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Greetings fellow Elderberries!

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#1. DECEMBER'S POTLUCK

When: December 10th 2 pm - 4 pm
Where: Northwood Penthouse, 2615 Northwood Terrace , Halifax
Theme: Christmas festivities, caroling and sharing delicious food.

#2. POLITICAL APOLOGIES FOR HOMOPHOBIC INJUSTICE

CANADA:-<http://www.macleans.ca/news/canada/trudeaus-lgbt-apology-and-the-sacrifices-that-made-it-possible/>



Trudeau's LGBT apology
and the sacrifices that
made it possible -
[Macleans.ca](#)

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Opinion: Trudeau's apology should remind us that current day LGBT activists stand on ground cleared by brave forebears at a tremendous cost

#4. TRANSGENDER DAY of REMEMBRANCE & N.S.P.I.R.G.

Kudos to the Nova Scotia Public Interest Research Group for holding a led vigil on Transgender Day of Remembrance at DAL SUB on November 20th. Below are some resources available from them.

For more info click this link: <https://www.nspirg.ca/about/>

» About NSPIRG


www.nspirg.ca

Research: We're about funding and initiating original research and investigation into environmental and social issues. Education: We translate our research into ...

Board of Directors

The NSPIRG Board of Directors is comprised of student and community members who share the values and direction of the society. The Board determines what projects and programs we run, where our money is spent and how we best promote social and environmental justice.

The Board employs two full-time staff members to assist with the day-to-day operations and program implementation of our non-profit organization.



Working Groups

We support groups that are working in an ongoing way through Working Groups - and this is where a lot of the action happens! Instead of just allocating funding for one project or event, these groups have access to an ongoing budget, priority access to our office space, storage space for materials, and bookable resources, and the ongoing support of our staff and board. Groups come from a range of issues and communities, and contribute to the community of support and action at NSPIRG. Give us a shout if you're curious about becoming an NSPIRG working group, and find the full application on our website.

Passionate About Social Justice?

We are always looking for volunteers, new groups and partners! There are many ways to get involved with NSPIRG, including:

- Volunteer with NSPIRG
- Become a Board Member
- Join or Create a Working Group
- Get funding for your Community Project
- Become a Student Ambassador
- Be a Contributor to the Margins Journal
- Help with Fundraising for Specific Programs
- Get involved with our Community Partners
- Attend a Meeting or Event
- Sign up for our Newsletter
- Browse our Bookable Resources
- Check out our Alternative Library

Drop By!

Our office is in Room 24 in the basement of the Dalhousie Student Union Building. Come visit! We can find out what's coming up, check out our library, find out about how to get involved, or just have a cup of tea with our friendly staff!



Office hours:

Monday - Friday, 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM


Sometimes our work takes us out of the office, so email or call to make an appointment!

Contact Us

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NOVA SCOTIA PUBLIC INTEREST RESEARCH GROUP

Linking campus to community, and research to action, through social and environmental justice

Dalhousie Student Union
 Room 24, 6134 University Ave.
 Halifax, NS, B3H 4J2

Research Projects

NSPIRG funds community research projects in topics relevant to current community & campus organizing efforts. Contact our coordinators if you have ideas for new projects! Examples of recent and past projects include: research on mental health, project on campus safety, and research on the impact of climate change. These and many more are also available online or in our office.

Dalhousie Board of Governors Breakdown: an overview of other affiliated & related initiatives in the field of Dalhousie

Healthy Real Research Guide: a resource booklet of alternative groups and accessible resources available in Halifax

A Survey of Resources available to support Survivors of Sexual Assault at other Canadian Universities

Community Funding Rounds

Do you have a project or program that needs support? NSPIRG offers funding grants of up to \$500 for projects in environmental and social justice. We fund a wide range of projects every year, through our 4 funding rounds - you can find the deadline, selection criteria, and the grant application form online here: <http://www.nspirg.ca/resources/funding/>

Library

The NSPIRG space hosts our Alternative Lending Library with books, movies, zines, and magazines. It covers a wide range of topics in environmental and environmental justice, social and environmental justice, and everything in between, and we're always looking for new suggestions for materials to acquire! You can search our catalogue here: <http://www.library@nspirg.ca/catalogue/NSPIRG>



Project (RE)Construct

NSPIRG aims to provide opportunities for students and community to connect through an alternative educational week program focused on social and environmental justice. We are excited to offer an alternative venue for new and existing students, aimed at encouraging deconstruction of harmful societal narratives and building a safer, more informed campus community.

- Provide workshops and art-based experiences to question and re-imagine dominant narratives with social and environmental justice principles in our community
- Establish opportunity for deconstruction of problematic systems, narratives through conversation and introduction to new communities and groups
- Create space for empowerment and action
- Highlight marginalized populations through art and workshop facilitation
- Provide opportunities for growth and self-care

Project Flamingo

Being able to imagine oneself as part of the story is one of the more rewarding aspects of reading. But for many, finding characters and stories that reflect their experiences is a challenge. That's why we're creating one package for elementary school libraries across the province!

So far, 6 schools have received sets of 4 feminist, racially diverse, and LGBTQ+ friendly story books to add to their libraries, giving students the opportunity to relate to characters that look and feel like they did!

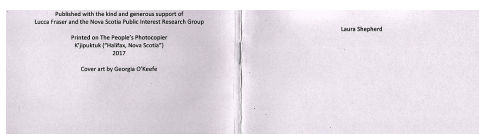
Resource Bookings

We maintain a large of bookable resources for campus and community groups. Contact our staff to tell about your project needs. Resources available to book include:

- A button maker (we also sell button supplies at \$4.50 per button)
- Data projector
- Stapler
- 42 cup and 100 cup coffee & tea urns
- Folding table
- 10' x 10' canopy tent

Margins Journal

The Margins Journal aims to highlight, celebrate, reflect, and apply the social & environmental justice-related work of students at Dalhousie and Kings, as well as community members. Students often do amazing research & writing on topics of social & environmental justice. Usually, this work is read once, given a grade, and never read again. We give that writing an opportunity to be reviewed, shared and engaged! NSPIRG prioritizes the inclusion of marginalized voices. Check out last year's journal and submit on this year here: <http://nspirg.ca/margins>



#5. N.S.R.A.P.

Nominations are open for Board positions at N.S.R.A.P. ' Interested?

update and Acknowledgement Statement, and notice of NSRAP
Special Resolution Meeting on January 17th, 2018!

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NSRAP Acknowledgement Statement and Notice of Special Resolution Meeting (Wednesday, January 17, 2018)

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Invitation to
THE ELDERBERRIES
December 10TH 2017
Pot Luck Christmas
get together

Meet the
ELDERBERRIES
and join us in the
festivities and
singing

