This has helped us to meet activists from across the country, learn from each other's experience and make our organization stronger and more effective.

Revolutionary Student Movement uOttawa chapter

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 Revolutionary Student Movement UOttawa

The Revolutionary Student Movement (RSM) serves as a hub for revolutionary students to develop their capacities as progressive, anti-oppressive organizers through theory discussion groups, campaigns, and other events.

We have been working on making our campus more democratic, and encouraging students to participate in the General Assemblies of the Student Federation (SFUO) in order to have their say on important issues. For example, the RSM prepared a proposal to create a universal and comprehensive accessibility policy at uOttawa, as well as a proposal to remove misogynist organizations from our campus.

The RSM participates in protesting meetings of misogynists who operate under the guise of "men's rights activism" on uOttawa campus. CAFE, the so-called Canadian Association for Equality, is a men's rights activist (MRA) organization which preaches misogyny and anti-feminism. The RSM-uOttawa stands with students in universities across Canada protesting CAFE's incitement of hatred and misogyny. At Ryerson, CAFE has been decertified as a

activité.

La promotion a commencé en début août, avec le lancement du site web lors de la première semaine, l'ouverture de l'inscription en ligne à la fin de la deuxième semaine et la promotion sur les groupes facebook à partir de la troisième semaine du mois. De l'information a été publiée sur la page générale de la cohorte 2014-2018 uOttawa, ainsi que dans les groupes de départements et régionaux, même nous nous sommes vus barrer l'accès à ces pages après quelques jours. En raison de délais techniques, l'affiche officielle n'a été prête qu'à la troisième semaine d'août. Nous avons pu en coller environ 150 autour du campus.

Nos activités ont attiré une faible participation en tout, probablement en raison du faible nombre d'inscriptions et du fait que plusieurs des 101 qui ont acheté nos trousseaux étaient des surplus des corps fédérés. Malgré tout, l'événement principal, le concert de hip hop anti-capitaliste avec The Coup et Rebel Diaz, s'est très bien déroulé et a accueilli plus d'une centaine de spectateurs et spectatrices. Les deux groupes, originaires d'Oakland et de New York respectivement, sont bien en vue dans la scène hip hop radicale nord-américaine, et ont joué ensemble pour la première fois ici à Ottawa. Ce concert pourrait être le premier dans une série rassemblant des artistes révolutionnaires de partout sur le continent. The Coup en ont aussi profité pour tenir un concert à Toronto, ce qui a permis de donner de la visibilité aux chapitres du GRIPO là-bas. Le concert a requis 2/3 des dépenses du budget de la Semaine ALT 101 et a mobilisé une large part du travail des employés et des bénévoles.

Le budget a été dépassé d'environ 3 000 \$, ce qui peut être attribué principalement à un certain nombre de dépenses non anticipées et d'erreurs, surtout en lien avec le concert. Les vols et les billets de train des 11 artistes ont formé la plus grande part du budget, suivis par la location d'équipement. Les dépassements de coûts ont été couverts par d'autres lignes du budget, tel que la promotion et les événements importants, de sorte qu'ils ont eu un impact négligeable sur le budget total.

La Semaine ALT 101 a été globalement une dé-

group and banned from campus. This is an important precedent and an expression of the collective will and political power of students. This same will and potential for political expression exists at our university. We have been leafletting and discussing this issue with students on our campus, and we invite University of Ottawa students to organize with the RSM in opposition to MRA misogyny and hatred on and off campus!

The Revolutionary Student Movement chapters at both Algonquin College and the uOttawa participated and stand in solidarity with the Algonquin nation against colonial oppression and the theft of Indigenous land by various levels of government. Windmill Development Group Ltd.'s private condominium project should not have been approved for the sacred Akikodjiwan (Chaudière) Falls site within Algonquin Territory. The Revolutionary Student Movement is in full support of the Indigenous struggle for national liberation and self-determination.

In January, The Revolutionary Student Movement chapters from Algonquin College and from uOttawa marched in solidarity with the Kurdish peoples struggle against the Turkish state and the crimes committed against their people. Long live the revolution in Turkey and Kurdistan!

UOttawa Community Allotment Garden

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The University of Ottawa community garden aims to support the sustainable growing of healthy food, to build relationships between community members and between the university and the broader community, and to learn valuable skills. It welcomes students and non-students and is an opportunity for people to interact and enjoy green space on campus and raise awareness about the importance of growing food in the local community. The 2015 growing season included two gardening workshops, four work parties, one seed exchange event, one general meeting and three coordination committee meetings.

ception cette année en termes de participation étudiantEs, mais l'événement principal a pu être considéré comme réussi. Dans son ensemble, la semaine de cette année était perçue comme une expérience qui pourra donner des résultats dans les années à venir. Le rapport du coordinateur de la semaine comprend un certain nombre de recommandations pour la prochaine édition.

This year, the community garden is in a transition phase where it is building a strong coordination committee and developing the garden infrastructure. To achieve the first objective, we revised our Gardener Agreement to improve the functioning of the garden and submitted an application to the Canada Summer Jobs program to hire a student coordinator for the three gardens on campus. We are working on the second objective by establishing infrastructure and budget priorities and submitting an application to the Community Garden Network to help in purchasing gardening tools and materials to build compost bins. For the coming year, we hope to continue working on these priorities to help the garden be a stable organization fulfilling its goals of promoting sustainable gardening and building community both on and off-campus.

UOttawa Learning Garden

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📌 UOttawa Learning Garden / Jardin d'Apprentissage 2015

The Learning Garden is a unique sort of action group because it is primarily a place – a quiet space which attracts human participants and visitors from the campus community, as well as non-human visitors and inhabitants such as birds, pollinators, and native plants. In the Learning Garden, people work to produce food for humans and pollinators, while the pollinators work to ensure that the food plants are productive. No chemicals are used in the gardens. In 2015, the Learning Garden attracted a number of volunteers through the campus sustainability office. Many other members of the campus community used the space for resting, relaxing and socializing, while birds and a wide diversity of insects also made use of the space.

The Learning Harden is located in the green space behind the University Centre, and in 2015, the Learning Garden expanded to a second site behind the Leblanc residence. The Learning Garden also acquired tools and storage space. Learning Garden plans for 2017 include planting frames for the UCU space, more habitat for pollinators, connecting with interested groups on campus, and generally becoming more organized.

Projets de recherche du GRIPO pour 2014-2015

GRIPO-Ottawa appuie des projets de recherche fondés directement sur les besoins de la communauté et menés par la communauté. Certains projets sont parfois amorcés de l'extérieur et GRIPO-Ottawa veille à ce qu'ils correspondent aux besoins et aux désirs de la communauté. Cette année, notre Projet de recherche communautaire a permis à près de 100 étudiants d'assumer diverses responsabilités, notamment de mener des recherches et d'appuyer des travaux de recherche au niveau communautaire. Ces étudiants ont suivi une formation anti-oppression.

