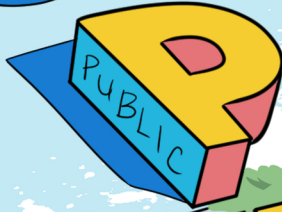


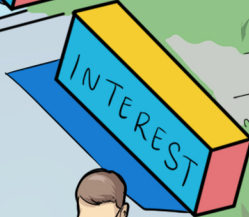
...SO JUST WHAT IS AN OPIRG?



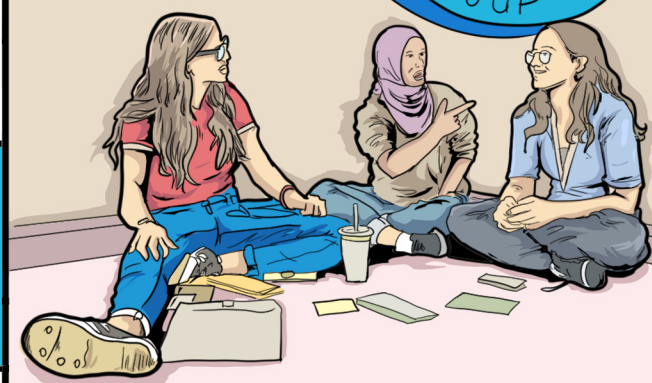
...IS IT
A CRAMPED
OFFICE IN
A BUSTLING
UNIVERSITY
BUILDING?



...OR A SPACIOUS
OFFICE IN A VICTORIAN
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IS IT A WAY TO MAKE FRIENDS
AND LEARN ABOUT RAD STUFF
HAPPENING ON CAMPUS?

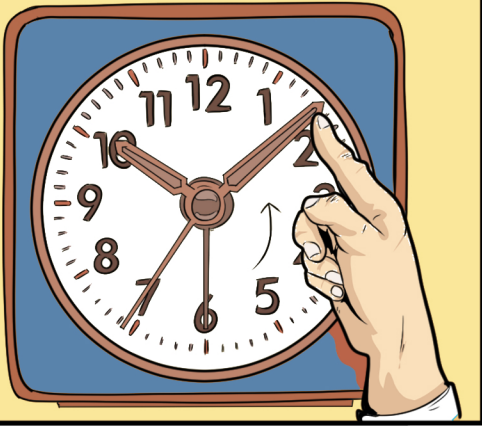


OR IS IT A WAY TO PROVIDE SERVICES
TO THE MOST VULNERABLE
COMMUNITY MEMBERS?

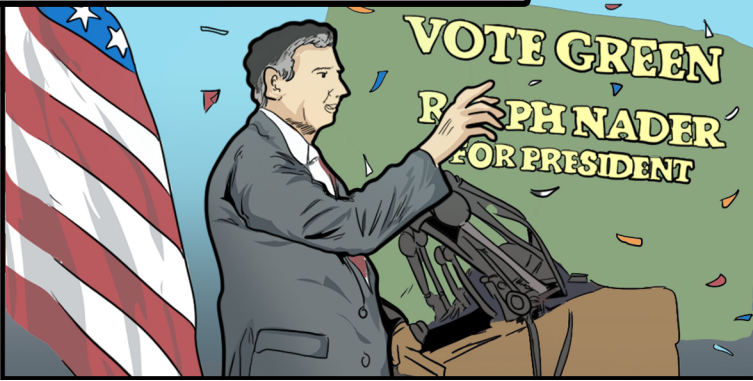


THE TRUTH IS A LOT MORE COMPLICATED.
A PIRG IS WHATEVER YOU MAKE OF IT!

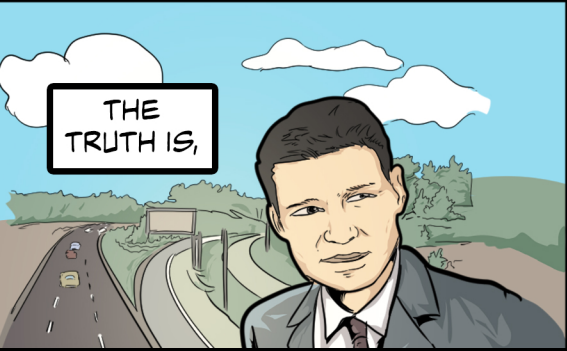
BUT FIRST, SOME HISTORY!



YOU MAY KNOW OF RALPH NADER,



AS THE 3RD PARTY CANDIDATE WHO HELPED COST AL GORE THE 2000 ELECTION.



HE HAS A LONG HISTORY OF CONSUMER PROTECTION ADVOCACY.



ONE OF HIS MOST NOTABLE SUCCESS STORIES WAS THE PASSING OF REGULATORY LAWS TO MAKE SEAT-BELTS MANDATORY IN ALL CARS.



BUT NADER WAS ALSO A CRITICAL PLAYER IN THE FOUNDATION OF PUBLIC INTEREST RESEARCH GROUPS, LIKE OPIRG!

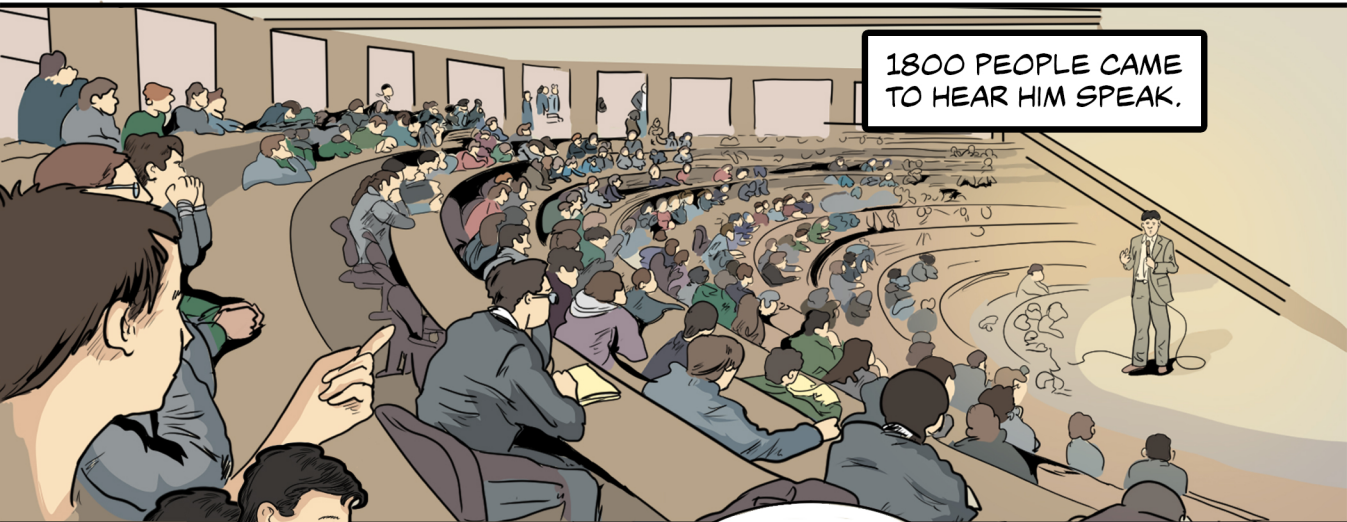
IN THE 1970S, HE CO-WROTE 'ACTION FOR A CHANGE' WITH DONALD ROSS, A MANUAL ON ORGANIZING PIRGS BASED ON THE FORMATION OF GROUPS IN OREGON AND MINNESOTA.



ON OCTOBER 13, 1972,
AT THE REQUEST OF
THE WATERLOO FEDERATION
OF STUDENTS AND
KITCHENER-WATERLOO
POLLUTION PROBE,
US CONSUMER ADVOCATE
RALPH NADER SPOKE
AT THE UNIVERSITY
OF WATERLOO.



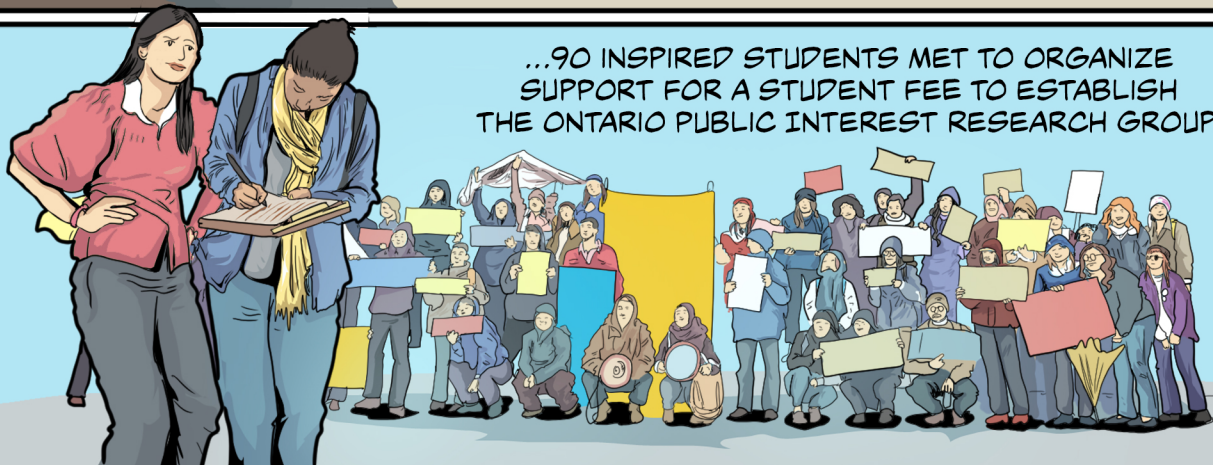
1800 PEOPLE CAME
TO HEAR HIM SPEAK.



FOUR DAYS
LATER...



...90 INSPIRED STUDENTS MET TO ORGANIZE
SUPPORT FOR A STUDENT FEE TO ESTABLISH
THE ONTARIO PUBLIC INTEREST RESEARCH GROUP.

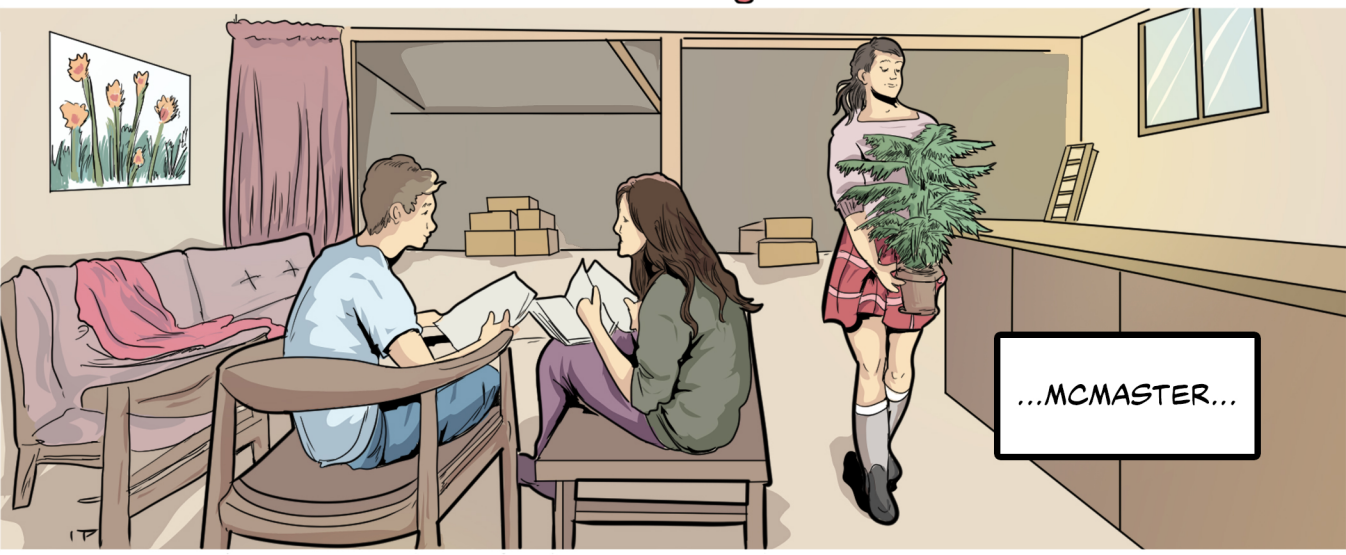




THE ORGANIZERS AT WATERLOO COULD SCARCELY HAVE GUESSED WHAT THEY'D BEGUN.

