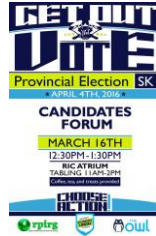


## Campaigns



### Federal and Provincial Election Campaigns

RPIRG ran a 'Get Out The Vote' campaign for the 2015 federal election and the 2016 provincial election in partnership with other on-campus groups. For both elections we registered students to vote and advertised the on-campus polling stations, held an election fair and debate, and hosted an election results party. Overall, we had a large number of student participate in both campaigns and were able to mobilize many students to register and vote and we also helped educate students about the elections and why it was important for them to participate.

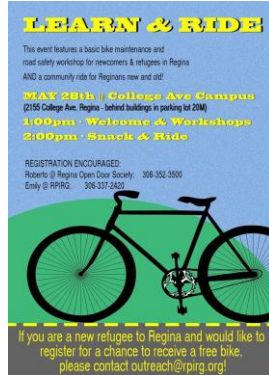


### Other Events and Projects:



**Injust Justice:**  
Panel and discussion on incarceration and social inequality  
&  
**RPIRG Annual General Meeting**  
September 22nd, 2015  
Discussion @ 11:30am  
AGM @ 12:45PM  
RIC Atrium  
FREE PIZZA

Injust Justice Panel and AGM



Learn & Ride  
Refugee Bike event

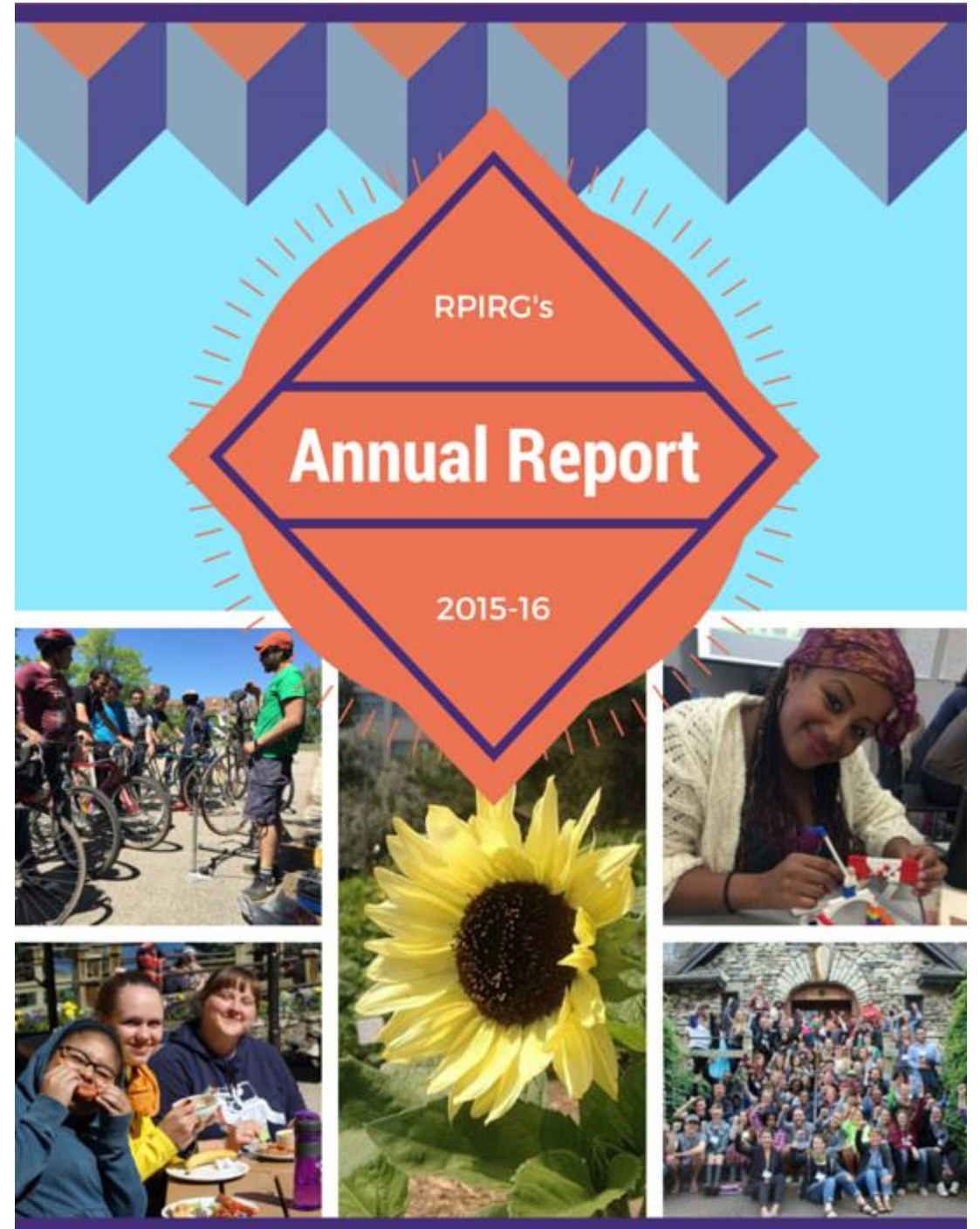


Toolkit Workshop series

## Research Projects

### Living Wage Campaign – Noah Li

This research project looked at the possibility of making the U of R a living wage campus – a campus where every employee makes at least a living wage (\$16.49 in Regina). This was the secondary phase of the project where we evaluated the data collected from a survey of U of R employees and interviewed employees regarding the fairness of their workplace.



## About Us

The Regina Public Interest Research Group (RPIRG) is a student-run, student-funded non-profit organization dedicated to community-based research, education, action and awareness on issues of social and environmental justice. RPIRG exists to provide its members with the resources to be active citizens on the University of Regina campus and in the greater community.

RPIRG is committed to the following values in all of its work:

- consensus decision making
- autonomy/independence
- plurality and diversity
- social equality and anti-oppression
- participatory democracy and engaged citizenship
- non-partisanship
- environmental sustainability
- accountability and transparency
- public interest over private interest


2015-16 was a year of elections and new engagement. We hosted a successful concert fundraiser and learn-to-bike event for Syrian refugees in Regina, helped to run the 7th annual Generating Momentum camp, hosted the 9<sup>th</sup> Apathy into Action social justice conference, and celebrated the 5<sup>th</sup> season of the Green Patch garden. We have supported a record number of Working Groups (9 at one time), and gave out over \$35,000 in funding to students for projects, events, and training opportunities. We are excited to see how RPIRG can continue to serve the U of R community in the coming year!

Drop in and say 'hi', browse our library, check out our coming events, or vent about an issue you feel strongly about! Our office hours are Monday-Friday, 9:30-4:30.

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## Funding - Working Groups

