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Dear Waterloo PIRG board members and staff,

OPIRG-Carleton is honoured to support the first ever Noojimo' Annish Wenjigdaazod Kitchissippi (Healing Rage Ottawa) Conference. The conference is scheduled to for the 28th and 29th of March 2015. With the conference quickly approaching, OPIRG-Carleton is reaching out to different PIRGs to ensure that this conference will happen. Specifically your financial support is needed and would be greatly appreciated. OPIRG-Carleton is hopeful that other PIRGs will be able to contribute \$100-\$500 toward the conference.

## **ABOUT THE CONFERENCE**

The two-day conference will be a place for indigenous peoples, Black peoples, and peoples of colour to come together to learn and unlearn, to speak and to listen, to meditate and to feel, and ultimately to make new friends, new ways of doing things, and new ways to view the world we live in. For the first day of the event, the focus will be on racism (anti-blackness, settler colonialism, orientalism, and border imperialism) and cisheteropatriarchy (transmisogyny, cissexism, sexism, and heterosexism). The second day is devoted to healing justice, self-care, and community-care workshops and spaces. It will also feature keynote speakers Bonita Lawrence and Zainab Amadahy who co-authored "Indigenous Peoples and Black People in Canada: Settlers or Allies?".

Conference website: <http://www.nawk.org/>

Conference facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/nawk2015?ref=ts&fref=ts>

Zainab Amadahy: <http://www.swallowsongs.com/>

Bonita Lawrence:

<http://people.laps.yorku.ca/people.nsf/researcherprofile?readform&shortname=bonita>

## **THE IMPORTANCE OF SUPPORTING THIS CONFERENCE FOR OPIRG(S)**

OPIRG-Carleton recognizes the importance of this conference and creating spaces for healing, connecting, learning and unlearning. The OPIRG-Carleton archives indicate that PIRGs were focused on identifying and addressing issues of racism and centring whiteness in the late 70s. With a shift amongst PIRGs toward decolonization efforts and broadening recognition that PIRGs organize on stolen land, OPIRG-Carleton understands Healing Rage as a logical and hopeful way to support building better communities and relationships through healing.





## CONFERENCE BUDGET

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<b>Income</b>			<b>Income</b>	
OPIRG-Carleton	\$3000		OPIRG-Carleton	\$3000
OPIRG-Ottawa	\$3000		OPIRG-Ottawa	
Other PIRGS	\$1500		Other PIRGS	
Community Sponsors	\$4000		Community Sponsors	
<b>Total</b>	\$11500		<b>Total</b>	
<b>Expenses</b>			<b>Expenses</b>	
Honourariums	\$1000		Honourariums	
Guest Speakers	\$4000		Guest Speakers	
Travel Accommodations	\$2500		Travel Accommodations	
Space Rental	\$1000		Space Rental	
Food	\$1500		Food	
Advertising Promo Materials	\$1000		Advertising Promo Materials	
Miscellaneous	\$300		Miscellaneous	
Appreciation	\$200		Appreciation	
<b>Total</b>	\$11500		<b>Total</b>	

OPIRG-Carleton would be very pleased to have your PIRG support this exciting initiative made possible through the work, time, creativity and passion of the Noojimo Organizing committee. The conference requires financial support to happen. While \$100-\$500 is requested, please consider contributing more should your budget permit. Should you have any questions, we are happy to correspond by phone or email.

Much Respect and Thanks,