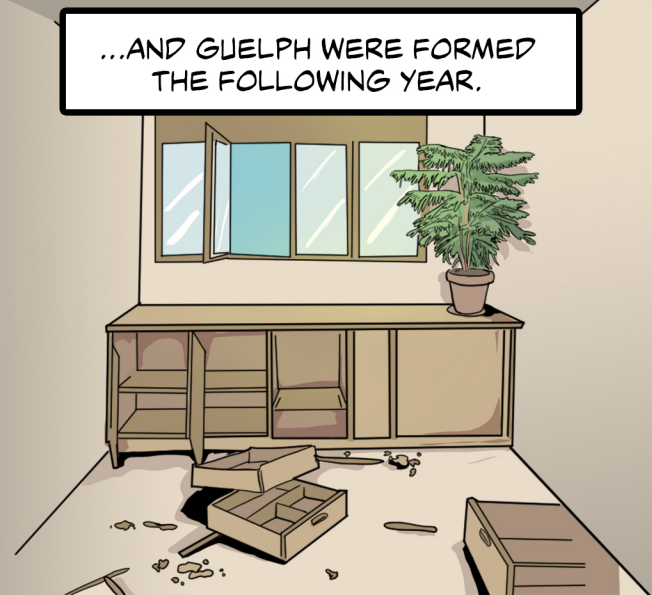


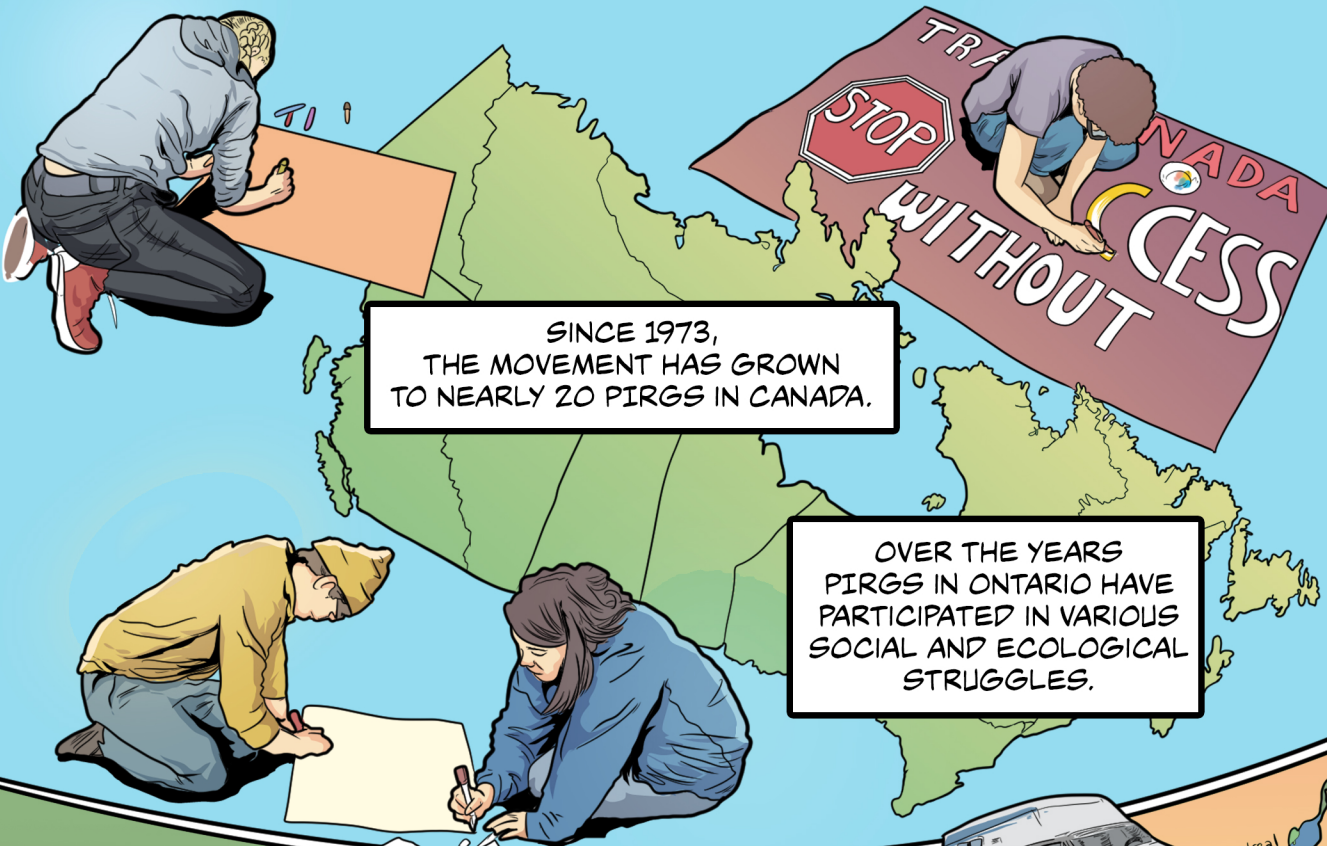
PIRGS AT TRENT...



...MCMASTER...

...AND GUELPH WERE FORMED THE FOLLOWING YEAR.

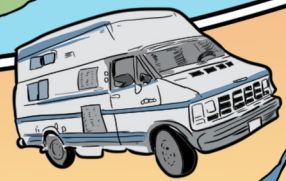
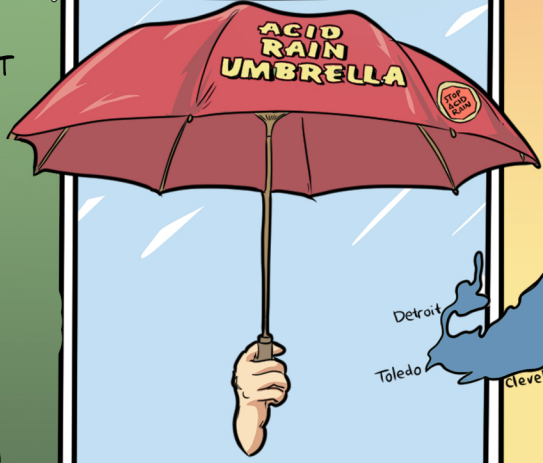




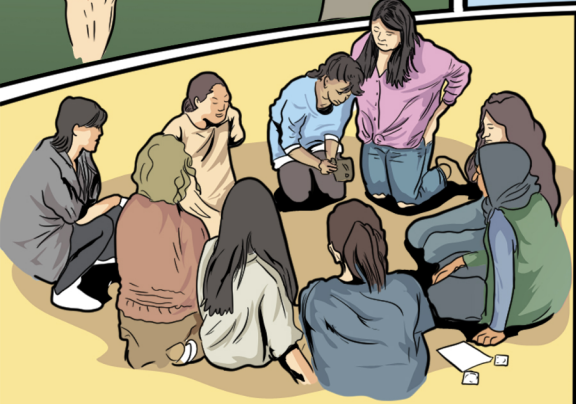
SINCE 1973,
THE MOVEMENT HAS GROWN
TO NEARLY 20 PIRGS IN CANADA.

OVER THE YEARS
PIRGS IN ONTARIO HAVE
PARTICIPATED IN VARIOUS
SOCIAL AND ECOLOGICAL
STRUGGLES.

ONE PROMINENT EARLY
STRUGGLE WAS AGAINST
THE PROLIFERATION OF
NUCLEAR POWER.



IN THE
EARLY 80S,
ONTARIO PIRGS
ORGANIZED THE
ACID RAIN CARAVAN
ACROSS BORDERS.



MORE RECENT CAMPAIGNS
INCLUDE A PEER-FACILITATED
SAFE SEX WORKSHOP FOR
YOUNG WOMEN AT TRENT
UNIVERSITY...

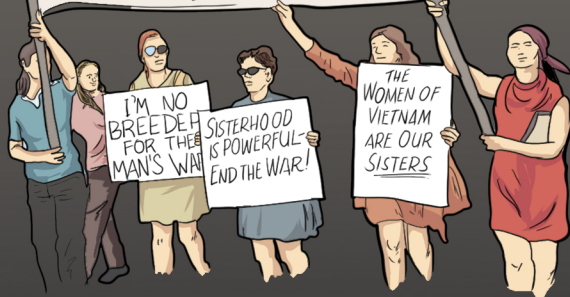


...AND CAMPAIGNING IN DEFENSE OF
INDIGENOUS LAND AND RESOURCES.

SINCE THE EARLY 80'S, PIRGS IN ONTARIO HAVE PRACTICED CONSENSUS.



WOMEN STRIKE FOR PEACE! AND EQUALITY!



THOUGH IT HAS ROOTS IN INDIGENOUS CULTURES, CONSENSUS CAME TO PIRGS THROUGH THE WOMEN'S AND ANTI-NUCLEAR MOVEMENTS.

THE IDEA BEHIND CONSENSUS IS THAT IF EVERYONE AGREES, ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE GROUP WILL BE STRONGER AS A RESULT.

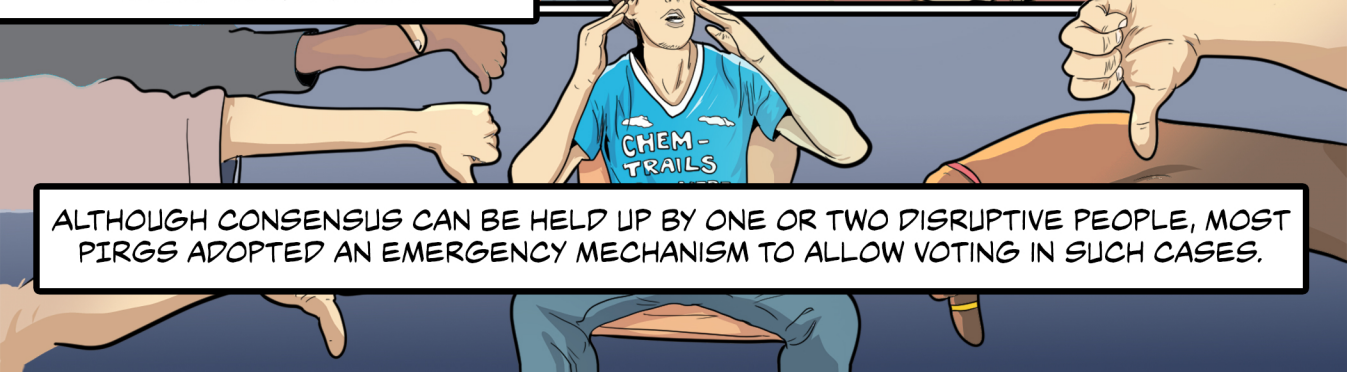


CONSENSUS ALSO HELPS PREVENT THE FORMATION OF CLIQUES OR FACTIONS THAT DOMINATE ORGANIZATIONS AND SQUEEZE OUT MARGINAL VOICES...



...AS WELL AS MAKING SURE THAT EVERYONE GETS A CHANCE TO SPEAK, NOT ONLY THE LOUDEST VOICES IN THE ROOM.

