

## Ways to Volunteer

LSPIRG is always looking for volunteers, whether you can spare a little or a lot of time and whether or not you have previous experience.

If you are interested in getting more deeply involved, you might consider joining one of LSPIRG's three volunteer committees:

- The **Volunteer Support Committee** will assist the Working Groups and Volunteers Coordinator with events such as Halloween Horrors, Buy Nothing Day, the Lazy Activist Fair and also with volunteer recruitment;
- The **Marketing Support Committee** will assist the Marketing and Communications Coordinator in raising awareness about LSPIRG and publicizing LSPIRG and Working Group events;



### Working Group Awareness Raising

An information booth set up by Journalists for Human Rights, an LSPIRG Working Group.

- The **Training Committee** will assist the Training and Research Coordinator with organizing and delivering training workshops, including the LSPIRG workshop series towards a Certificate in Community Innovation.

There are many other ways to be involved according to the time and commitment that you are able to offer -- LSPIRG values all our volunteers! Visit the LSPIRG website for a current list of volunteer opportunities and their estimated time requirements, starting from as little as half an hour.



### LSPIRG (Laurier Students' Public Interest Research Group)

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### What is LSPIRG?

After five years as a student club organizing successful events and activities towards becoming a full-fledged PIRG, the Laurier Students' Public Interest Research Group came into being as an independent organization through a campus-wide referendum in February 2006.

LSPIRG is one of 12 PIRGs in Ontario and 21 in Canada.

### What LSPIRG does

Through community collaboration, research, and education, LSPIRG provides opportunities for its members to be agents of change.

LSPIRG operates on a Working Group model, which encourages members to initiate events, activities or campaigns in cooperation with other members, organizations and the local community in pursuit of a just world.



### An Evening with Stephen Lewis

On March 9, 2007 LSPIRG proudly presented *An Evening with Stephen Lewis*. One of Canada's most respected commentators on social affairs, international development and human rights, Mr. Lewis delivered a powerful message to the crowd of over 1500 students and community members in attendance.

### How to Become a Member

If you are an undergraduate student at Laurier, you already are a member! If not, visit the LSPIRG website ([www.lspirg.ca](http://www.lspirg.ca)) and fill in a registration form. There is a fee of \$20 per year, which entitles you to regular updates on LSPIRG and Working Group news and events as well as discounts on event and training registrations. We welcome Members from outside the Laurier community!

### What is a Working Group?

Groups of volunteers that come together where they see a need for raising awareness or research to promote issues or causes that they feel passionate about and that are not already being addressed on campus or in the local community.

Working Groups allow members to focus on their goals while receiving necessary support from the

LSPIRG umbrella, such as partnering with other Working Groups and organizations, training, resources, advice and structure.

Working Groups can be big or small, single event-oriented, long or short term and cover a wide range of topics – LSPIRG welcomes and encourages diversity and creativity.

### How to Start a Working Group

Easy! If you have an idea, come and talk to us or send us an email. We'll guide you on the next steps to take, including finding members, registration, planning and budgeting. We'll also tell you about training, resources and other support available to Working Groups.

### Training

LSPIRG offers a number of training opportunities for Working Groups, LSPIRG Members and the local community.

- Working Groups are offered training workshops customized to their needs;
- A workshop series provides training towards a Certificate in Community Innovation;
- Leadership capacity is developed by training several volunteers each year to lead Working Group strategic planning and end-of-year debriefing sessions.