1. Bien vivre, bien coexister

Ce projet vise à évaluer comment les êtres humains et les êtres non humains peuvent atteindre le bien-être et coexister en harmonie. La méthode de recherche se fonde notamment sur les témoignages d'aînés, qui expliquent comment léguer aux générations à venir un monde inaltéré par l'activité humaine. Les étudiants ont participé aux entrevues avec les aînés et ont pris part à des exercices de réflexion sur les traditions autochtones et les temps modernes.

« Jusqu'ici, ma vie a été guidée par une mentalité occidentale consumériste. Ça a été très rafraîchissant d'être exposé à un autre point de vue, ça a complètement changé ma vision des choses. Les entrevues avec les aînés autochtones m'ont permis de découvrir leur culture, mais aussi les nombreuses lacunes de notre société et les moyens de changer notre mode de vie. Avec l'aide des Autochtones, nous pouvons ériger un monde plus paisible et plus beau, où nous sommes tous égaux. »

Étudiant stagiaire

« Je crois que c'est génial que le GRIPO ait œuvré à créer un projet de recherche original qui se centre sur l'importance de préserver le savoir autochtone plutôt que sur la méthode

ALT 101 report -- 2015

Alt 101 week Coordinator – Regis Neppel

ALT 101 WEEK SUMMARY

i. Our Goals.

The goals established by the Board as communicated to the ALT101 Week Coordinator were, broadly speaking, to continue to attract incoming progressive students into OPIRG-GRIPO or into our action groups, and to increase OPIRG's visibility and progressive, anti-capitalist politics in general on campus. The latter was a continuation of last year's plan and key aspect of the voting-platform brought by the new board. Building from this was the idea of putting on a concert with politically-radical artists, and picking up the slack of the SFUO concerning implementing General Assemblies (AG-GA), a directly democratic decision-making process that is new to uOttawa campus and that OPIRG-GRIPO had decided to support.

In late spring, a budget of \$20,000 was voted on by the board to support the week: to invest in this week as a key promotional tool for OPIRG-GRIPO on campus as well as off campus, throughout community initiatives and campaigns. We aimed to forge new and further existing ties between on-campus students and student organizations, and off-campus organizations and individuals sharing OPIRG-GRIPO's mandate of building upon a broad-based community dedicated to social, economic and environmental justice.

ii. Our Planning Efforts

Planning for ALT 101 started quite late this year. Contact with bands was established in June through the Board, and the coordinator starting work the 9th of July.

As ALT 101 coordinator I worked exclusively on the ALT week. I produced a rough-sketch of the week by the second week of working (last week of July), and it was agreed upon by the board upon sending it to them. I learned through practice how to use Illustrator, InDesign, and Photoshop to produce the promotional material and the ALT 101

scientifique. Ça nous permet de réaliser des entrevues avec des aînés, qui sont les gardiens du savoir que leurs ancêtres ont préservé pour nous. »

Étudiant stagiaire

2. Bien vivre à deux!

La phase deux de ce projet est déjà bien entamée. Comme nous l'avons indiqué en août, des problèmes mineurs — retard dans l'approbation déontologique, changement de personnel au Odawa Native Friendship Centre (ONFC), délocalisation du ONFC — ont retardé la mise en œuvre de l'échéancier original. Ce genre de retards est fréquent lorsqu'on mène une recherche communautaire. J'ai interrogé quinze professionnels qui travaillent avec des femmes autochtones enceintes qui vivent à Ottawa. J'ai demandé à ces professionnels de cerner les facteurs qui influencent la prise de poids chez les femmes autochtones enceintes qui vivent en milieu urbain. J'ai fait une analyse critique de ces données et j'ai discuté des résultats avec le conseil consultatif du projet, qui a approuvé la deuxième phase de la recherche. Dans le cadre de celle-ci, un partenaire communautaire et moi avons mené des entrevues semi-structurées et des discussions de groupe avec 20 femmes enceintes et mères de la communauté. Nous sommes en train de transcrire les données obtenues lors des entrevues et des discussions, et de préparer leur analyse. Les discussions de groupe nous ont permis de cerner les ressources qui sont utiles pour les femmes enceintes, les mères et leur communauté. Les participantes ont également indiqué quelles ressources additionnelles devraient être créées.

3. Clarity

Ce projet vise à amener les jeunes à songer à leur rapport à la culture et à l'édification d'un avenir plus sain. Nous croyons que cette réflexion ne sera possible qu'en posant un regard lucide sur la façon dont la culture contemporaine façonne la sexualité, l'identité, les relations, les dynamiques sociales, la stigmatisation et l'oppression. Le projet a permis la création d'une pièce de théâtre, qui a été présentée lors de l'édition 2014 du Festival Fringe d'Ottawa.

website; taking up the bulk of my in-office time for the second half of the month of July to the first half of the month of August. The health-related issues prevented Marcelo from playing a more active role in this area.

The basic schedule and list of events was established on the first week of July. It was also established at this point that the AG-GA and the concert would be the week's central events, with one board member having gotten in touch with the two bands at the end of the spring. Please refer to Annex 1 for the list of the events, partnering bodies, and a brief description as well as the estimated costs.

From August onwards, my work centered on hammering out the details of the events, creating promotional material, guiding partnering bodies, working out a promotion-partnership plan, booking rooms and venues, and negotiating with the artists.

In addition to my work as coordinator, board members from the ALT 101 committee and volunteers from our various action-groups also played a key-role in making ALT101 week a success. The planning committee began meeting semi-regularly in August, which is when our plans began to become more concrete. The committee was made up largely of board members and a few members of action groups and SFUO services (namely, the CSD). The committee met three times and decided upon task-distribution after initially voting on event ideas.

We also decided late in July to bring ALT 101 partially back under the umbrella of the SFUO's 101 Week, as had been done every year until 2013's re-orientation week, by partnering with fed bodies and action groups during 101 week building up to the 4 days of ALT101 week events; in this way, our ALT101 week would be able to benefit from the SFUO's promotional capabilities, while remaining independent from the SFUO (thus, not having to follow the tighter bureaucratic requirements for all events) and therefore being able to put forward a stronger political line. As a result, we needed a much smaller team to put-on ALT than we would have had we needed to abide by SFUO guide-to-frosher ratios, and benefited from SFUO promotional efforts.