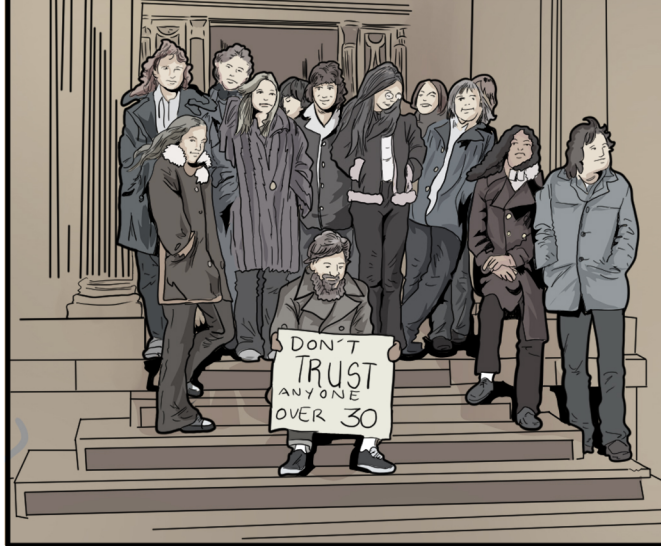
ALTHOUGH CONSENSUS CAN BE HELD UP BY ONE OR TWO DISRUPTIVE PEOPLE, MOST PIRGS ADOPTED AN EMERGENCY MECHANISM TO ALLOW VOTING IN SUCH CASES.



WHILE PIRGS RELY ON CONSENSUS, THEY'RE STILL GUIDED BY A BOARD OF DIRECTORS.



ALTHOUGH THE BOARDS STARTED OUT AS ALL-STUDENT GROUPS...



TODAY THEY ARE A MIX OF STUDENTS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS.



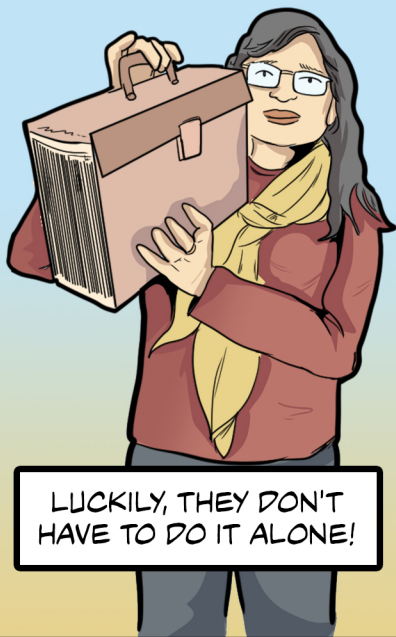
THIS HELPS PIRGS SERVE AS A BRIDGE BETWEEN THE UNIVERSITY AND THE BROADER COMMUNITY.



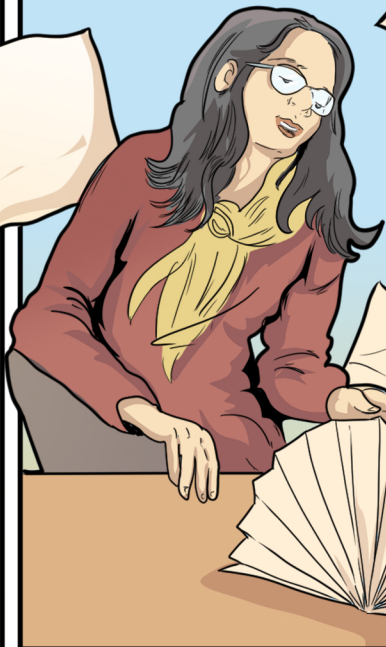
THE BOARD WORKS THROUGH CONSENSUS TO DETERMINE THE DIRECTION OF OPIRG, PLANNING CONFERENCES AND RESEARCH PROJECTS...



...AS WELL AS MAKING SURE THE PIRG MEETS ITS LEGAL AND FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS AS AN INCORPORATED NON-PROFIT.

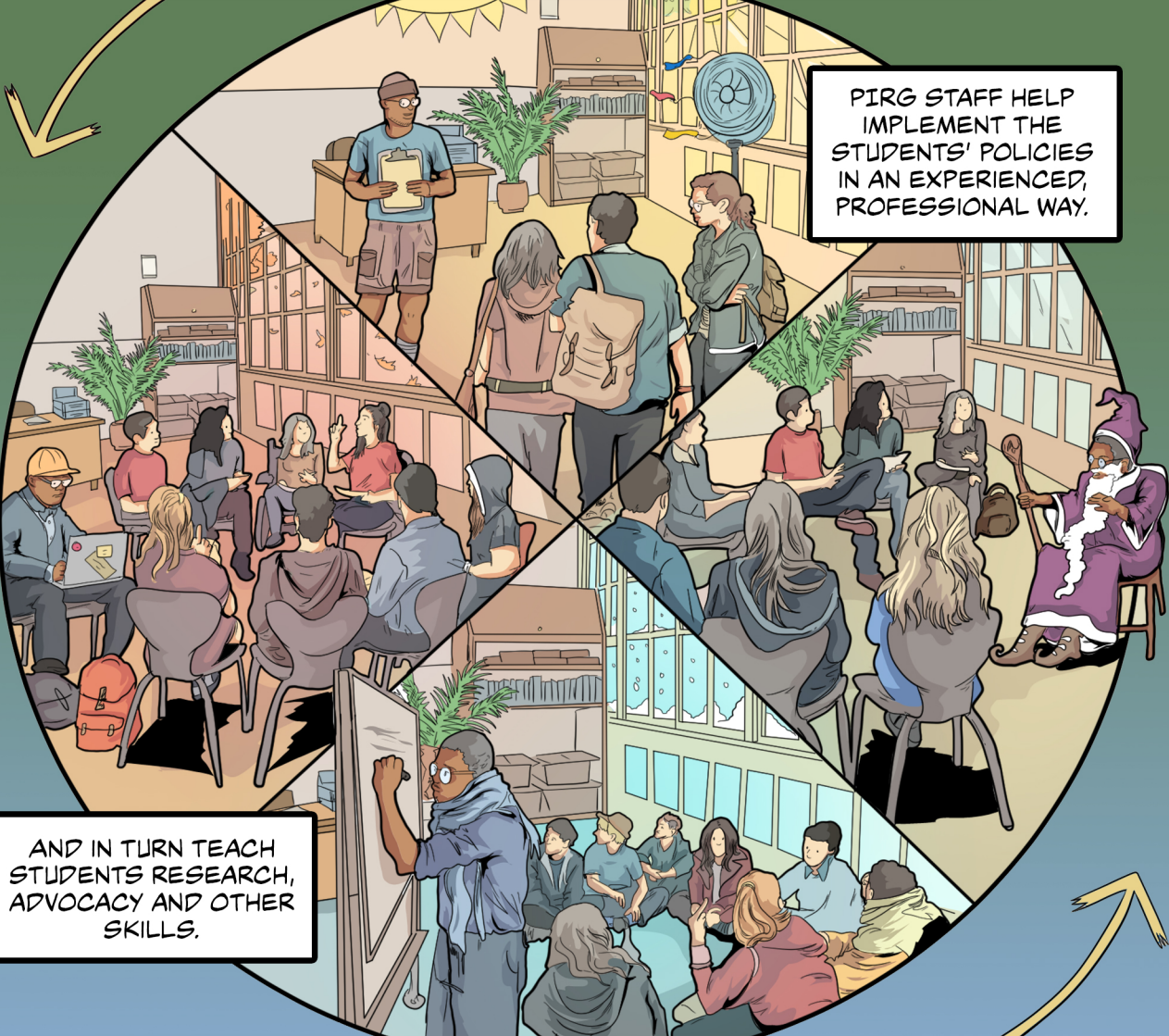


LUCKILY, THEY DON'T HAVE TO DO IT ALONE!



EACH PIRG HAS A DEDICATED STAFF PERSON.

STAFF STICK AROUND YEAR LONG, EVEN WHEN STUDENTS GO HOME FOR THE SUMMER, OR ROTATE THROUGH THEIR TERMS.



PIRG STAFF HELP IMPLEMENT THE STUDENTS' POLICIES IN AN EXPERIENCED, PROFESSIONAL WAY.

AND IN TURN TEACH STUDENTS RESEARCH, ADVOCACY AND OTHER SKILLS.

THIS IS CRITICAL BECAUSE STUDENTS ARE OFTEN ONLY AROUND FOR FOUR YEARS, MAKING STAFF THE KEY SOURCE OF INSTITUTIONAL MEMORY.

STAFF AND BOARDS
ARE BOTH VITAL!

BUT AT THE HEART
OF THE PIRGS ARE
THE WORKING
GROUPS.

A WORKING
GROUP IS MADE
UP OF PEOPLE WHO
SHARE A COMMON
VISION FOR HOW TO DO
GOOD IN THE WORLD,
SUPPORTED BY
THE PIRG.

BUT WHAT DO
WORKING GROUPS
ACTUALLY DO?

IT DEPENDS.



A WORKING
GROUP MIGHT
FOCUS ON DOING
ENVIRONMENTAL
CLEAN-UP WORK



OTHERS MIGHT WORK TO
HOLD CANADIAN MINING
COMPANIES TO ACCOUNT.

OR RUN SEXUAL
HEALTH WORKSHOPS.



