



November 2014

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Agenda Attachment #1

FUNDING APPLICATION FORM

Tentative Name of initiative: UWSFPR Presents: First Annual International Day of Solidarity With the Palestinian People Dinner

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

UW Students for Palestinian Rights will be holding a fundraiser dinner on November 29th, 2014, to serve 90 people, while also raising awareness via arts performances/ speakers. The dinner will be the first of an annual event.

Please outline the mission and goals of your initiative: The goal of this event is to fundraise money for UWSFPR, to facilitate awareness-raising events in the future.

Please describe how your initiative fits within WPIRG's mandate (refer to above mandate): UW Students for Palestinian Rights represents the human Rights of the Palestinian People, which is a pertinent social justice issue.

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

No other groups are affiliated with this event.

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)

UWSFPR requests \$500. Budget includes booking the hall (Alumni Hall, St. Paul's): \$150 + HST, + \$100 deposit; Catering (\$8/plate); cutlery, plates, napkins, pitchers, serving dishes, etc (TBD); and speakers/presenters- still to be confirmed, but fees for the Dabkeh team are \$350, and other speakers may request additional fees. Additional sources of revenue are UWSPR funds which have been fundraised, which total approx. \$400 at this time.

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.)

Not required, but appreciated- outreach; any help with pitchers, tableware etc. is appreciated.



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FUNDING APPLICATION FORM

Tentative Name of initiative: Asgard Green Co-op Breakfast Club

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

The Asgard Green Breakfast Club is a community service that provides free breakfast for people in the neighborhood every Tuesday morning. We try to provide a healthy and well-balanced breakfast to both children and adults. We seek to give parents a break by making sure that children are eating well before school. Additionally we help to foster an environment for neighbors to get to know each other and encourage people to volunteer for the Breakfast Club and other community-based projects. On average, we serve about 20-30 community members with the majority being children grabbing some food before they go to school.

Please outline the mission and goals of your initiative:

- we aim to provide free weekly healthy breakfast to people in our neighborhood
- we aim to foster a space where neighbors can meet and socialize with each other

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

The Breakfast Club fits with WPIRG's mandate because it aims to help alleviate some of the costs of food, especially for parents. It seeks to be part of the process to help build resilient communities where individuals work with one another to fulfill the needs of the community. It recognizes that in tough economic times, people should come together and rely on each other to make sure that they have the necessities. The Breakfast Club is part of the roots of building strong communities. We oppose all forms of oppression and want everyone in our neighborhood to come out to breakfast, especially children who might face structural barriers to getting a good breakfast. We encourage community members to participate in the breakfast club. Decisions are made collectively and we rotate roles among participants, including shopping, prepping, cooking, serving, and cleanup.

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

We are affiliated with Asgard Green Co-Operative Homes, Inc.

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 \$400.

Budget:

Yearly Food Cost: \$2000 (Approx weekly food cost \$40 per week)

Misc. Supplies: \$200

Total: \$2200

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 could use help finding additional funding, donations from local businesses, promotion of events such as bake sales, and some help with printing and photocopying.



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FUNDING APPLICATION FORM

Tentative Name of initiative: #WinterIsComing

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

#WinterIsComing is a one month long clothing drive, through which winter gear such as coats, sweaters, gloves, mittens, scarves and blankets are collected from members of the community. The donations will be collected throughout the Ontario region. Students from schools such as University of Waterloo, Western Ontario, University of Toronto Mississauga and McMaster University have gathered to help make this initiative a success. At the end of the month, all of the donations will be sent to refugee camps in Najaf-Iraq, and the Kurdish region in Iraq, which currently houses over a million internally displaced persons and refugees. As members of #WinterIsComing, we are not aiming to help one particular secular, ethnic or religious group. We aim to help the many Yazidis, Syrians, Iraqis, Kurds, Christians, Turkmens and other minorities in the region, without discrimination. As winter is approaching, these refugees are living in half finished refugee camps with a tent as their sole defense against the upcoming harsh weather. refugee camps located especially in the Kurdish region will face harsher conditions earlier than the rest of the country, as they are located near higher altitudes. In an attempt to help the many people who will be affected by the winter, #WinterIsComing aims to not only provide a safer and more comfortable winter facing the refugees, but also raise awareness to the current crisis in the Middle East created by ISIS.