4. Récits de la terre: Renforcer et mettre en évidence les pratiques traditionnelles de guérison

Mon projet de recherche actuel auprès de la communauté autochtone de Moose Factory se fonde sur l'engagement communautaire et la direction définie par la communauté. Afin d'honorer la demande de la communauté, qui souhaite qu'une recherche significative soit menée, je me rendrai une troisième fois sur le terrain afin de corroborer les données recueillies et de m'assurer qu'elles appuient les efforts de renouveau culturel et de programmation de la communauté. J'aurai bientôt l'occasion de terminer la transcription des entrevues et de retourner rencontrer les participants afin de vérifier l'exactitude de l'orthographe et de la signification des mots utilisés (en langue crie). L'étude des chansons grand-maternelles et des pratiques traditionnelles de guérison commence à se concrétiser. Je pourrai confirmer les thèmes émergents et le cadre théorique en collaborant avec la communauté. Je remercie le GRIPO d'accorder des allocations aux personnes qui participent à ma recherche.

5. Organiser l'ICOPA 15 en territoire algonquin

Cette étude qualitative vise à cerner et à explorer les thèmes courants du discours actuel entourant l'abolition du système pénal. Pour ce faire, elle se fonde sur les observations issues de la quinzième édition de la Conférence internationale sur l'abolition pénale (ICOPA), qui a eu lieu à l'Université d'Ottawa, en territoire algonquin non cédé, du 13 au 15 juin 2014, et sur les données recueillies auprès du comité organisateur et des participants de l'ICOPA. L'étude de cette initiative abolitionniste vise à susciter des débats entre alliés concernant les défis liés aux pratiques collectives devant la cooptation, les oppressions multiples et les structures de pouvoir qui façonnent l'activisme radical et la vie contemporaine dans son ensemble.

We also aimed to appeal to a broader community than traditionally catered to; everyone was welcome, but priority was given to students in first year. Our events (with the exclusion of faculty-specific events: the Vintage Videogame Night, the Learning-Garden tour, the franco picnic, and the Practice General Assembly event) were open to anyone involved in the student milieu or working on student issues (with a special focus on access to education and economic rights).

iii. *Our Promotional Efforts*

Our main promotional tools for this year's Alt101 Week were the website, and our joint-events throughout the 'traditional' frosh week. We also complemented those efforts with a solid presence on social-media (mostly by promoting ourselves through facebook), and a mutual promotional agreement with CHUO and CKCH, university radio stations at uOttawa and Carleton.

The calendar on our website was updated frequently, and gave a clear understanding of our events (general description, time, and place) in early August. I added the facebook event pages to each event when they were created (last week of August). At the suggestion of the Campus Relation's Coordinator, OPIRG-GRIPO created a facebook event for the entire 11 days that linked each individual event that was shared on the Semaine Alt101 Week page. This event was also shared on all of the facebook groups pertaining to uOttawa we were able to get access to - we paid particular care to those groups for first-time students. Additionally, we promoted the week in general and OPIRG-GRIPO when we promoted an individual event, and encouraged our partners for these events do so as well.

We also promoted ALT concretely through posters, and handouts. We were able to design, print out, and distribute handbills with our key events as well as OPIRG-GRIPO's contact info and location in time for them to be integrated into over 1000 kits; we did manage to include our ALT101 week hand-outs in over 1000 kits, and by many fed bodies kit-sales tables.

We put up posters for all the events, paying particular care to promote the concert and the week in

6. It's Not a Death Sentence (Ce n'est pas une condamnation à mort)

It's Not a Death Sentence est un message d'intérêt public d'une minute créé par Skylarc Pictures pour le Comité du sida d'Ottawa. Il vise à amener le public à comprendre que les gens atteints du sida ne sont pas condamnés à mort et qu'ils peuvent s'épanouir. L'objectif est d'offrir à la communauté activiste et au public l'occasion de lutter contre la stigmatisation et la discrimination liées au sida.

7. Apatridie et citoyenneté

Ce projet vise à dresser un portrait de l'apatridie au Canada en déterminant où se trouvent les apatrides, en étudiant comment l'apatridie les affecte, et en tissant des liens entre les apatrides, leurs défenseurs et les universitaires afin qu'ils étudient cet enjeu et comprennent ses répercussions politiques. Les étudiants ont contribué à créer des dépliants pour sensibiliser le public à cette question.

8. Jardins et espaces verts du campus : rétablir le pont entre les gens et la nature

Le projet pour un campus régénérateur à l'uOttawa vise à rétablir et à favoriser le mieux-être des gens et de la nature. Il se centre sur la communauté du campus, c'est-à-dire les étudiants, le personnel, les professeurs, les visiteurs, les résidents et les êtres non humains (plantes, arbres, oiseaux et autres animaux) qui s'y côtoient. Lancé à l'été 2014, le projet se centre sur quatre jardins/espaces verts du campus : 1) le jardin éducatif situé derrière le Centre universitaire, 2) le lopin de pollinisation du Café Nostalgica situé à l'intersection des rues Cumberland et Université, 3) le jardin communautaire situé sur l'avenue King Edward, et 4) la cour Husky Energy du Complexe des biosciences. Ces espaces permettent aux gens qui fréquentent le campus de prendre part à des activités de jardinage et de régénération de la nature, comme de semer et d'entretenir des jardins de plantes comestibles et autochtones, de prendre soin de plantes pollinisatrices et d'observer la croissance des plantes et la présence d'insectes.

general, around campus and Sandyhill at the beginning of September. We continued these efforts throughout the second week of September also, though as not many posters were ripped down, not many had to be replaced. I heard students say multiple times that they had seen the general posters; they had caught their attention, and peaked their interest.

All in all, I believe that our postering efforts were insufficient, and could have started earlier; though our effectives were drawn a bit thin, and certain keep people were diligent, we printed out more posters than we put up. That being said, we did put up over 300 posters. I believe that we should also aim for our events to be promoted actively and/or passively (through posters, handouts) through the SFUO services, and businesses – maybe even looking into handing out handbills in the UPASS and textbook lines... We had no kits to sell, though I believe we should have tried to promote ALT101 during other faculties' sales.

iv. *Our Volunteers*

According to SFUO rules, we would have been required to have one guide for every five 101er per event. In addition, the guides needed to go through a six-hour training session, or 2.5 hours for returning guides. These training sessions were given throughout the summer.

This year, we didn't need to have any guides and so forwent the training sessions. Though I did meet with 'new' volunteers, and many of the volunteers were board members, I believe our more informal training should have been more structured and complete. We could also have used that time to make alt101 volunteer shirts, which would have added visibility, and worked positively towards OPIRG-GRIPO's brand recognition on campus.

v. *Our Events*

The Annex 2 shows a schedule of the events for the week. Their descriptions are found in Annex 3. I will provide my critical feedback for each event in the following paragraphs.