OPIRG GUELPH

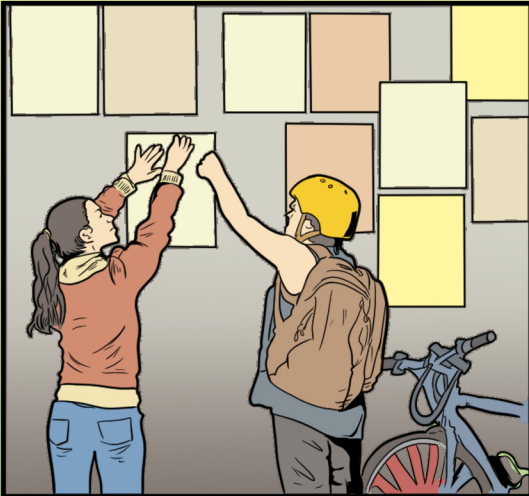
SPEED RIVER
CLEAN UP AND
ANTI-PIPELINE
WORK



LSPIRG

"MY CULTURE IS NOT A
COSTUME" CAMPAIGN
AND THE "ADVOCATES
FOR A STUDENT CULTURE
OF CONSENT" CAMPAIGN

LSPIRG



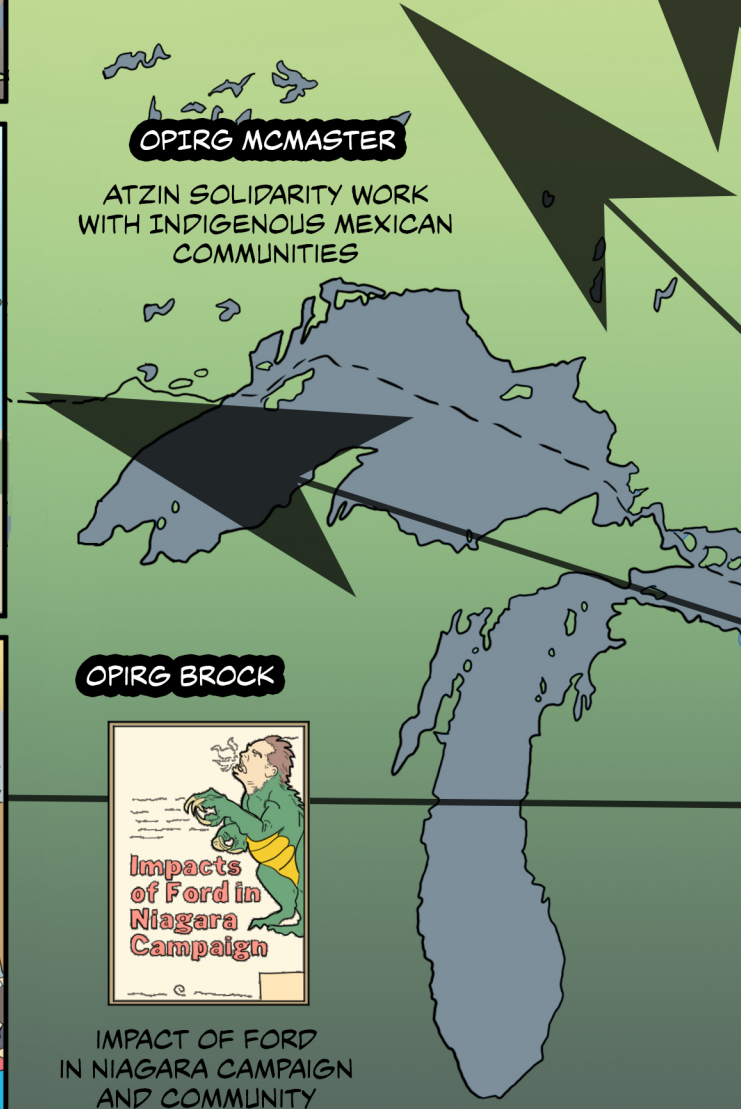
OPIRG MCMASTER

ATZIN SOLIDARITY WORK
WITH INDIGENOUS MEXICAN
COMMUNITIES



OPIRG BROCK

IMPACT OF FORD
IN NIAGARA CAMPAIGN
AND COMMUNITY
DISCUSSION



OPIRG YORK

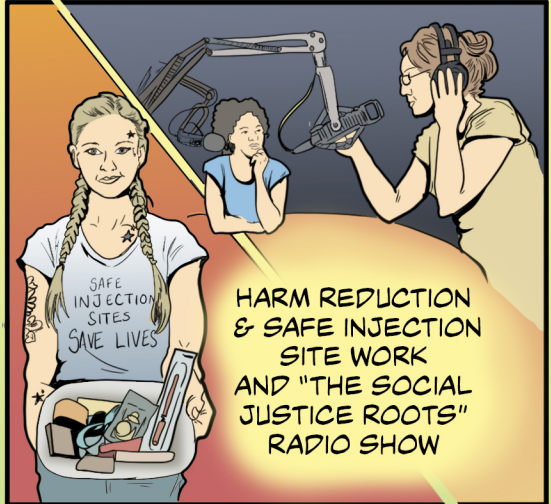
LONGTIME PARTNERSHIP WITH COMMUNITY GROUPS LIKE JFAAP (JANE AND FINCH ACTION AGAINST POVERTY)



OPIRG at YORK

opirg.york.ca

OPIRG CARLETON



HARM REDUCTION & SAFE INJECTION SITE WORK AND "THE SOCIAL JUSTICE ROOTS" RADIO SHOW

OPIRG PETERBOROUGH

FREE STORE AND COMMUNITY CLIPBOARD



OPIRG OTTAWA

"THE CIRCLE OF ELDERS" PROGRAM GUIDES US IN BECOMING RESPONSIBLE ANCESTORS. INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE- KEEPERS ALIGN OPIRG WITH THE WISDOM OF THE LAND.



OPIRG TORONTO

THE DR CHUN RESOURCE LIBRARY



OPIRG KINGSTON

MOHAWK PIRG

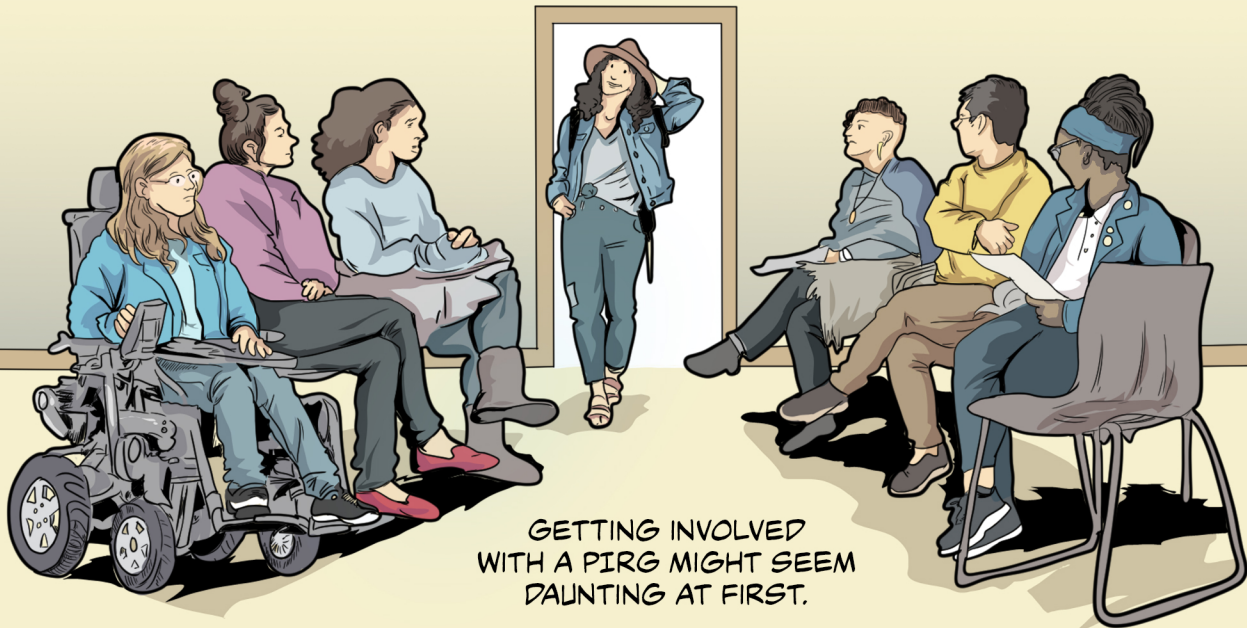
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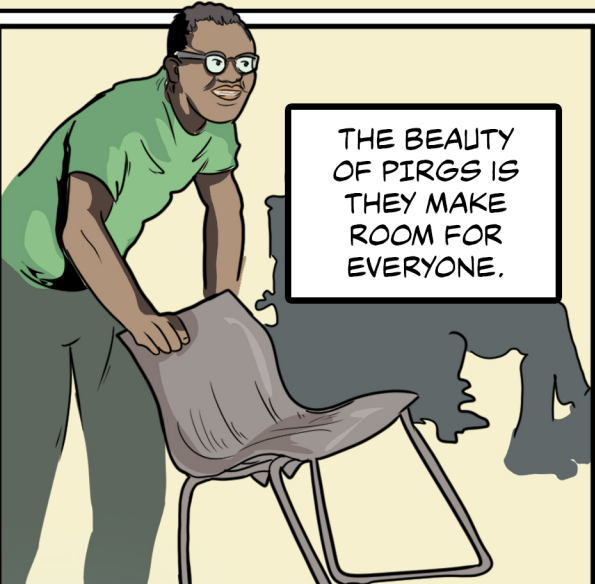
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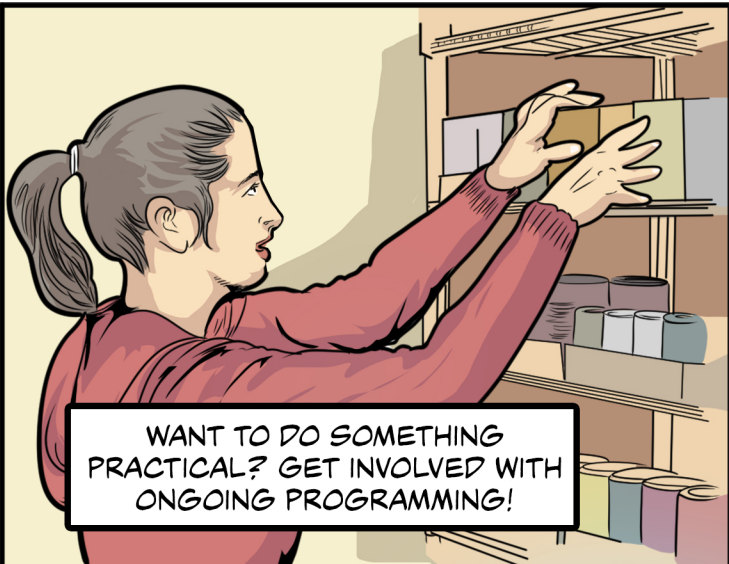
BDS CAMPAIGNS AGAINST ARMS MANUFACTURERS AND CORPORATIONS LIKE HP THAT SUPPORT APARTHEID, IN SUPPORT OF SAIA (STUDENTS AGAINST ISRAELI APARTHEID)



GETTING INVOLVED WITH A PIRG MIGHT SEEM DAUNTING AT FIRST.



THE BEAUTY OF PIRGS IS THEY MAKE ROOM FOR EVERYONE.



WANT TO DO SOMETHING PRACTICAL? GET INVOLVED WITH ONGOING PROGRAMMING!

HOPING TO GET POLITICAL? JOIN A WORKING GROUP WITH AN ACTIVIST APPROACH.



PIRGs OFFER A CHANCE TO BUILD COMMUNITIES...



GETTING INVOLVED WITH YOUR PIRG IS A CHANCE TO BRIDGE THE GAP BETWEEN A SCHOOL AND THE COMMUNITY IT EXISTS IN.



HEY YORK JANE FINCH ISN'T THE PROBLEM

WE NEED JUSTICE NOT MORE COPS

WE ♥ JANE + FINCH
Jane and Finch Action Against Poverty

HEY YORK JANE FINCH AIN'T THE PROBLEM!

MORE JUSTICE FEWER POLICE

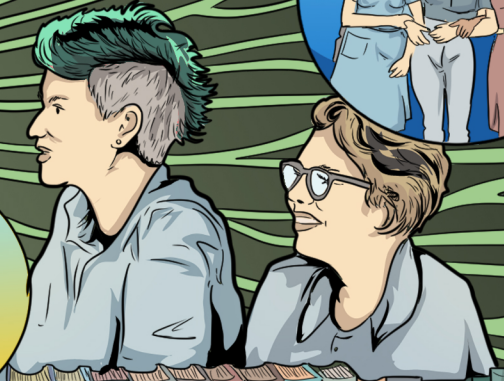


PIRGs OFFER A NUMBER OF CAMPAIGNS AND PROGRAMS THAT CAN HELP MAKE THIS HAPPEN.

AND IF YOU THINK SOMETHING IS MISSING, TALK WITH YOUR FELLOW ORGANIZERS: MAYBE THERE'S A NEED FOR A NEW WORKING GROUP!



MORE THAN JUST COMMUNITY,
PIRGGS GIVE YOU A CHANCE
TO BUILD INSTITUTIONAL
MEMORY.



IT TAKES TIME TO LEARN HOW
TO ORGANIZE, BUT MANY STUDENTS
ARE ONLY THERE FOR A FEW YEARS...

PIRGGS NOT ONLY TEACH
THEM 'HOW TO ORGANIZE'
BUT INTRODUCE THEM TO
DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVES
ON ORGANIZING.



CUPE
MEMBERS
SUPPORT
#LANDBACK

#STATUSFORALL
#STATUSFORALL
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Workers
take action
on the 94
Calls to
Action
#MMIWG2S



THIS IS
EXPERIENCE
THAT THEY CARRY
WITH THEM WHEN
THEY GRADUATE
AND GO OUT INTO
THE WORLD.