Please outline the mission and goals of your initiative:

Mission: The mission of #WinterIsComing is to raise awareness regarding the crisis in the Middle East, especially in Iraq. Also, to emphasize on the cruel and harsh conditions the refugees and internally displaced persons are expected to face in the winter. Moreover, to

collect as many donations as possible in the form of winter gear, in additions to blankets so as to at the very least, protect these persons from the cruel winter. Finally, to supply the refugees and IDP's with supplies that they are missing.

Goals:

1. To collect coats, sweaters, warm clothing, scarves, mittens, gloves and blankets
2. To generate funds to pay for diapers, underwear, and baby formula (the top three things executive members of the refugee camps, say that refugees are missing)
3. To generate funds for medical supplies
4. To make members of the community more aware of the urgency of Iraq's situation, especially regarding IDP's and refugees affected by ISIS.

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

Members of the community will engage with other members of different communities, students from different universities, and members of varying age groups. This initiative will cause members of the community to communicate with other members of different social groups. Our aim is to make the community aware of the conditions in Middle East, the threat of ISIS, and most importantly the fate of those who are affected by the crisis. This issue has initiated the Canadian government to also get involved and be part of the coalition lead against ISIS. Henceforth, our aim is to shed light on why, to make people aware that despite that the thousands of refugees and internally displaced person in Iraq, is a problem limited to Iraq and the Middle East, we too are affected in Canada. It is our compassion that has gotten us involved in this initiative. Our initiative will motivate communities across Ontario to participate in keeping a family warm this winter, by going to local business and setting up drop off locations for these clothes, and in the process of doing so keeping the community informed. In addition to doing promoting activism, our initiative will also endorse global

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

Organization Affiliations:

1. University of Waterloo and Wilfred Laurier Society of Arab Students
2. University of Toronto Iraqi Student Association
3. McMaster University Muslim Student Association
4. PRIG at McMaster University
5. Greater Kurdish House of Toronto

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)

Tentative Budget	
Shipping and Delivery	\$3500
Medical Supplies	\$500
Refugee Needs Supplies (diapers, baby formula, underwear)	\$500
Posters and Flyers	\$200
Drop off Boxes	\$200

That being said, our main requirements and goals is to collect as much winter gear as possible, and everything else comes second priority (medical supplies and refugee needs supplies). This is due to the fact that it is easier and more accessible for community members to get involved and help out.

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.)

Yes, the most important aspect for the success of this initiative is outreach and promotion, because it depends heavily on the commitment and involvement of the community. In addition, we will also require support in the form of setting up drop off locations throughout the community.



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In order to raise awareness for a disease that greatly affects the African Diaspora and its origins UWBASE has decided to hold a day filled with activities that are not only informational but educational as well. *Love, Sex and Disease* strives to create awareness about HIV/AIDS in the community and is about supporting people who are infected, affected and at risk for HIV/AIDS. Alongside our long time partners ACCKWA, The AIDS Committee of Cambridge, Kitchener, Waterloo & Area, we believe that the best prevention is knowledge, information and empowerment.

To help ACCKWA continue to provide free and confidential services to residents of Waterloo Region, as they are a non profit organization, we have decided to hold a fundraiser in the form of a table tennis tournament on (insert date). The day will begin with the first few rounds of the tournament followed by an educational segment. Some of the presenters will be courtesy of ACCKWA and will feature AIDS/HIV survivors that the students can relate to. We will end the day with the final round of the tournament.