(Take Back the Night) Though I attended a planning meeting, and offered to look into providing

9. Transports sains et populations vulnérables

Notre coalition souhaite que des améliorations soient apportées pour rendre le système de transport plus sain, afin qu'il serve mieux les gens à faible revenu et que ses impacts environnementaux soient minimisés, voire éliminés. Tous les résidents de la région de la capitale du Canada devraient avoir accès à un réseau de transport sain qui priorise la marche, le vélo, d'autres modes de transport actifs et le transport en commun. Il importe d'améliorer le système en se fondant sur une approche qui valorise tant le plan social, sanitaire et environnemental que le plan financier.

Ce projet vise à établir si les populations vulnérables de la région ont accès ou non à un réseau sain de trottoirs, de sentiers, de pistes cyclables et de transport en commun, et quelles améliorations devraient être apportées en ce qui a trait aux politiques, aux infrastructures et à l'accessibilité.

Ce projet se fonde sur les données de l'Étude de quartiers d'Ottawa (<http://neighbourhoodstudy.ca>) afin de déterminer quels quartiers sont les moins favorisés en termes de « marchabilité », de risques perçus pour les piétons et d'infrastructures permettant un transport sain.

some of the material for the event, the WRC never got back to me. After gently checking in through email and then in person with no response or further details, I didn't further attempt to further a potential partnership. It is unfortunate that we couldn't support this event. Perhaps I should have been more aggressive, but I felt uncomfortable to push any more than I did; ultimately, it is up to the WRC if they want to accept our support.

Vintage Video Games and Movie Night with IPSMO I believe this event was a success, and surpassed our expectations. We started ALT off strong! Café Alt was packed and 20 people stayed till the very end, and we were able to engage one-on-one and with smaller groups of students throughout the entire evening. The event itself progressed smoothly, although we did push back the movie start-time. I think I didn't anticipate how much energy a 5 hour-long event takes, after doing promo in the hot sun for 3 + hours before. Having supportive and 'fresh' volunteers really made a difference.

Garden Tour We were able to partner with our Learning Garden action group and the Faculty of Nutrition. However, Nutrition and their 6-10 101ers mixed up the location and the time, so the event didn't happen. I also learned later, that I had made a mistake when writing the date of the event (I wrote Tuesday as the day, but Wednesday's Day) which impeded attendance. I would encourage OPIRG-GRIPO to 'recycle' this event later on this year.

Pique-nique franco et show débranché au parc This event was also successful, although the parc was changed last minute because of the community center. The 12+ people who came had a pretty good time, and all had a clear understanding of OPIRG-GRIPO as well as the other upcoming events. I believe this was an important event to have because it was the only francophone event we co-hosted. I believe we also were able to create good ties with the guides present, and collected a few more sign-up emails.

(Drag Show) I believe it would have been very good promotion, and an important event to support. However, seeing as we had so many events leading to and following this event, we didn't work with the Pride Center. Maybe next year!

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Anticapitalist Bookfair day 1 I might go so far as to say this event was our largest success. We collected the most signatures, engaged in many meaningful conversations, and the reception to our upcoming events was altogether positive and encouraging. Also, the large majority of students having attended previous ALT-partnered events came out to this event; the continuity is a good sign of working towards one of our first goals, to increase OPIRG-GRIPO's visibility and involvement on campus. We were happy to have reached out to community partners, and to have provided space for promotion of a few of our actions groups.

SAFA Concert This event started late at the end of a long day. We were able to encourage folks to check out the OPIRG-GRIPO table by snapping polaroids of them (upon request), and leaving on the table to develop; folks had to come to our table to retrieve their shots. I believe we were also able to create some friendly ties with the international house volunteers we tabled beside. I believe our table-ing and polaroid-taking was a good promotional tactic, and worked to establish OPIRG-GRIPO's visibility.

Anticapitalist Bookfair day 2 We were less ideally placed on Morissett Terrace this time around, and we had more 'competition' because there were overall many more tables that day. However, we still continued to attract people and the talk with folks, and gathered emails consistently. Though we were working with a smaller crew, we still were able to pull in off-campus people as well as campus-based interest.

GA's for the Students, by the Students I understand this event to be a failure with only one student attending. Insufficient promotion as well as poor placement are the key factors responsible for this failure, as well as the SFUO's refusal to promote this event.

Ill Nana DiverseCity Dance Company There were 5 participants (we were hoping for 10+), and I believe that the time of the event may have also played a role. That being said, I believe that having workshops geared towards only audio/visual learners is fairly exclusionary, and having one event geared more towards kinesthetic-leaning people is important. The facilitators were excellent,

and we have a lot to learn from them.

Having attended a conference in Montreal over the weekend, I believe I didn't adequately promote this event the day before and the day of. I could have requested other staff members to do that, but I didn't and I believe this affected the event turn out negatively. I believe we could also have invited the dancing groups you see in the UCU by the Agora, and reached out to the faculties of dance and/or theater.

FoodLAB event This event was technically not an ALT event though we did partner with the food-LAB, and had planned to incorporate it into the weeks schedule. However, the partnering people were taking a long time to get back to me about the content of the panel, and 2 of our action groups decided to not participate in this event (the Learning Garden and PRD). Closer to the date, I realized that I didn't have enough time to put in the necessary work to bottom-line this event and there was no one willing to do so in my place; we retracted from formally partnering. I had already made the poster for the panel, we kept that and promoted it. I believe it would be both useful and strategic to maintain friendly supportive ties with the Food-LAB, especially through the Learning Garden and the PRD.

Intoxication Culture and Harm Reduction

Double Feature Panel This was one of our more volunteer-heavy events, and our most successful panel. The double feature allowed for OPIRG-GRIPO to fortify ties with off-campus groups as well as supported the CSCS's work. The panel also spoke to the intersections of race, gender, class, and ability when they relate to non-normative consumption habits.

I believe it would have been better to have set-up earlier, though I had a previous event to finalize and many of our volunteers cancelled or were they themselves late. All in all, the venue was full, and around 30-40 people participated in the event (2 of them first years who had also stopped by the ACBF and who came to the concert later). One of the challenges we faced was also the simultaneous translation from English to French, but we pulled it off!

Clothing Swap With over 150 people stopping by, I believe this was one of our larger events. There were clubs and businesses tableing in the UCU that day, increasing both foot-traffic and competition.

We borrowed the hangers and clothing racks from 1848, and started the swap off with donations from the Free Store. I would recommend planning on having more volunteers to help with an event of this kind, and planning on starting set-up an hour before the event is scheduled to start rather than 30 minutes. I would have liked to have put more effort into countering slut-shaming, fat-shaming, and binarist clothing standards.

This event was a relative success in my opinion, though it was more disorganized and set-up took longer than anticipated, making it so the event was shorter than we had planned.

PFF-movie night This event was cancelled. I believe the PFF should have held it on campus, or close to campus because it did peak a fair amount of interest.