HOW CAN PIRG PROGRAMMING STRENGTHEN COMMUNITY THROUGH MUTUAL AID? "THE FREE MARKET," RUN BY THE PIRG AT UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO, AND "THE NIAGARA FREE STORE" AT OPIRG BROCK OFFER GREAT EXAMPLES!



AS THE NAME SUGGESTS, IT'S ALL ABSOLUTELY FREE!

RUN BY VOLUNTEERS, THE FREE MARKET PROVIDES FOOD, CLOTHING, AND OTHER NECESSARIES OF LIFE.

REALLY?



BEST OF ALL, THE FREE MARKET IS OPEN TO EVERYONE! YOU'D BE SURPRISED WHAT KIND OF CONVERSATIONS MIGHT HAPPEN OVER A [FREE] CUP OF COFFEE.

OF COURSE, THERE ARE DIFFERENT WAYS OF UNDERSTANDING COMMUNITY.

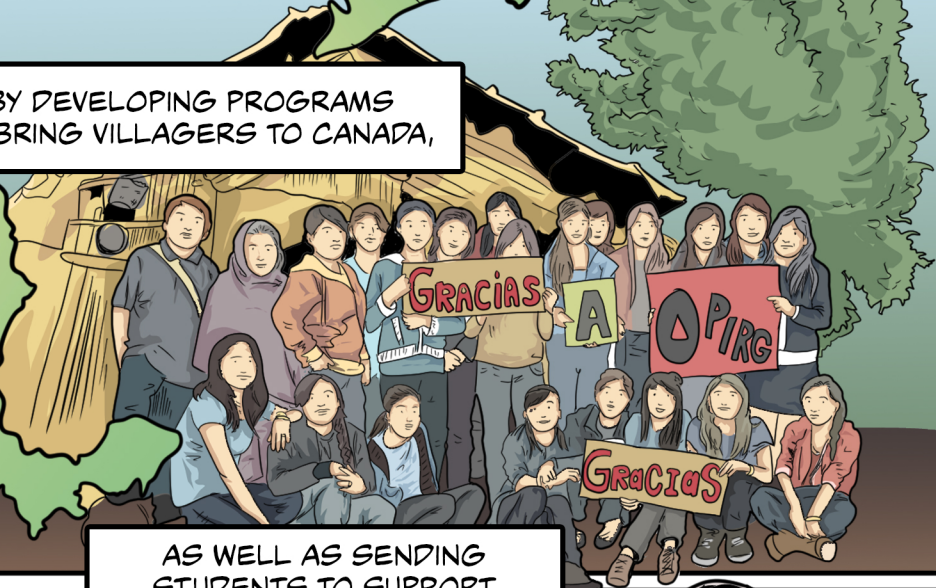


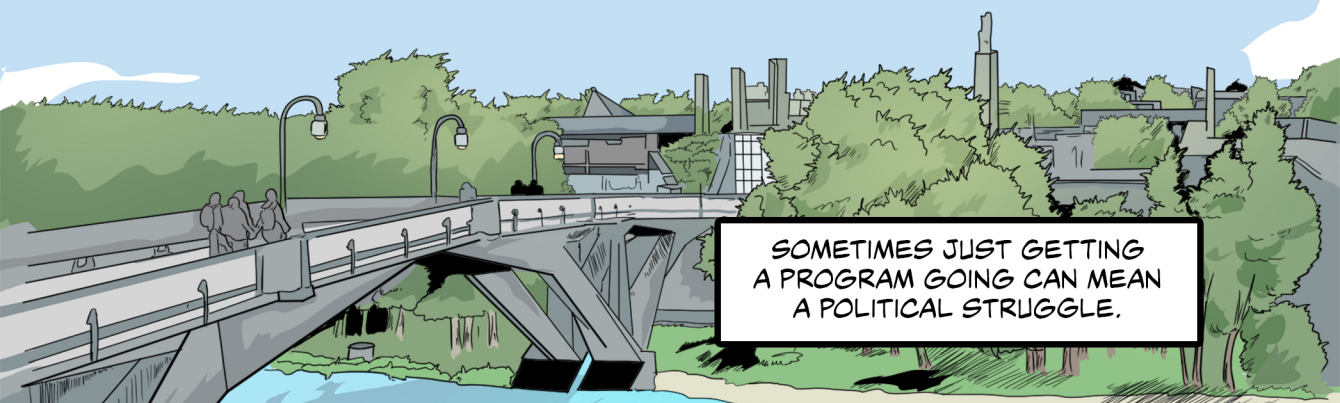
AT MCMASTER'S PIRG, THE AZTIN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM HAS BUILT A RELATIONSHIP WITH INDIGENOUS VILLAGERS IN TLAMACAZAPA, MEXICO, ESPECIALLY WOMEN.

THE PIRG HAS SUPPORTED THE VILLAGE'S DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS BY OFFERING THEIR HANDICRAFTS FOR SALE,

BY DEVELOPING PROGRAMS TO BRING VILLAGERS TO CANADA,

AS WELL AS SENDING STUDENTS TO SUPPORT THEIR WORK.





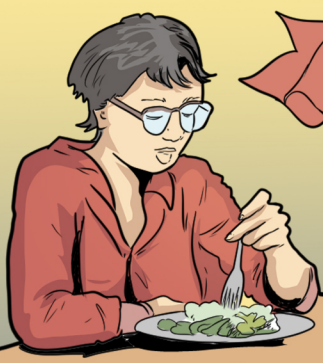
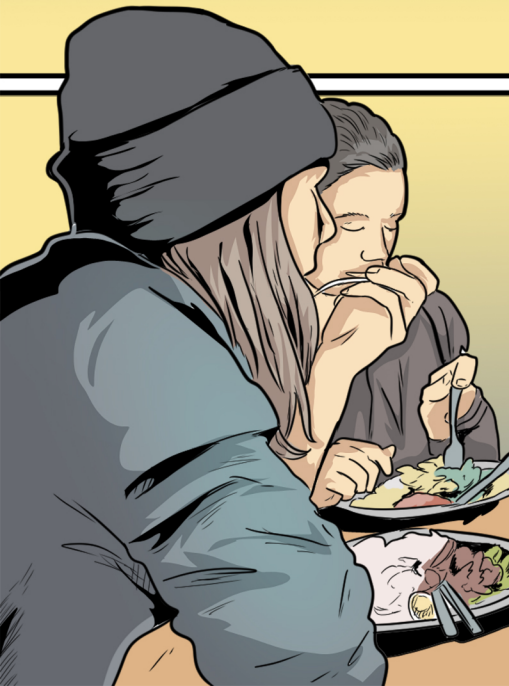
SOMETIMES JUST GETTING A PROGRAM GOING CAN MEAN A POLITICAL STRUGGLE.

AT TRENT UNIVERSITY, THE INFAMOUS ARAMARK CORPORATION HAD A MONOPOLY ON FOOD SERVICES.



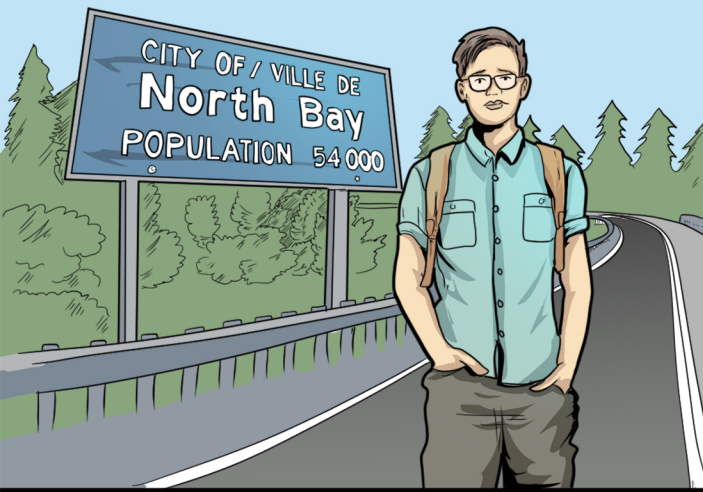
THE FOOD ISSUES GROUP OF THE LOCAL PIRG BEGAN THE **STONE SOUP** PROGRAM THAT GAVE FREE SOUP AWAY, IN DEFIANCE OF THE MONOPOLY.

SOON, THEY WON THE RIGHT TO OPEN THE **SEASONED SPOON**, A VEGETARIAN CAFE.



TODAY, THE SPOON HAS BUILT TIES WITH LOCAL FARMERS AND SERVES AFFORDABLE VEGAN FOOD TO THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY.

NOT EVERYONE IS LUCKY ENOUGH TO LIVE
IN A CITY WITH AN ACTIVE PIRG.



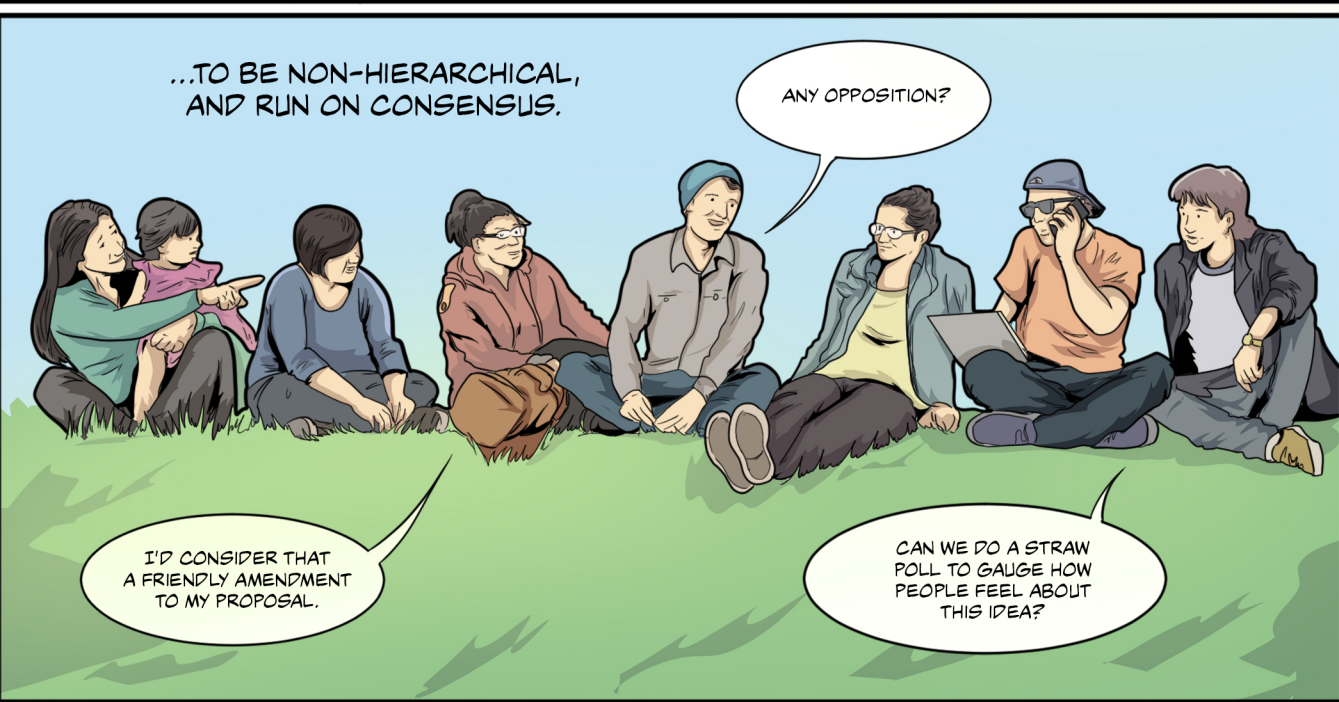
LUCKILY, YOU CAN ALWAYS
START ONE YOURSELF!