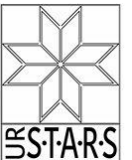
Working Groups are semi-autonomous groups of students and community members who organize for long-term action around specific issues of environmental and social justice. RPIRG offers support, funding, and office and networking resources to working groups.

**The Regina Student Parent Association** focuses on supporting students with dependent children. It fosters communication and collaboration among advocates, policymakers, and practitioners invested in the success of student parents in postsecondary education.



**Fruit for Thought** creates awareness of environmentally sustainable behaviours and reduce food waste while contributing to the community. Fruit for Thought harvests and processes unwanted urban fruit, and shares the products in a three way split between the food bank and shelters, owners of the trees, and volunteers.

**STARS (Student Teachers' Anti-Racist/Anti Oppressive Society)** promotes anti-oppressive education in the Faculty of Education at the U of R. They address issues of oppression by participating in personal development activities, collecting and providing resources related to social justice, and offering professional development events for their colleagues and the community.



## SEARCH

Student Energy in Action for Regina Community Health

**SEARCH** is a student-run, interdisciplinary clinic in North Central Regina that addresses the health under-service of inner-city communities. Every Saturday, students working under the direct supervision of health professional mentors operate a walk-in clinic.

**The Blue Dot Movement** is a national movement started by David Suzuki that recognizes that a healthy environment is a fundamental human right. The Regina chapter hopes to continue to build momentum for this movement at a local level, starting with getting a declaration made by the City of Regina.



**The Inclusion Initiative** aims to provide space and opportunity for those affected by and interested in inclusionary issues at the U of R. They focus on providing advocacy and support for people with disabilities on campus, and bringing issues of inclusion to the forefront to create a proactive campus community.

**Students for Mental Wellness** aims to raise awareness about mental illness, mental wellness, and campus/community services that are available for those who need them. Through events such as Mental Wellness Week, Students for Mental Wellness helps to educate the U of R community about these issues.



**UR Team Compost** is a club that connects and engages students interested in sustainable waste management options, particularly composting. It aims to implement a campus-wide composting system, as well as educate students on how to manage the organic waste that they produce at home.

**Volunteer Sector Studies Network** is a group that enhances students' interest in and qualifications for volunteering and working in the non-profit sector by providing training and networking opportunities.