Art Toward Revolution Workshop Given the slew of racist attacks to art initiatives over the summer as well as the success of a previous panel on racism within the 'alternative' music scene in Ottawa, I believe this workshop was necessary and pertinent. This event was originally supposed to be a double feature, with BLM facilitating a workshop on colourism. Despite the original venue cancelling on us fairly last-minute (same as the concert), the inadequate promotion, and the last-minute panellist swaps, this event was successful in that a collective arose from its discussion and the attendees all found it to be helpful, and insightful. However, the attendance was a third of what we had anticipated, and CHUO didn't show to record and live-broadcast it.

I would suggest that a similar event – panel and discussion centered around PoC and by PoC – take place next year, with closer work with various radical art collectives in the city (such as Babely Shades, and the BlakCollectiv). I'd also suggest to make the budget clearer to the people you'd be partnering with, and for there to be concrete steps taken to create a more accessible space for trans-feminine spectrum people, and non-campus-based



orgs and individuals; go over pronouns, make it clear transmisogynist comments and actions won't be tolerated (though folks should still be struggled with), provide bus fare and child-minding upon request, etc.

Anti-Capitalist Hip Hop Concert As was the case last year, our closing concert was our main and biggest event; we invested the most resources into it, it featured prominently in all of our promotional efforts, and I put a large portion of my time and efforts as Coordinator into its planning. The planning-process for this event started earliest, and we put the bulk of the budget into its creation.

Contact was established with Rebel Diaz and Bambu through one of the Board members, planning details were quickly transferred over to me within the first few days of the contract. It proved challenging to confirm with Bambu, stalling the whole process of booking the venue and creating posters. We had hoped to also feature Rocky Rivera, though she was unable to come at the time that worked for other performers, and her fee was about double Bambu – our main headliner –'s fee; she is a working parent, and I believe there may have been a bit of confusion about who was covering transport. We contacted YC the Cynic through the Rebel Diaz arts Collective, and he quickly agreed to do his first show in Canada. Himig Masa is a local band connected to the PMSC (Philippino Migrante Society of Canada). Hyf, a local rap group, was contacted mid-August by the Campus Relations Coordinator with the purpose of connecting with House of PainT and supporting local talent.

The PMSC partnered with us with the self-professed purpose of moving out of their normal circles and reach out to a broader community in the hopes of finding support for some of our issues and calls such as, "Stop the Killings" (a call for the Philippine State to stop murdering political activists, speaking more specifically to the current ongoing slaughter of Lumad Peoples in Mindanao) and "Free all Political Prisoners" (a call for the Philippine government to end the practice of the arbitrary arrest of political activists).

Initially, we were going to have the Show at Maker-SpaceNorth (MSN) but, after weeks of poor communication, they realized that they had double-booked

and canceled on us. We were able to secure Ritual quickly, and the costs for that venue were substantially lower than those for MSN. We did incur an additional \$750 fee to insure the show would be all ages (16+). We additionally rented an “after-party” space at My Byward Office to allow for us to chat with the bands, and learn from their experiences as seasoned top-notch militant organizers in their respective home communities.

The concert itself went very well, all things considered. There were few logistical problems, though Bambu, and Gonzalo of Rebel Diaz were detained for hours at the airport; as a result, they had little to no rest between their flight and their sets. We hired Dan Hammond to drive them around with rented vans, though we incurred additional cab fees because I forgot that YC and his DJ Charlie were arriving early in the morning Friday. Soundcheck started late, and one of the artists had to change their set last minute because we didn’t have the proper projection equipment. . Doors opened at 8 pm as planned, and by the time Himig Masa started at 8:45pm there were just around 50 people, with numbers steadily increasing. In total, around 80 people attended, though we sold many more tickets. I believe numbers would have been higher had there not been some aggressive attacks over social media which deterred many. The 5 sets remained relatively on schedule, and were excellently executed. The show ended at 12:15AM, and the crowd transferred over to the after-party after cleaning-up and signing, etc.

Our co-hosting action group, the RSM-MER, tabled as did the PMSC. The ticket costs went towards OPIRG-GRIPO’s Community Sponsorship line.

Vi: Our Expenses: Final Budget

Please find Annexes 3 and 4 at the end of the report for an overview of our expenses as well as the expenses broken-down by event. The Concert was our main expense, it totalled to roughly half of our total budget.

vii. Overview, Reflections, Criticisms, Recommendations.

Overall, ALT 101 this year was a success though I had higher hopes for some events. I believe all in

all, 101ers' participate was concentrated in the events of the 2nd week of September, with community participation making up the bulk of that of the 3rd week of September. Continuing from last year's experiment (with a much larger budget than traditionally allocated), I believe we hit on a good strategy that allows OPIRG-GRIPO to benefit from the buzz around 101 week while not getting lost amidst the intensity of that week: allowing for adequate promo throughout 101 week to build up to alt101 week events having higher participation than ever before. I believe we needn't have fewer events, but rather have a more involved board supported by a more structured team of volunteers. To seed the terrain to traditional frosh by only having a radfrosh following frosh is a plan of action I highly disagree with; student's should have accessible options during the first week of classes and, politically, we shouldn't cave into neo-liberalism by letting them dictate when and where is opportune to plan our events and put forward our politics.

I believe my major self-criticism is that I didn't reach out to people who had valuable experience because I had to take on tasks I hadn't anticipated. I felt that there was very limited support from the board, especially when it came to confrontation on social media that really hindered my capacity to confidently accomplish tasks, and reach-out when needed.

I believe it was incredibly challenging for me to have the 13 events spread over 11 days (counting the weekend, because I was at a conference, I had no chance to rest Saturday-Sunday), especially as I had mono for about a month of my total contract. In addition, much of the staff also systematically used improper pronouns and a name I have never introduced myself to them with; I'd encourage you to ensure your staff is more respectful in order to work towards a safer work environment for non-binary and trans employees – I am particularly disappointed to see the worst cis-sexism coming from the most senior staff member.

Furthermore, because we didn't need to train any guides, I believe volunteer training was somewhat inadequate this year; I would encourage the incoming coordinator to model volunteer training off the guide training, though alter it to better reflect

the expectations and requirements of volunteers. I would also encourage OPIRG-GRIPO to fund in whole or in part the transport costs, and insure that the coordinator have access to a smart phone for ease of communication (and for making good use of social media).

I'll echo the recommendation to start planning earlier from last years' report; the planning process was in fact started even later this year, and it caused a bit of a scramble. Planning earlier will allow to establish a relationship with the SFUO and Fed Bodies VP socials earlier on as well as to allow the action-groups more time to get onto task.

I believe it's important to leave more initiative to the action groups, but it's pretty crucial to work to respect deadlines; I'd encourage the coordinator to remind the partnering action-groups of the goals of alt101 week, of the role and capacities of the coordinator, and of the resources available for the week. I'd encourage OPIRG-GRIPO to remind the action-groups at the end of the school year that they should expect/plan for being contacted for alt in June/July and establish a contact person before the Spring semester is over.