SO WHAT'S IT TAKE? A PIRG
NEEDS A COMMITMENT TO SOCIAL
AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE...

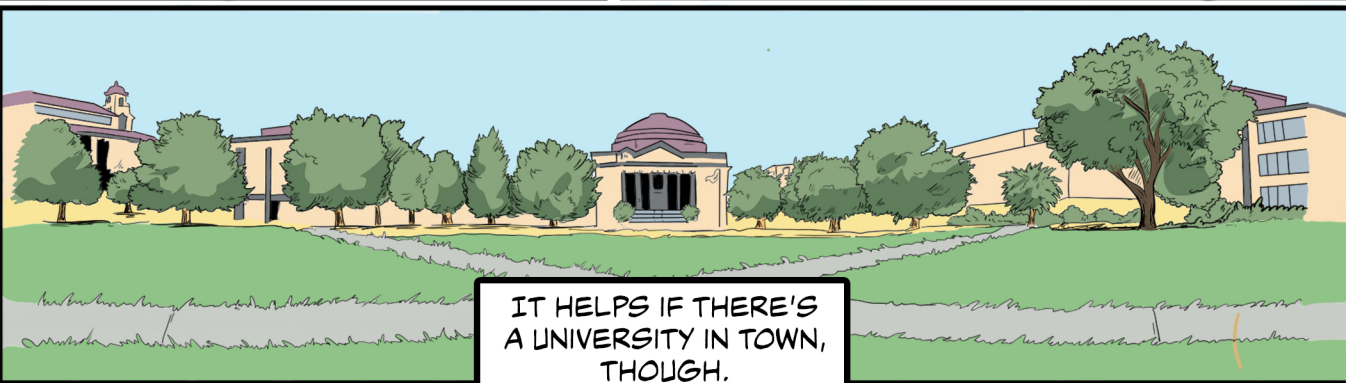


...TO BE NON-HIERARCHICAL,
AND RUN ON CONSENSUS.

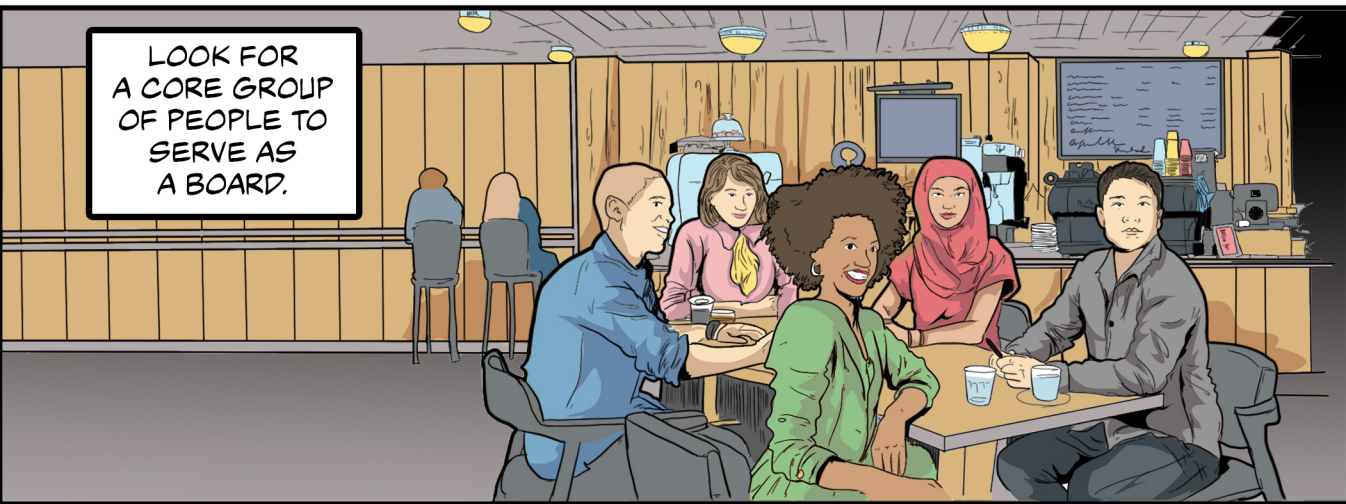




YOU CAN FORM A PIRG ANYWHERE THERE'S A COMMUNITY.



IT HELPS IF THERE'S A UNIVERSITY IN TOWN, THOUGH.

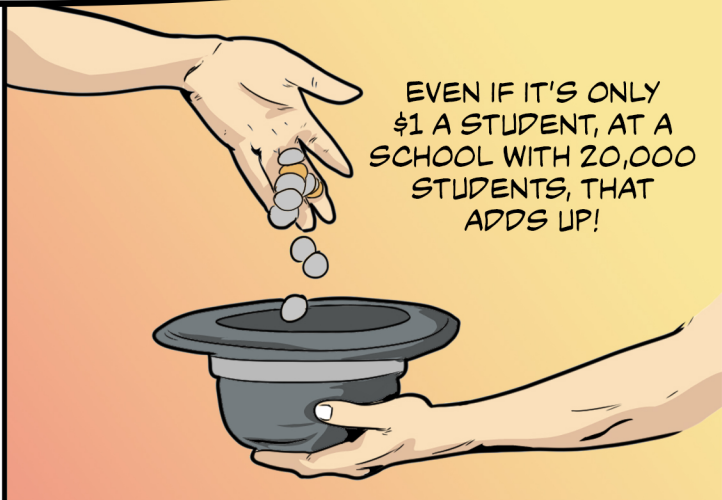


LOOK FOR A CORE GROUP OF PEOPLE TO SERVE AS A BOARD.



IDEALLY YOU WANT TO ELECT PEOPLE WHO ARE RELIABLE AND WORK WELL IN GROUPS.

ONCE YOUR BOARD IS ELECTED, IF YOU'RE IN A TOWN WITH A UNIVERSITY, YOU CAN RUN A LEVY CAMPAIGN - AN ANNUAL, OPTIONAL DONATION THAT STUDENTS PAY TO SUPPORT THE WORK YOUR PIRG DOES.

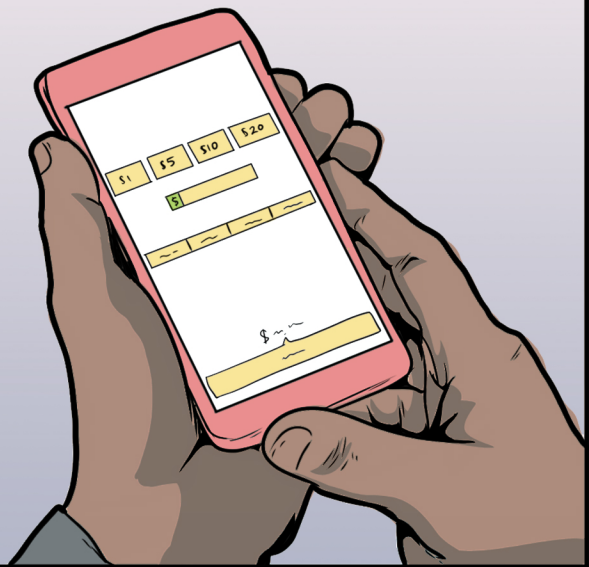


EVEN IF IT'S ONLY \$1 A STUDENT, AT A SCHOOL WITH 20,000 STUDENTS, THAT ADDS UP!

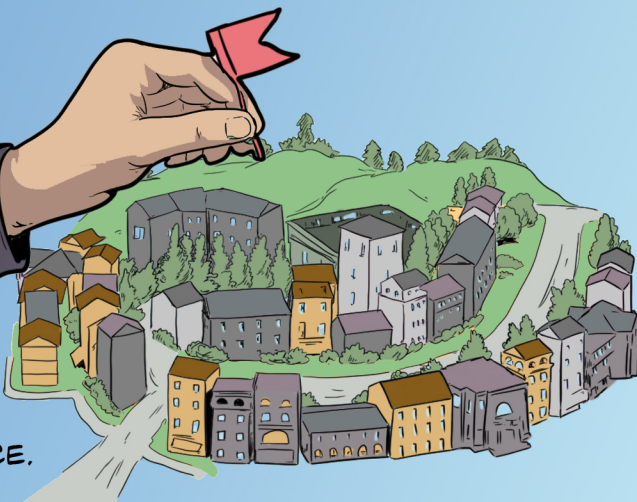
YOU'LL NEED TO RUN A REFERENDUM TO GET THE LEVY GOING. THIS IS AN IMPORTANT TIME TO LEARN ABOUT (AND BE ABLE TO EXPLAIN) THE IMPORTANT WORK THAT PIRGS HAVE DONE AND CAN DO!

TODAY, SOME PIRGS, LIKE OPIRG BROCK, ARE BUILDING A 'SUSTAINER' MODEL OF FUNDING THAT DRAWS ON RESOURCES FROM THE BROADER COMMUNITY TO SUPPORT THE WORK OF THE PIRG.

PLEASE
VOTE YES
TO RENEW THE 5\$
STUDENT LEVY
SUPPORTING THE
**CENTRE
FOR
GLOBAL
JUSTICE**



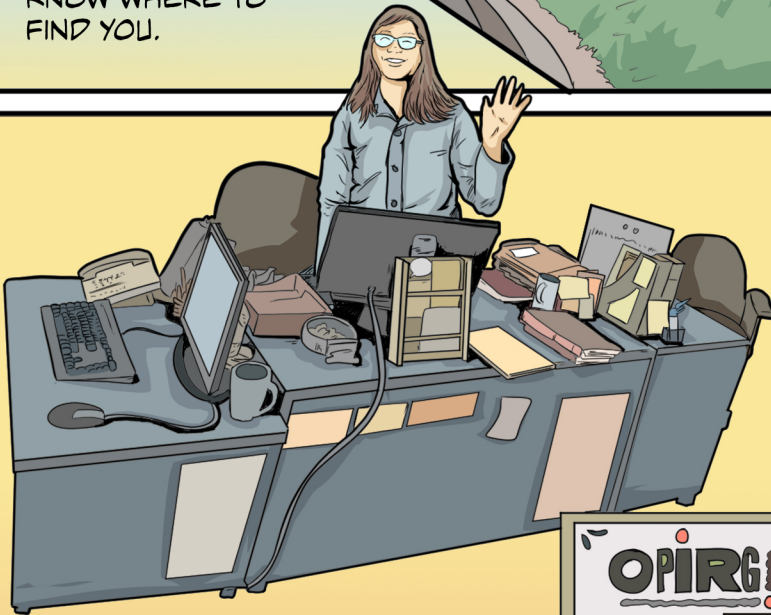
ONCE YOU'VE SECURED A LEVY, THE NEXT STEP IS TO FIND A SPACE.



PIRGs CAN LIVE IN ALL KINDS OF PLACES.



BIG OR SMALL, THE IMPORTANT THING IS THAT PEOPLE KNOW WHERE TO FIND YOU.



AND THAT YOUR STAFF PERSON, IF YOU HAVE ONE, HAS SOMEWHERE TO WORK!

A BOARD AND A LEVY ARE ALL VERY GOOD, BUT THE POINT OF A PIRG IS ITS PROGRAMMING.

THERE ARE TWO IMPORTANT QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER WHEN STARTING A PROGRAM.