The following is a rough financial sketch of the most economic means of executing the tournament;

Item	Cost
Table rentals	1)*Company: <i>My Table Tennis</i> , 905 948 9883, Markham \$180 for delivery \$80 per table (x3) Barriers: \$8 each Rackets: \$8 each Scoreboard: \$15 Total: \$507 *Number one choice 2)Company: <i>Ultimate Party Services</i> , 905624 1150, Toronto Tables (equipment included)= \$405 *Delivery= \$200 Total: \$605 *Delivery the day before, pick up after
Food	1)Company: <i>Rainbow Caribbean Cuisine</i> - Menu is varied

	<p>*Total: \$350</p>
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	<p>2)Company: none - purchase varying snacks and platters</p>
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	<p>Total: unknown</p>
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	<p>* based on previous years</p>
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We look forward to adding WPIRG to the team and welcome your help in way that you can to make this event a success.



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FUNDING APPLICATION FORM

Tentative Name of initiative: Aboriginal Student Association of UW – Cultural Workshop – Hand Drum Making

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

Group Event – Hand Drum Making – This workshop not only offers our Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal students (of all ages and any gender) a chance to participate in a cultural activity but also brings the knowledge and teachings behind the hand drum, its origin, and the ceremonies that accompany crafting your own hand drum. At the request of the Aboriginal Students Association, we have been attempting to offer more cultural events and activities and this particular workshop incorporates many of the traditional teachings the Original People have been passing along for generations.

Please outline the mission and goals of your initiative:

As most of our students have not grown up with the original teachings of our people, this workshop allows them to learn more about an important aspect of our culture. The hand drum brings many different teachings as well as being a fundamental part of our ceremonies, celebrations, traditions and even daily life.

The facilitator of this workshop has a wealth of traditional knowledge and adheres to the Anishnawbe teachings – *“One of the foundational teachings of the Original People is our connectedness to Mother Earth. The heartbeat of Mother Earth is the drum. The making of a hand drum is not only healing in itself but then a lifelong connection to Mother Earth. Playing the drum offers another healing and owning your own drum allows you to participate in all of the*

ceremonies that go along with this honor". Our facilitator imparts these teachings within the workshop and it is our hope that these stay with the participant throughout their life.

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

This workshop would help bring our Aboriginal Students Association together to participate in an activity that has been a part of the Aboriginal culture since time immemorial. In an effort to bring awareness to current Aboriginal issues, we are trying to offer the student's traditional knowledge and culturally relevant activities. These activities help foster group cohesion, promote awareness of Aboriginal culture, and help educate students about the First Nations people.

Many of our members are non-Aboriginal and have expressed a wonderful desire to participate in cultural activities alongside our Aboriginal students. This type of networking and sharing of culture is essential to building better relations between our communities.

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

The Waterloo Aboriginal Education Center, at St. Paul's, on University of Waterloo campus.

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)

Description:

All-inclusive drum making workshop includes: opening prayer and smudge, introductions, discussion and expectations, teachings of the drum, the making of the drum, soaking the hides, lacing the drum, knot tying and balance teaching, discussion on drumstick making, finish the drum, caring for a drum teaching, evaluation.

Budget:

BREAKDOWN	DESCRIPTION	RATE	TOTAL
Cost per participant	4 hour session/10 participants	\$130.00	\$1300.00
Raw hide		\$100.00	
Strikers		\$5.00	
Hoops		\$25.00	
TOTAL	Preparation time: Approx. 3-5 days		

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.)

The interim Events Coordinator of the Waterloo Aboriginal Education Center at St. Paul's can book room 228 for this workshop.

(The interested students have been asked about participating in the workshop and we have received more than 10 responses indicating their desire to attend. If necessary we may find other donations within our own Clubs FEDS funds or ask each student to contribute as little as possible to purchase the materials needed. We might also look for donated materials or possible negotiations on the cost per student if more than 10 participate.)



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Whereas Chevron operations have been the cause of millions of deaths and illnesses around the world due to their irresponsible and unsafe operations.

Whereas the Chevron's Dirty Hand Campaign stands in solidarity with the Unist'ot'en people who are currently resisting Chevron's Pacific Trail Pipeline.

Whereas the Supreme Court of Canada is set to rule on Chevron's responsibility in a 9.5 billion dollar lawsuit for environmental crimes in Ecuador.

Be it resolved that WPIRG endorse the Chevron's Dirty Hand Campaign