



October 2014 Members Meeting Agenda

Date: October 30, 2014

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<i>Be it Resolved that WPIRG endorse the 'Yes' side in the reading week referendum</i>	
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October 2014 Members Meeting Agenda Attachment #1

FUNDING APPLICATION FORM

Tentative Name of initiative: ACT Dinner Organizing Committee

Please provide a description of your initiative (include mention of the type of initiative – project, group, event, campaign etc.):

We are requesting funding to cover costs related to our annual Thanksgiving Dinner. This year's dinner is on October 17 at 5.30 PM. Each year we host nearly 200 community members and students in the Guelph Youth Music Center for a delectable potluck feast and speakers panel touching on topics of decolonization. This year's theme is a deconstruction of the Canadian Identity, and previous years have featured speakers on current political campaigns such as the Line 9 pipeline reversal, and on border topics such as borders and prisons.

Please outline the mission and goals of your initiative:

Our mission statement is always under revisions; in 2013 we wrote the following description of our organizational goals.

Canada is founded on genocide, and as settlers we have inherited this history. If we want to prevent the future from repeating the past, we need to be contributing to a long-term, community driven, shift in power, from settler governments to grass roots decision making rooted in community and a sense of balance with the natural world. We intend the Anti-Colonial Thanksgiving Dinner to be a part of this long-term cultural shift.

Since it began in 2004, a loose-knit collective has organized the ACT Dinner as a gathering time and place to share stories and build community. We recognize that it is no coincidence which stories are included in dominant histories and which are left out. The stories shared at the ACT dinner help stimulate a broader conversation of decolonization in Guelph and help us explore these issues within ourselves.

Our participation in the ACT Dinner is a response to the call we've heard many times from Native people to decolonize our minds and work in our own communities.

The Anti-Colonial Thanksgiving Dinner is a continual event, a tradition we see as unique and important. It has become a venue to learn from our mistakes, to develop relationships, and change power dynamics. We are committed to continuing the dinner, as well as continuing to step outside the one-off framework of an annual event and shifting our focus towards developing a year round community of anti-colonialism.

We would also like to acknowledge the framework that we use as being heavily influenced by anarchist thought. In other words we place a great deal of value on autonomy, sovereignty, mutual respect, and a diversity of perspectives. This is where we are coming from but we would like to acknowledge and respect the fact that many of our allies draw inspiration from other places.

Please describe how your initiative fits within WPIRG's mandate (refer to above mandate):

This initiative seeks to break down social hierarchies through education and exposure to critical thought and alternative narratives. We ferment community engagement and have seen the results of this year after year as our event grows. The organizing committee uses a process loosely based around the consensus decision-making model, and prioritizes being accountable to members of the community who may express concerns regarding our words, actions and privileges etc.

Is your initiative affiliated with any other organizations or groups on campus or in the community?

Our organization has a working relationship with OPIRG Guelph, the University of Guelph Central Student Association, The Peak, and the Guelph Youth Music Center as well as Four Folds Farm, Cedar Down Farm, Whole Circle Farm and a variety of others.

What is the amount of funding that you are requesting? (Please attach a tentative budget, be as detailed as possible and include other sources of revenue)

Below is an approximate budget:

Speaker Honorius -	\$800
Travel Expenses -	\$500
Venue Rental -	\$400
Food Costs -	\$300
Promotional Material -	\$80
Literature Printing -	\$140
Bank Account Fees -	\$25
Total -	\$2245

We are requesting \$800 in funding to help cover the venue rental, food expenses, and some of the remaining miscellaneous costs. We also requesting financial support from the U of G Central Students Association, OPIRG - Guelph, and the Peak.

In addition to funding, do you require any additional support? (i.e. help with outreach and promotion, logistical support such as space booking, access WPIRG office supplies etc.)

We are always looking for help with promotion such as the use of your volunteer or announcement list serves.



October 2014 Members Meeting Agenda Attachment #2

FUNDING APPLICATION FORM

Tentative Name of initiative: EWB summer student

Please provide a description of your initiative (include mention of the type of initiative – project, group, event, campaign etc.):

EWB-uWaterloo is seeking support in funding a living wage for a summer student.

Waterloo's EWB chapter has been instrumental in promoting social justice within the EWB network. One aspect of this is our efforts to decrease the value people perceive of volunteer sending and shift the focus toward collective, political change in constituencies we hold more relevance and ability in. Thanks partially to our efforts, EWB is now hiring local students for internships and permitting Canadian applicants to work on Canadian ventures.

EWB-uWaterloo supports these changes - this year, we'll be supporting two local overseas students and one Waterloo student working in Canada. We are also pushing for improvement: paying the students a living wage.

The work area will be with EWB's Engineer of Tomorrow venture (formerly called Global Engineering – Outreach). This portfolio allows us to work to instill social justice values in STEM subjects where they are traditionally lacking. The internship will 4 months of full time work and 8 months of community commitment, during which time the intern will lead lectures and workshops to share more widely their work through their internship. The intern will also be responsible for opening and maintaining a working relationship with their overseas counterpart in order to work towards intercultural learning and problem solving on an equal level.

Please outline the mission and goals of your initiative:

-to contribute to the Engineer of Tomorrow initiative – read more about their goals here: <http://blogs.ewb.ca/eot/> (during summer placement)

-to engage Waterloo students in social change and social justice (after placement)

-to continue advocating progressive changes within the EWB national network

Please describe how your initiative fits within WPIRG's mandate (refer to above mandate):

This work seeks to engage people who traditionally don't identify with WPIRG's values on a relevant and applicable level – bringing social justice to the STEM fields. In addition we are working to make EWB's summer programs more accessible by paying a living wage.

Lastly we are working directly on dispelling cultural supremacism by publicly endorsing alternative models of doing international development.

Is your initiative affiliated with any other organizations or groups on campus or in the community?

We are a chapter affiliate of Engineers Without Borders Canada.

What is the amount of funding that you are requesting? (Please attach a tentative budget, be as detailed as possible and include other sources of revenue)

We are requesting \$2000.

This program will be integrated partially with the traditional Junior Fellow program, which costs \$8500 but provides a stipend of \$2000/month – about \$11.70 per hour.

WPIRG's \$2000 would go directly to the student's wage, bringing it up closer to \$14.60 per hour.

The \$8500 is already funded by donations and a contribution from the venture.

In addition to funding, do you require any additional support? (i.e. help with outreach and promotion, logistical support such as space booking, access WPIRG office supplies etc.)

Some support co-promoting outreach events in the latter 8 months, but this will be small.