OPIRG! PROGRAMMING CALENDAR

<p>OPIRG'S Supermarket Tour Find out what's really in your shopping cart!</p>	<p>Understanding Power and Privilege through Anti-Oppression</p>	<p>ALTERNATIVE WELCOME WEEK A HEALTHY LIVING SURVIVAL GUIDE</p> <p>Everyone Welcome!</p>	<p>Rebel Knowledge THE FIGHT AGAINST FORD</p> <p>3 PM University Centre</p>
<p>PARTY FOR PALESTINE KARAOKE SUPPER</p> <p>Monday JULY 6th 6pm - 9pm THIS AIN'T HOLLYWOOD \$10-PW YC</p>	<p>PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY ON CLIMATE JUSTICE</p>	<p>THE TARSANDS COME TO ONTARIO</p> <p>ANALYSES & Resistance, Education and Alternatives</p>	<p>SEXUAL HEALTH WORKSHOP</p>

CELEBRATING Black History

Certain Days fundraising calendar

Free Don for Political Prisoners

WHAT ARE YOUR COMMUNITY'S NEEDS? AND WHAT KIND OF RESOURCES DO YOU HAVE AVAILABLE? DO YOU HAVE PEOPLE? SPACE? MONEY? INSTITUTIONAL ACCESS?



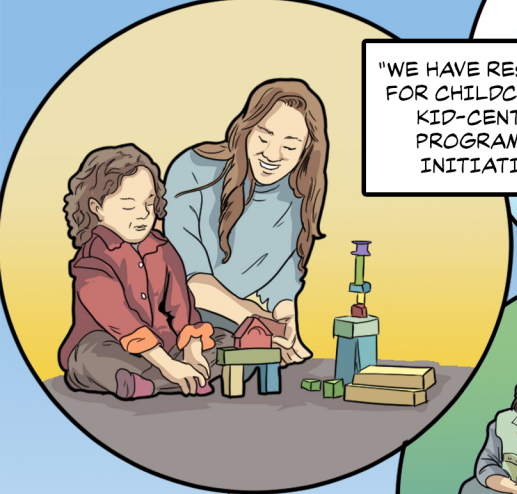
"WE NEED TO DOCUMENT LOCAL ACTS OF POLICE BRUTALITY."



"WE HAVE RESOURCES TO IDENTIFY OUR 'FOOD DESERTS' AND LOCAL FOOD INSECURITY ISSUES."



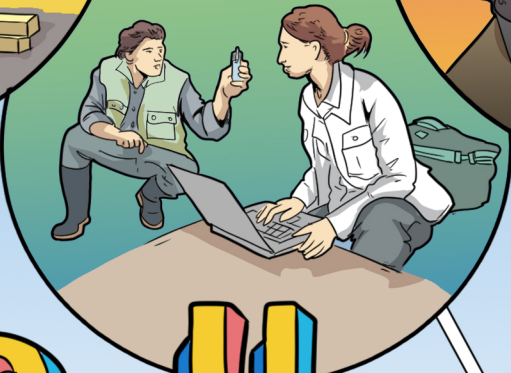
"WE HAVE RESOURCES FOR CHILDCARE AND KID-CENTERED PROGRAMMING INITIATIVES."



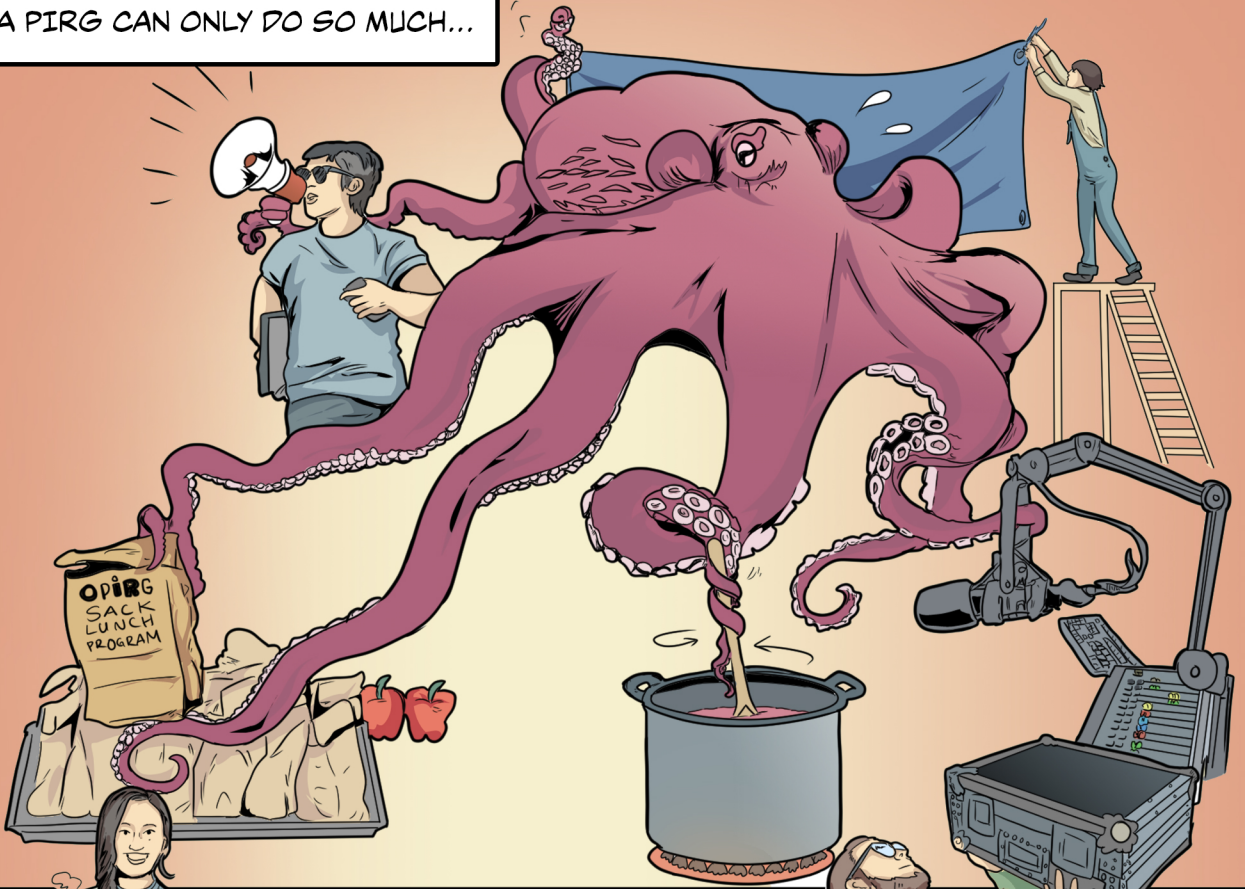
"WE NEED TESTING FOR LEAD OR OTHER HEAVY METALS IN THE WATER."



"WE HAVE RESOURCES FOR A COMMUNITY KITCHEN."



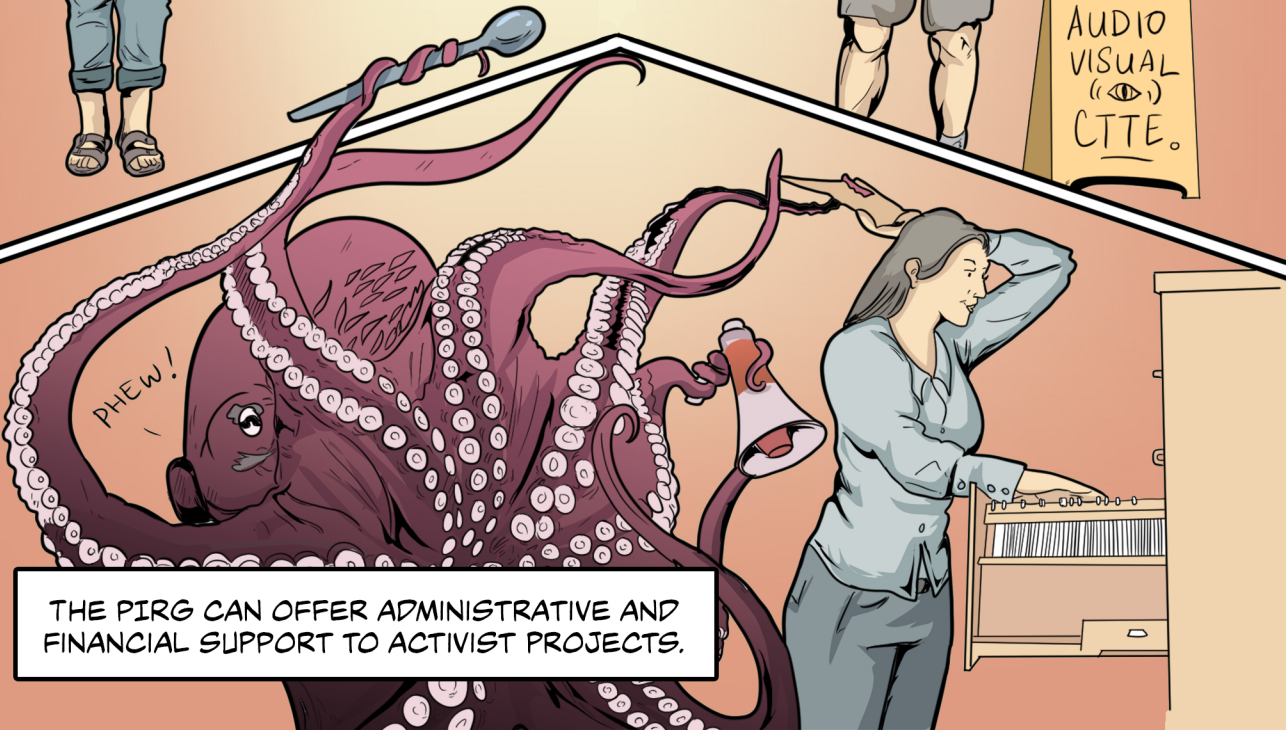
A PIRG CAN ONLY DO SO MUCH...



THAT'S WHERE WORKING GROUPS
COME IN. WORKING GROUPS OFTEN
EVOLVE OUT OF COLLABORATIONS
WITH EXISTING COMMUNITY
GROUPS.

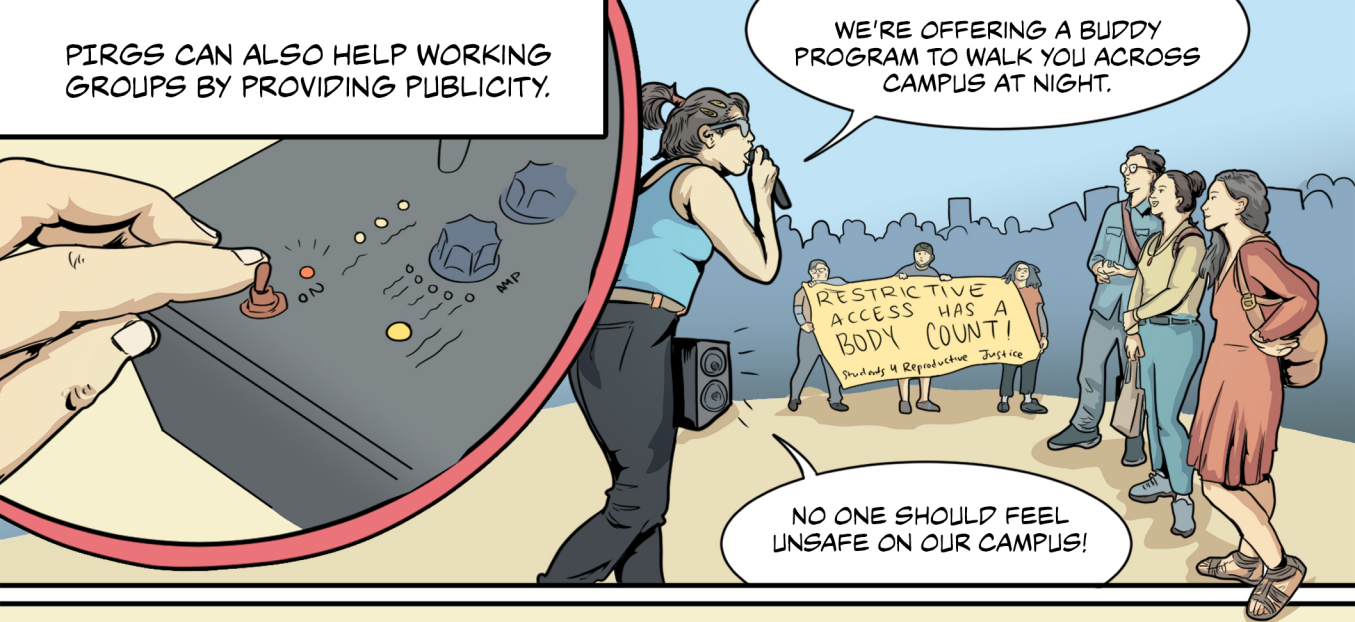


AUDIO
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CTTE.