## Funding - Events, Projects & Training

### Student Run Projects:

- Project Connect (\$500)
- Black History Month (\$2000)
- Lean: The Measurably Effective Musical (\$2000)
- Mental Wellness Week (\$2000)
- Man Up Against Violence (\$2500)



### Students Attending Training:

- Ignatian Family Teach-In for Justice – Camilla Vargas (\$600)
- Ignatian Family Teach-In for Justice – Luke Gilmore (\$600)
- Ignatian Family Teach-In for Justice – Taylor Wandler (\$600)
- Engineers Without Borders National Conference (\$3500)
- Is Fish Your Wish: Sustainable Aquaculture – Brittany Sippola (\$300)



### Student Run Events:

- Decolonizing Media - Discussion and Media Fair (\$2000)
- Sustainable Food Systems Event (\$450)
- Stand up for Humanity (\$1500)
- Engineers Without Borders Fair Trade Wine Night (\$500)
- Indigenous Research Day (\$500)
- Awareness of Contemporary Genocide in East Africa (\$280)



## Board of Directors & Staff

### Board

The RPIRG Board of Directors is composed of eight Student Members and makes all major decisions regarding finances, long-term goals, programming, staffing, and funding applications. The Board is elected in March every year, and Board appointments are for up to two years.

#### 2015-2016 Term:

Nadia Akbar-Kamal  
Emma Schultz  
Sofia Aman  
Betty Lubega  
Jael Bartnik  
Roberta Wallace  
Fartun Mohamud  
Ishema Mwuwanveza

#### 2015-16 Term:

Haris Khan  
Emma Schultz  
Sofia Aman  
Betty Lubega  
Hannah Grover  
Roberta Wallace  
Fartun Mohamud  
Harvev Gibson

### Staff

The RPIRG Staff members take care of all the day-to-day operations of the organization. There are two main staff positions – the Executive Director and Outreach and Events Coordinator – along with various seasonal and term positions.

#### 2015-16 Staff:

##### Current:

Anna Dipple – Executive Director (June 2014 – present)  
Emily Barber – Outreach and Events Coordinator (Sept 2015 – present)  
Leonel Elias – Garden Project Coordinator (May 2016 – present)  
Tiffany Strachan – Generating Momentum Coordinator (May 2016 – present)

##### Past:

Noah Li – Student Researcher, Living Wage Project (February – April 2016)  
Taneal Brucks – Garden Project Coordinator (April – October 2015)  
Tressa Nielsen – Outreach and Events Coordinator (May 2014 – Sept 2015)

# RPIRG Financial Statements

(For Year Ending April 30, 2016)

## INCOME:

Student Fees	\$146,530
Other Income (event sponsorship, grants, etc)	\$35,857

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**Subtotal:** \$182,387

## EXPENSES:

Board	\$1,430
Employee	\$82,614
Operations	\$6,468
Public Relations	\$3,223
Student Services	
Events	\$39,733
Funding grants (Projects/Events/Training and Working Groups)	\$35,625

Library \$266

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**Subtotal:** \$169,359

**NET INCOME:** \$13,028

## Programming



### The Green Patch Garden

The RPIRG Green Patch is celebrating its 5<sup>th</sup> season this summer! This season saw many new partnerships being forged with new professors and departments in order to expand the educational reach of the project. This year we also held workshops on container gardening and composting. 2016 has been a year of bumper crops across the board, and we are hoping to beat last year's record of over 2000 pounds produced!

### Apathy into Action

In January 2016, we held the 9<sup>th</sup> annual Apathy into Action social justice conference. The conference took place over three days, with a keynote panel on Thursday night, issue sessions all day on Friday, and full-day training sessions on Saturday.

Sessions topics:

- Refugee Rights
- Democracy in Canada
- Transgender Rights
- Root Causes of Poverty
- Labour Rights
- Anti-Oppression training



### Generating Momentum



This year marked the 7<sup>th</sup> Generating Momentum: Activist Leadership Training camp that RPIRG has run in conjunction with the Saskatchewan Council for International Cooperation. Generating Momentum is a 4-day camp focused on giving youth the knowledge and skills they need to make change in their communities.

This year we had sessions on topics such as:

- Anti-oppression training
- Campaign Planning
- Allyship
- Art and Activism
- First Nations Rights
- Group Decision Making

### Refugee Relief Concert

RPIRG partnered with the U of R Women's Centre and UR Pride Centre to hold a concert during the Syrian refugee crisis in order to raise money and winter clothing donations for Syrian refugees coming to Regina. The concert was a huge success with over 150 people attending and a total of \$3677.40 raised in donations for the Regina Open Door Society!

