

# WORKING GROUP APPLICATION FOR THE ONTARIO PUBLIC INTEREST RESEARCH GROUP OPIRG -- MCMASTER

Each working group must fill out this form and return to McMaster University Student Centre (MUSC) room 229 or e-mail to [randy@opirg.org](mailto:randy@opirg.org). Please read the OPIRG WORKING GROUP POLICY (located on the OPIRG McMaster web site. **Please Note:** this is for both new AND returning working groups. You will also be asked to make a brief presentation before the OPIRG Board of Directors

\*new working group / or renewal (circle one)

\*name of working group:

\*contact person(s): Name:

E-mail:

(contact person 2)

Name:

Phone:

E-mail:

PLEASE FULLY ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS (use separate sheet)

- DESCRIBE THE FOCUS OF YOUR WORKING GROUP
- HOW IS YOUR WORKING GROUP HELPING TO MAKE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE?
- WHAT SORTS OF ACTIVITY DO YOU SEE THE WORKING GROUP INVOLVED IN?
- WHAT SORT OF OUTREACH DO YOU INTEND TO DO TO GET MEMBERS?

OPIRG WORKING GROUPS USE CONSENSUS DECISION MAKING, AND ARE REQUIRED TO TAKE ANTI-RACISM/OPPRESSION TRAINING: MANDATORY WORKSHOPS:

\*ANTI OPPRESSION WORKSHOP: Monday, September 25 – 7-9 pm MUSC 311/313.

\*OPIRG WORKING GROUP ORIENTATION, Monday, October 2, 5:30pm CNH 607

\*CONSENSUS DECISION MAKING WORKSHOP Tuesday, October 24, 7-9pm MUSC 318

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STUFF YOU SHOULD KNOW:

- Working Group Volunteers are **expected** to attend OPIRG's free workshops on *consensus decision making*, and *anti-racism/oppression*.
- Working Groups meet monthly with the volunteer coordinator and other working groups to discuss working group issues.
- Working Group representatives need to be available to meet with the OPIRG Board of Directors
- Working Groups must submit a Year End report at the end of the school year.

OTHER STUFF YOU SHOULD KNOW:

Working Group Budget: each working group gets a base of funding (\$150.00, includes photocopy account at Design and Copy, AV equipment rentals,, etc.]. Working groups are encouraged to fund-raise independently if required, or request assistance from the OPIRG McMaster Working Group fund. Your group should prepare a draft budget for your activities.

Working groups should consider submitting articles to the bi-annual OPIRG newsletter

**PIRGSPECTIVES, The OPIRG Blog, and** to the SIL, & take part in **volunteer appreciation nights**, and generally spread good cheer and environmentally sound social justice all over the place.

**Deadline for submissions (first term) September 26, 2006.**

You can make an appointment with Randy Kay (Volunteer Coordinator) at [opirg@mcmaster.ca](mailto:opirg@mcmaster.ca) or by calling 905-525-9140 ext. 26026.