

RPIRG Project/Event/Training Fund Application Form

SECTION 1 - APPLICANT INFORMATION

1. Date of application: January 2, 2012

2. Name:

3. Name and brief description of the mandate, goals and activities of the group you represent (if applicable).

The event which we are seeking funding for is a collaborative effort between the Women's Centre and the Women's and Gender Studies department, with the assistance of students such as myself. We are bringing internationally renowned environmentalist and global justice activist Starhawk to Regina this Spring to address environmental stewardship, leadership roles for women and girls in the area of environment, and the Tar Sands.

Women's Centre Mandate

The Women's Centre is a feminist agency that embraces women's equal rights as a human right and further works to elucidate and eradicate systems of inequality within our community.

The mission of the University of Regina Women's Centre is to provide a safe and supportive environment free of sexism and all forms of prejudice or discrimination in order to empower, educate, and advocate on behalf of all self-identified women at the University of Regina. The UR Women's Centre is directed to inform the University of Regina campus community about those issues and concerns facing women in order to promote equality, understanding and peacefulness. Through educational events, such as the one presented here, the Women's Centre seeks to inform students and the community of issues concerning women both locally and globally, but also promoting the importance of student leadership and positive action within their community.

4. Specify whether you are requesting funding to organize an event, conduct a project, or attend a conference/receive training.

Organize an event

5. Background information about yourself or your group, including past experience, interest in the project/event/training session subject matter, and any other relevant information.

We are both Women's and Gender Studies graduates and have a strong interest in issues that significantly impact women's lived experiences. To this end, we have both participated in and co-hosted a number of events, both on and off campus, addressing issues of this nature. For example, each year we co-host, with various other organizations, an event to mark International Women's Day, the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women, fundraisers that support organizations that seek to improve the lives of girls and women across the globe and educational such as this one. Starhawk has agreed to come to talk about the Tar

Sands and lead an environmental activism workshop. Although felt less acutely in the global North, women across the globe tend to bear both the most immediate consequences of and responsibility for environmental destruction.

6. If applying for training/conference funding, you must clearly explain how your experience relates to a larger project or mandate (e.g., how will you bring your learning back into the community?)

N/A

SECTION 2 – EVENT/PROJECT/TRAINING INFORMATION

1. Project/event/training name, dates, and locations.

Name: TBA

Date: March 18 & 19, 2012

Location: Cathedral Community Center (workshop) and Luther College auditorium (public lecture)

2. A brief description of the project/event/training, including mandate, objectives (short and long term)

The purpose of this event is to have Starhawk address environmental stewardship, leadership roles for women and girls in the area of environment, and the tar sands. To this end, we will have a workshop on Sunday, March 18 and a lecture on the evening of Monday, March 19. Both of these will be open to the public at no cost. In addition, she will tentatively be holding a Spring Equinox ritual in the morning of the 19th at the First Nations University campus and then visit a number of university classes in the afternoon.

3. A brief summary of your project including your advertising/communications strategy.

A number of advertising and communication strategies will be employed which include: 1) radio and television advertising, such as Access Communications Talk of the Town, Human Rights Radio; 2) website advertising through RPIRG, URSU, University of Regina Women's and Gender Studies department; 4) a Facebook event page will be established and emails with a poster and details will be sent through various list-serves through supporting organizations; 5) a press release will be sent to the media from the Women's Centre; 6) posters will be put up in various locations in the community as well as on campus.

4. A timeline of activities related to the project/event/training.

March 18: Environmental Activism Workshop

March 19: (Morning) Spring Equinox Ritual at First Nations University
(Afternoon) Class Talk (with multiple classes)
(Evening) Public Lecture in Luther Auditorium

5. How will the University of Regina and/or the larger community benefit from your project/event/training? Will a new perspective or information be presented?

This event seeks to inspire the birth of new ideas and spark environmental activism by building sustainable connections between local community members and organizations that are working in the area of environmental justice, particularly for girls and women who are often already engaged in the work of addressing environmental concerns. Our workshop and lecture will simply provide an opportunity to learn from one of the foremost female voices in the international environmental movement, one which can serve as a catalyst to inspire our youth and keep Regina's commitment to environmental stewardship strong, and which offers an excellent model of female leadership. Finally, the Tar Sands issue is incredibly important and it is literally our own backyard that is at risk; thus, for this community (on Treaty 4 land) it is critical that we become informed, inspired and motivated so that we can choose an alternative to the world and future that is being offered to us—one where the well-being of the earth and our First Nations peoples holds higher priority than the dollar.

6. How is project/event/training compatible with RPIRG's Mission Statement and Statement of Values?

RPIRG's mission statement, as displayed on the webpage, is oriented toward fighting injustices and promoting alternative perspectives. Both RPIRG and this event share similar values and visions; both promote social equality and anti-oppression, networking and collaboration, diversity and accessibility, ecological sustainability, and the sharing of strategies for action, empowerment, and revolution.

SECTION 3 – FINANCIAL INFORMATION

1. A complete budget, including travel costs, speaker fees, accommodations, printing/advertising costs, and all other costs.

See attachment

2. Ensure that your budget clearly states the amount of funding request from RPIRG. In addition, include information about which other organizations you have approached for funding, the amounts you requested, and the amounts you have received or expect to receive.

We are asking for \$1700.

3. If you are not requesting funding, please outline the types of support you are requesting from RPIRG.