In conclusion, allow me to now recommend a course of action that synthesises the past 2 years' experiences, and builds off of conversations I've had with both board and staff members; I'm hoping to provide the incoming alt coordinator and the board with the beginnings of an answer to the question, "Where do we go from here?"

I believe that next years' ALT101 should span 5 days (Wednesday-Sunday), be partnered with House of PainT as well as action-groups and local organizers such as the PMSC, to hold a loose-series of workshops touching on campaigns and initiatives of our action-groups as well as linking organizations, individuals, and students with the various resources available throughout the city while providing some concrete skills (such as a workshop on bike-repair & maintenance as well as skateboard/longboard care, a workshop on workers rights in Ontario and preparing for an interview, a tagging 101 workshop that gives an overview of the history, the legalities, and the basic techniques of graffiti as a political tool of organizing resistance, etc.).

Particular care should be paid to ensuring that financial assistance for traveling be made available upon request. Having local musicians performing various genres and incorporating a spoken-word event during the evenings leading up to the closing concert would allow us to shine the spotlight on local efforts and talent without detract from a closing concert with international artists. There are many looser collectives and burgeoning radical artists throughout Ottawa-Gatineau that are working often isolated from one another; bringing them together would be one of the most useful ways to work towards social, economic, and environmental justice on and off campus.

Annex 1. Schedule of the events for the week

6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	<p><i>Soirée cinéma et jeux vidéo retro ** Vintage Videogames and Movie Night</i></p>		<p><i>Une tournée de vos jardins sur le campus ** Your Campus Gardens Tour</i></p>	<p><i>Foire des Clubs et Salon du livre anticapitaliste ** Clubs Fair and Anticapitalist Bookfair</i></p>	<p><i>AG pour les étudiants, par les étudiants ** GAs for the Students, by the Students</i></p>	
				<p><i>Concert de SAFA ** SAFA concert</i></p>		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	<p><i>ILL NANA/Divers eCity Dance Company – Atelier de danse ** Dance Workshop</i></p>	<p><i>Déconstruire la culture d'intoxication : la communauté, l'accessibilité et les espaces sobres - Atelier ** Deconstructing Intoxication Culture: Community, Accessibility, and Sober Spaces - Workshop</i></p>	<p><i>Friperie gratuite géante: Rien ne s'achète, tout se transforme! ** Huge Free Clothing Chop n' Swap: Upcycle Your Sh*t</i></p>	<p><i>L'Art vers la révolution & Le couleurisme et comment vous en êtes sûrement avantagé.e – ateliers ** Art towards revolution & Colourism (Colorism) And How You Most Likely Benefit From it – Workshops</i></p>		
			<p><i>Soirée cinéma avec le FFP ** PFF Movie Night</i></p>	<p><i>Concert de hip-hop Anticapitaliste - Aucun pouvoir aux poulets! ** Leave no Power to the Pigs! - Hip-hop Concert</i></p>		

Annex 2.

Total Expenses

	A	B	C	D	E
1	Alternative 101 Expenses for Fall 2015				
2					
3	Cheque				Amount
4	2012		band travel & hotel		\$2 076,57
5	2027		booth HSS carnival		50
6	2028		dance studio		69,56
7	2031		band travel & hotel		4052,45
8	2038		Merriam print cards		1779,75
9	2040		Moonfruits		100
10	2041		Asso Fac Arts concert		500
11	2044		Rnk rental equipment		50
12	2046		G. Wilson workshop		740
13	2047		G. Wilson		43,5
14	2048		Alt advert		154
15	2051		Alt PC exp		300
16	2052		Dance workshop		320
17	2053		Alt 101 exp. Misc		95,07
18	2054		Le LAB		100
19	2061		Rebel Diaz US Money order		2041,5
20	2062		Bambu US money order		2041,5
21	2063		YC the Cynic		1500
22	2066		bus tickets accessibility		28,8
23	2067		Sergio Gueira		250
24	2071		Rodrigo Alt 101 exp reimb.		187,8
25	2072		Regina Alt 101 exp. Reimb		748,55
26	2073		K. Wilson clothing alterations		75
27	2076		Daniel Hammond alt 101 exp.		242,07
28	2077		Daniel Hammond alt 101 exp.		30
29	2078		Daniel Hammond alt 101 exp.		400
30	2079		Regina Alt 101 exp. Reimb		57,29
31	2081		Ronald Pote video footage		225
32	2082		Elsa Mirzaei hono. Art towards re		225
33			Regina Alt 101 exp. Reimb		42,94
34	2084		Judylaine de LaCruz/ food band		140
35	2087		Rodrigo for Ritual location, equip		600
36	PC.		Alt 101 exp. Misc		29,36
37	PC.		Alt 101 exp. Misc		94,85
38	PC.		Alt 101 exp. Misc		\$132,60
39	PC.		Alt meeting snacks		12,97
40	PC.		V game night		34,31
41	PC.		honorarium Ade Boluwatife		50
42	PC.		honorarium Sakinna Garey		50
43	PC.		Honorarium Dee Micho		50
44	PC.		Honorarium RJ Jones		50
45			Malal Barry My Byward Office		530
46					\$20,300,44

Annex 4. Expenses Sorted by Event

	A	B	C	D	E
1	WVGMN	pty *KIND	MISC		145,07
2	GT	buttons	seedbomb		30
3	PFSD	moonfruits			100
4	ACBF1				0
5	SC	polaroids	film	band	913
6	ACBF2				0
7	AG-GA	room fee			
8	INDCDC	wshop	transport	room	529,56
9	ICHR	LAB venue	pizza	wshop	940,79
10	CSF	K - hono			75
11	PFFMN				0
12	ATR	elsa -hon	panelists	Tip-venue	475
13	ACHHC	band fees	misc	venue	8070,07
14	promo	advert	handouts	hss	2283,75
15	T&H	btravel	bhotels		6129,02
16	misc	planning meetings &	misc		609,18
17					
18					20300,44

OPIRG Research Projects 2015 - 2016

Research Projects Coordinator – María Basualdo

OPIRG Campus Relations Co-ordination

Since March of 2015, we have a campus relations coordinator for the first time in over a year. Over the course of the year, their tasks focused on planning ALT 101 Week (covered separately in this report), promoting and increasing OPIRG's visibility, and organizing events on campus.

The promotion and profile-raising of OPIRG was done mainly through a "class offensive", a series of class talks held during the beginning of the Fall and Winter semesters. Our coordinator got in touch with dozens of professors, including some we have already been working with now, asking them about the possibility of giving class talks. In, over two dozen class talks were given, allowing to reach out to over 1,000 students. During the class talks in January, we were also able to gather over a hundred signups to our email list. Most of the classes visited were from social sciences programs. These presentations, along with other promotional efforts, allowed us to increase our emailing from over 200 people, reaching the number of 924 in mid-March this year.

