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# Campus Activist Training: TOOLS FOR CHANGE

Presented by OPIRG-Carleton • January 19 - 20th, 2007

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OPIRG-Carleton gives students a unique experience; working cooperatively and practicing consensus decision making to affect social change and environmental awareness. These "Tools for Change" workshops will provide skills to broaden the activist experience.

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# Food Fight: Anarchist Movies

by Jonathan Culp and SATAN MACNUGGIT POPULAR ARTS

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19TH, 2007 - 7 PM  
360 TORY BUILDING, CARLETON UNIVERSITY  
ALL WELCOME! NO CHARGE!!

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*"Grilled Cheese Sandwich: a comedy about the everyday revolution of lunch"*

## Film Screening

We will view three films starting with the feature length "Grilled Cheese Sandwich", followed by two shorts focusing on poverty issues in Ontario. Please join us for a Q&A and discussion after the films.

## Our Guest: Jonathan Culp

Jonathan is the creator of over thirty short films and videos, including collage, documentary, and super 8 works. As co-founder of the Toronto Video Activist Collective, Culp was an early proponent of 'video activism.' He has helped to promote *truly* independent video via the Satan Macnuggit Video Road Show, and as film and video editor for Broken Pencil magazine. In 2003 Culp was cited as 'Toronto's Most Indefatigable Underground Video Guru' by NOW Magazine. 'Grilled Cheese Sandwich,' based on Culp's misspent youth in Ontario's Niagara Region, is his first feature.

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# Workshops

Friday, January 19th : 1 - 4 pm  
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**1:00 pm to 3:00 pm**

**Room 234 Tory Building**

## **Anti-Racism Training for everyone**

Privilege is so entrenched in our society and its institutions that most of the time we are not even aware of it. The other reality is that whether we like to admit it or not, many of us discriminate against others and aren't even conscious of it.

To understand and combat oppression we need to be thinking about privilege and power every day. This workshop will hopefully give you some tools to better understand oppression in your own life and the world around you.

Facilitator: Garrett Zehr is an OPIRG board member and involved with Fair Trade and Books to Prisoners. He by no means is an expert on oppression but looks forward to sharing what he has learned from others and he is excited about what he will learn from you.

**1:00 pm to 3:00 pm**

**Room 447 Tory Building**

## **Consensus Decision Making**

Sick of meetings being dominated by a few individuals? Tired of not being heard? This workshop will discuss the techniques for sharing power with your fellow activists. It will provide tools to equalize participation among your group of volunteers. This is a mandatory workshop for all OPIRG volunteers.

Facilitator: Karen Hawley has been providing consensus decision making workshops for the past 7 years. She has worked with the process for 16 years - experiencing its strengths and challenges.

**3:00 pm to 4:00 pm**

**Room 234 Tory Building**

## **Getting the Message Out – Communicating with the Media, Poster Making, Email Call- Outs**

This interactive workshop will provide tips on how to effectively communicate the ideas of our movements/coalitions/working groups...

Facilitator: Joe Cressy is an anti-war activist, NDP organizer, and member of the OPIRG-Carleton Board.

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**3:00 pm to 4:00 pm**

**Room 447 Tory Building**

### **Welcome to New Orleans**

Sixteen months after Hurricane Katrina and untold promises later, the city of New Orleans is still a disaster-zone. Half a million people are still without firm housing and most funds allocated to disaster relief disappear into the waiting hands of contractors. Spray-painted on the walls of the houses which still stand in a broken row directly facing the Industrial Canal levee in the hard-hit Lower 9th Ward are three words repeated over and over: Welcome to Baghdad.

Facilitator: Maks is an undergrad student and street artist who led a work-crew in the 9th Ward of New Orleans this past winter break. Join Maks for a photo-filled look into the disaster, the history of New Orleans and a look into the hardship and beauty of the rebuilding effort.

**3:00 pm to 4:00 pm**

**OPIRG OFFICE (326 UC)**

### **Web-site Management for Working Group Web Pages**

The Internet gives your working group the opportunity to communicate to a wider audience and to more effectively coordinate among your own members. Learn how to establish a web presence using OPIRG-Carleton's website interface. This interactive workshop will show you how to get your working group's documents, research, photos and other information into your own section on the OPIRG-Carleton website. If you want to be part of the OPIRG-Carleton website, be sure to send one rep (a maximum of 2 reps) to this workshop.

Facilitator: Eliot Che is a web programmer and graphic designer for Openconcept Consulting and CovertOps.ca. With ten years experience in the field, his current projects involve the implementation and customization of the Drupal open-source content management system.

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# Workshops

Saturday, January 20th : 9 - 4 pm

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10:00 am to noon

Room 204 Tory Building

## **Direct Action II: A Primer in Planning and Carrying-out Effective Actions**

Focusing on the politics, strategies and tactics of direct action, this workshop is for anyone interested in planning or participating in social justice struggles. Through discussion and role plays, participants will plan and carry out a mock direct action and discuss real world examples of the success and failures of civil disobedience.

Facilitators: Under Pressure Collective members Emi Koyanagi and Dan Sawyer

10:00 am to noon

Room 206 Tory Building

## **Strategic Planning**

Not sure what to work on next? Caught up in just getting by? Want some ideas about planning events from start to finish with minimal surprises? Strategic Planning is a tool that you may find useful. Come to this workshop with an event in mind or ready to create one and we will work through the planning process together.

Facilitator: OPIRG's Carleton's Volunteer Coordinator, Angela Mooney.

**LUNCH - vegan Garden Spot lunch - courtesy of the G-spot and OPIRG  
please bring your own tupperware and cutlery!**

1:30 pm to 2:30 pm

Room 204 Tory Building

## **Assessing Your Ecological Footprint**

What is your personal ecological impact? What changes will make the greatest difference in how you impact the planet? Come out to this hands on workshop to play with the numbers.

Facilitator: Jen Schellinck; Carleton PhD student.

1:30 pm to 2:30 pm

Room 206 Tory Building

### **Silk Screening - on a budget**

The workshop will cover everything you'll need to know in order to make offensive or provocative t-shirts, radical posters, stickers, art, and whatever else that will entertain or piss off your boss, mother, or peers. Participants with experience are encouraged to bring materials to contribute to the festivities.

Facilitators: Jeff is a screener from Ottawa, and the unofficial t-shirt maker for OPIRG and the G-Spot. This workshop will detail the process, materials, and strategy for photo emulsion-style silk screening.

2:30 pm to 4:30 pm

Room 213 Tory Building

### **Action! - creative video for activists**

Anyone can make a video in 2007, so why haven't you? This workshop will explore activist film and video practice as research, as propaganda, as social catalyst, and as visionary expression. A variety of movie genres, techniques and philosophies will be viewed and discussed, moving beyond documentary and into collage, narrative, experimental and underground cinema.

These creative precedents will then be put to use in helping participants develop their own project ideas.