This experience also served to establish contact with progressive profs who want to get their students involved in militant activity. This is an occasion to build a sort of informal partnership to promote our activities over the semester, as well as our community service learning placements.

The coordinator also took on the task of organizing events on campus. Besides the ALT 101 activities, they were the following:

The Revolution Will Not Have a Bibliography & Social Justice Open Mic, feat. Alok from Dark-Matter

We had the privilege of welcoming Alok Vaid-Memon, member of the South-Asian and trans artistic and comedy duo DarkMatter, on October 22nd in FSS 4004. Alok first shared with the 20 or so participants their experience and advice on militancy in a university context, as well on the intersectionality of race, classe, gender and sexuality in the context of the "academic-industrial complex". Alok then

hosted a “Social Justice Open Mic” for the evening. The participants appeared to really enjoy this unique occasion to meet and share with Alok.

Canada in Africa - 300 years of aid and exploitation – Book Launch with Yves Engler

Author Yves Engler first reached out to us to see if we were interested in helping with a launch tour of his latest book, back in September. As we were already very busy with ALT 101 Week, we offered to hold an event specifically for the campus later in the semester.

27 Jan - Jan 27
 THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF DELICIOUS
 9 AM to 12:30 - de 9h à 12h30
 UCU Terminus

28 Jan - Jan 28
ANTI-PRISON
 // TRIPLE LAUNCH // LANCEMENT x 3 //
 7 PM - 19h
 601 Cumberland - Salle 307

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 Interested in fighting for social justice? Want to connect with other militants? Message us or come visit!
 Vous voulez lutter pour la justice sociale? Vous aimeriez vous associer à d'autres militant-es? Envoyez-nous un message ou venez nous voir!
 gripocampus@gmail.com
 room/salle 215 D UCU

2 Feb - Feb 2
 The RSM presents / Le MER présente
INTRODUCTION TO A LA INTERNET SECURITY SECURITY INTERNET
 7 PM - 19h
 Simard 039

4 Feb - Feb 4
Who are the Palestinians?
 Why are they angry, and what do they want?
 UCU 215 - 7 PM/19h
 WITH PETER LARSON

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Twitter and Facebook icons.

We ended settling for November 18, with the Revolutionary Student Movement stepping up to co-host the event. Promotion was done mainly through poster, the newsletter and emails to profs. The event gathered significant interest on facebook, getting a lot of shared and reaching over 15,000 people according to the statistics, a record for an OPIRG event. The talk went very well; 30 or so people came to attend in Café Alt, and Yves facilitated an interesting discussion around Canadian imperialism.

Anti-Prison Triple Book Launch feat. Ed Mead

OPIRG Week's main event featured two new books from political prisoners, as well the 2016 edition of the Certain Days calendar which serves to support a movement in solidarity with political prisoners in the US. The same event had already been held at Concordia University in Montreal in December, and so we contacted the organizers there to see how we could bring the event to Ottawa. We invited members from Ottawa-based Books2Prisoners to present the calendar; publisher Kersplebedeb came to present the book "Escaping the Prism ... Fade to Black. Poetry and Essays" from Jalil Muntaqim, a Black Panther militant jailed since 1971. Local artist JustJamaal was invited to perform a few pieces from the book. He was followed by a presentation from Ontario Committee for Human Rights in the Philippines about a campaign in support of political prisoners in that country. Finally, we had an engaging conversation with Ed Mead, author of his autobiography Lumpen, talking about his experience as a radical political organizer inside US prisons. Over 30 participants filled room 307 in the GSAÉD building.

OPIRG Weeks

« OPIRG Week » stretched over a couple of weeks this year. Besides the triple book launch, we organized an event titled « Who are the Palestinians », with a presentation by Peter Larson from the National Education Committee on Israel and Palestine. A dozen participants came, mostly from two DVM classes that promoted the event. It was held in UCU 215.

The other events were collaborations with other groups on campus. We helped UOttawa Cinema Academica promote their screening of DamNation, as well the Revolutionary Student Movement for a workshop on internet security.

Israeli Apartheid Week

We once again worked with UOttawa Cinema Academica to promote their event about Israeli apartheid. We also put them in touch with Peter Larson, who offered a presentation on what it means to be a Jewish. The event took place on March 12th, and was the first activity highlighting Israeli apartheid

OPIRG-Ottawa / GRIPO-Ottawa

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Revenus et dépenses
du 05/01/2014

Budget du
5/01/2014 au 04/30/2015

REVENUS

Cotisations étudiantes	166 111,70	270 000,00
Remboursement des cotisations	-257,41	-50,00
Frais d'adhésion des membres	5,00	30,00
Subventions	0,00	0,00
Dons	0,26	1 500,00
Intérêts accumulés	0,00	0,00
Coparrainage	0,00	2 500,00
Autres revenus	0,00	1 000,00
Revenus de placements	0,00	0,00
Ventes - Produits équitables	0,00	0,00
Ventes - Publications	0,00	0,00
Ventes - Divers	0,00	0,00
Ventes - T-Shirts	0,00	0,00
Frais de vente - Produits équi,	0,00	0,00
Frais de vente - Publications	0,00	0,00
Frais de vente - Divers	0,00	0,00
Frais de vente - T-Shirts	0,00	0,00
Frais de vente - Transport	0,00	0,00
Remboursements provinciaux	0,00	0,00
<i>Sous-total</i>	<i>165 859,55</i>	<i>274 980,00</i>
REVENUS TOTAUX	165 859,55	274 980,00

DÉPENSES

Frais bancaires	305,93	400,00
Honoraires de vérification	4 972,00	5 000,00
Autres honoraires professionnels	0,00	2 500,00
Entretien et réparation	24,06	500,00
Développement - CA	0,00	2 700,00
Développement - Personnel	349,00	3 000,00
Dons	390,00	700,00
Coparrainage communautaire	2 107,32	2 500,00
Coparrainage sur le campus	145,00	1 500,00
Dép, annuelles GGA plani, des objectifs	985,72	2 200,00
Initiative contre le racisme	300,00	1 000,00
Projets d'envergure et activités spéciales	3 051,00	4 000,00
Cotisation provinciale	10 255,94	10 255,94
Frais pour rencontres panprovinciales	1 848,21	1 500,00
Frais d'assurance	826,20	850,00
Relations - Campus	0,00	500,00
Formation des bénévoles	330,92	800,00
Site Web	1 111,07	1 500,00
Publicité	2 227,43	4 000,00
Fouritures de bureau	2 275,00	3 000,00
Matériel	1 164,25	2 500,00

Photocopies	15 032,74	15 000,00
Courrier	86,02	140,00
Télécommunications	5 538,62	6 000,00
Centre de ressources	423,36	1 000,00
Traduction	203,97	3 000,00
Reconnaissance des bénévoles	428,10	1 200,00
Relations des groupes d'action	58,16	500,00
Frais divers	2 949,54	3 500,00
Frais d'adhésion à d'autres organismes	0,00	0,00
Semaine d'orientation	19 209,25	20 000,00
GA : Camp, sites de conso, supervisée	465,24	600,00
GA : The Leveller	0,00	600,00
GA : Personne n'est illégal - Ottawa	400,00	600,00
GA : Families of Sisters in Spirit	600,00	600,00
GA : Jardin communautaire de l'U d'O	156,36	600,00
GA : Millhaven Lifers Group	0,00	600,00
GA : Justice for Abla	0,00	600,00
GA : SDHP (droits des Palestiniens)	0,00	600,00
GA : Critical Urban Research Society	0,00	200,00
GA : RPD	511,85	600,00
GA : IPSMO	582,00	600,00
GA : Front féministe-prolétarien	0,00	600,00
GA : Surplus Pool	344,65	1 200,00
GA : U Ottawa sans fossiles	10,89	600,00
GA : Justice for Deepan	600,00	600,00
GA : BlakCollectiv	0,00	200,00
GA : Mouvement étudiant révolutionnaire	57,85	600,00
GA : MÉR (Algonquin)	175,82	600,00
Programmation	2 144,26	4 000,00
Hébergement du personnel et du CA	20,50	1 500,00
Accessibilité	0,00	1 000,00
Recherche	5 514,87	6 000,00
École d'intérêt public	0,00	0,00
Activités francophones	250,00	800,00
Formation du personnel	320,00	3 000,00
Salaires	115 115,13	149 000,00
Frais liés à l'assurance-emploi	3 029,65	4 000,00
Frais liés au RPC	5 158,93	6 400,00
Cotisations REER	4 933,83	4 950,00
Assurance maladie	3 895,48	8 000,00
Subventions - Dépenses	0,00	0,00
Subventions - Masse salariale	0,00	0,00
<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>220 886,12</i>	<i>300 495,94</i>
DÉPENSES TOTALES	220 886,12	300 495,94
BÉNÉFICE NET	-55 026,57	-25 515,94

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Annual General Meeting, April 2016
Comparative Income Statement

Actual
05/01/2014 to 02/28/2015

Budget
05/01/2014 to 04/30/2015

REVENUE

Student Fees	176,294.88	275,000.00
Refund of Student Fees	-124.41	-100.00
Community Membership	15.00	50.00
Grants	0.00	0.00
Donations	2.00	1,500.00
Interest Earned	0.00	0.00
Co-Sponsorship	0.00	2,500.00
Other Revenue	0.00	1,000.00
Investment Revenue	0.00	0.00
Sales - Fair Trade Products	0.00	0.00
Sales - Publications	29.00	0.00
Sales - Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00
Sales - T-Shirts	0.00	0.00
Cost of Sales - Fair Trade Products	0.00	0.00
Cost of Sales - Publications	0.00	0.00
Cost of Sales - Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00
Cost of Sales - T-Shirts	0.00	0.00
Cost of Sales - Freight	0.00	0.00
Provincial Reimbursements	0.00	0.00
TOTAL REVENUE	176,216.47	279,950.00

EXPENSE

Bank fees	284.20	325.00
Auditing	5,085.00	5,085.00
Other Professional Fees	4,000.00	4,500.00
Maintenance / Repairs	1,185.00	1,400.00
Development - Board	1,659.26	2,700.00
Development - Staff	654.80	3,000.00
Donations	500.00	500.00
Community Co-Sponsorships	2,512.26	2,500.00
Campus Co-Sponsorships	1,337.00	2,500.00
Programming	3,100.00	4,000.00
Yearly Exp, AGM, Goal plan, Food mt	743.10	1,400.00
Anti-Racism Initiative	1,000.00	1,000.00
Major Projects and Special Events	1,911.24	4,000.00
Research	-2,391.11	15,000.00
Provincial Contribution	10,509.51	10,509.51
Provincial Meeting Costs	368.29	500.00
Insurance Expense	826.20	826.20
Campus Relations	162.41	500.00
Volunteer Training	1,177.30	1,400.00

Web Site	4,691.40	5,000.00
Advertising	1,800.50	3,000.00
Office Supplies	2,427.89	3,000.00
Equipment	2,838.90	3,000.00
Photocopies	15,846.64	16,000.00
Postage / Courier	69.60	100.00
Telecommunications	1,144.19	1,800.00
Resource Centre	1,290.13	1,500.00
Translations	734.50	2,000.00
Volunteer Appreciation	0.00	800.00
Miscellaneous Expense	391.99	600.00
Memberships to other Organizations	500.00	500.00
Orientation Week	20,024.78	20,000.00
Francophone Events	0.00	800.00
Action Group Relations	0.00	250.00
AG; Hidden Generations	600.00	600.00
AG; Campaign Safer Consumption Sites	296.00	600.00
AG; The Leveller	0.00	600.00
AG; No One is Illegal - Ottawa	500.00	600.00
AG; Families of Sisters in Spirit	600.00	600.00
AG; Ottawa U Community Garden	0.00	600.00
AG; Millhaven Lifers Group	91.98	600.00
AG; Critical Urban Research Society	455.18	600.00
AG; PRD	405.12	600.00
AG; Fossil Free U Ottawa	191.80	600.00
AG; Justice for Deepan	600.00	600.00
AG; BlakCollectiv	0.00	600.00
AG; Revolutionary Student Movement	110.00	600.00
AG; RSM Algonquin Chapter	570.00	600.00
AG; Revolutionary Workers' Movement	135.43	600.00
AG: Learning Garden	626.18	600.00
AG: Action for Survivors of Torture	443.72	600.00
AG; Proletarian Feminist Front	0.00	600.00
AG; IPSMO	600.00	600.00
AG; Philippine Migrants Society Canada	0.00	300.00
AG; Surplus Pool	850.00	1,200.00
Conference Subsidy	274.43	600.00
Accessibility	0.00	800.00
Staff and Board Accommodation	72.50	800.00
Staff Training	0.00	1,500.00
Salaries	133,034.38	149,000.00
Employment Insurance Expense	3,501.40	4,100.00
Canada Pension Plan Expense	5,968.86	6,700.00
RRSP Contributions	5,574.15	5,574.15
Health Plan Expense	2,238.12	9,000.00
Grants Payroll	-530.40	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	243,593.83	310,969.86
NET INCOME	-67,377.36	-31,019.86

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