THE PIRG CAN OFFER ADMINISTRATIVE AND
FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO ACTIVIST PROJECTS.

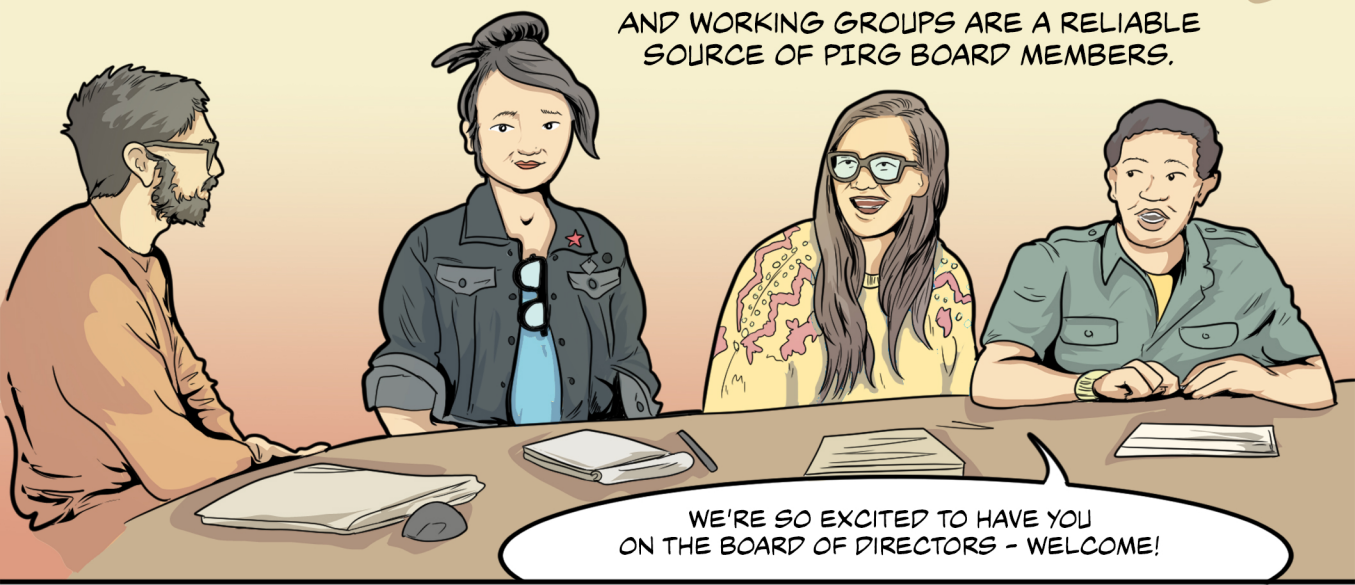
PIRGs CAN ALSO HELP WORKING GROUPS BY PROVIDING PUBLICITY.



WE'RE OFFERING A BUDDY PROGRAM TO WALK YOU ACROSS CAMPUS AT NIGHT.

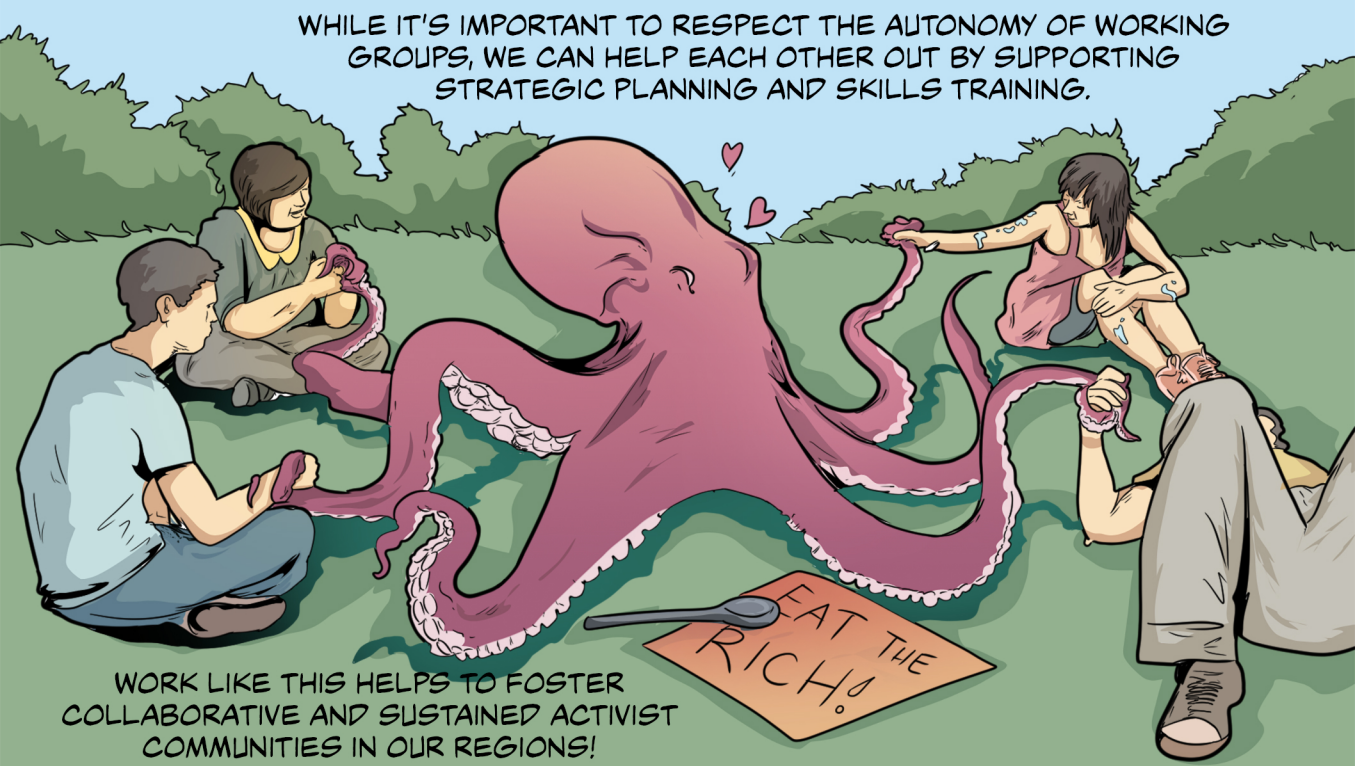
NO ONE SHOULD FEEL UNSAFE ON OUR CAMPUS!

AND WORKING GROUPS ARE A RELIABLE SOURCE OF PIRG BOARD MEMBERS.



WE'RE SO EXCITED TO HAVE YOU ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS - WELCOME!

WHILE IT'S IMPORTANT TO RESPECT THE AUTONOMY OF WORKING GROUPS, WE CAN HELP EACH OTHER OUT BY SUPPORTING STRATEGIC PLANNING AND SKILLS TRAINING.



WORK LIKE THIS HELPS TO FOSTER COLLABORATIVE AND SUSTAINED ACTIVIST COMMUNITIES IN OUR REGIONS!

PIRGs HAVE DONE SO MUCH FOR COMMUNITIES,



FROM PROVIDING FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY, TO AMPLIFYING THE VOICES OF THE MARGINALIZED.



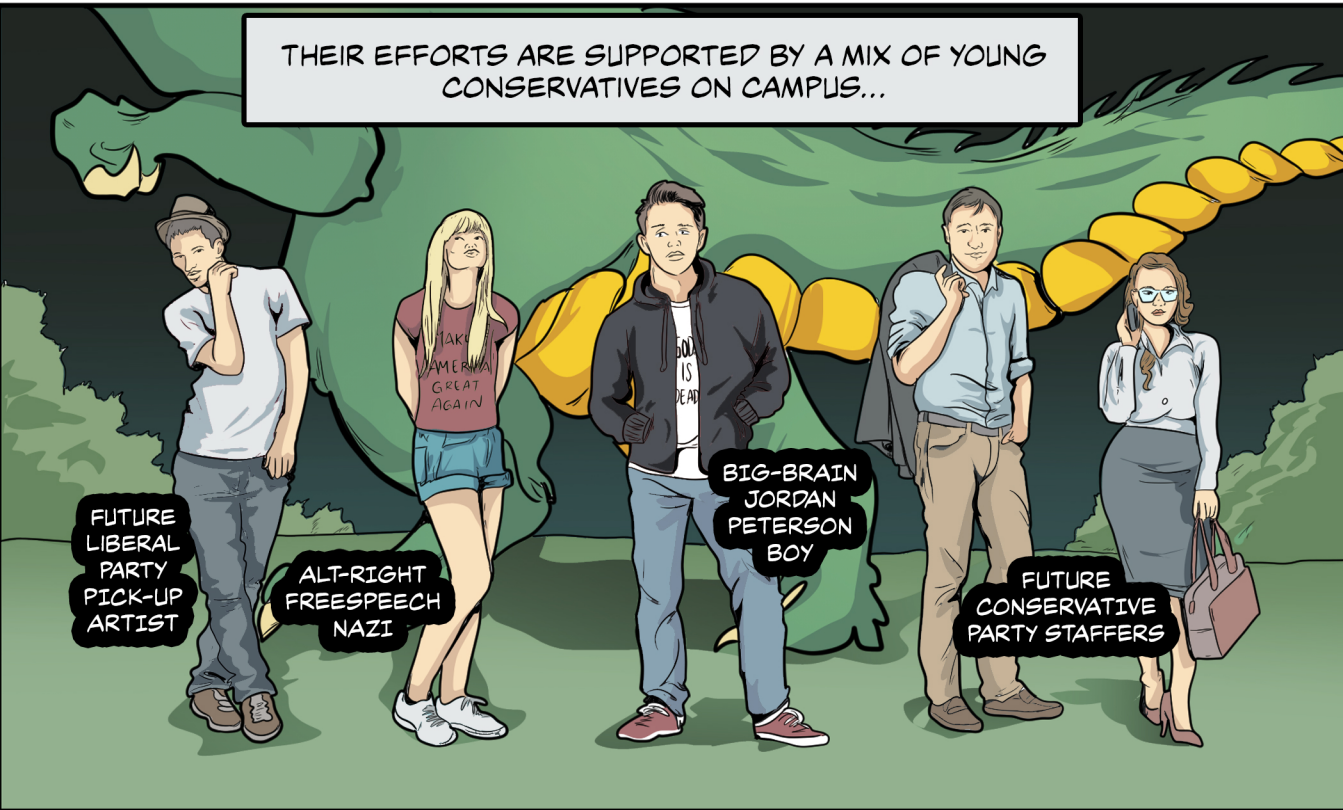
WHAT KIND OF MONSTER WOULD OPPOSE A PROGRAM LIKE THIS?

RIGHT!!

...NONE OTHER THAN DOUG FORD'S CONSERVATIVE GOVERNMENT!



IN 2019, THEY ANNOUNCED CHANGES THAT THREATENED PIRG FUNDING.



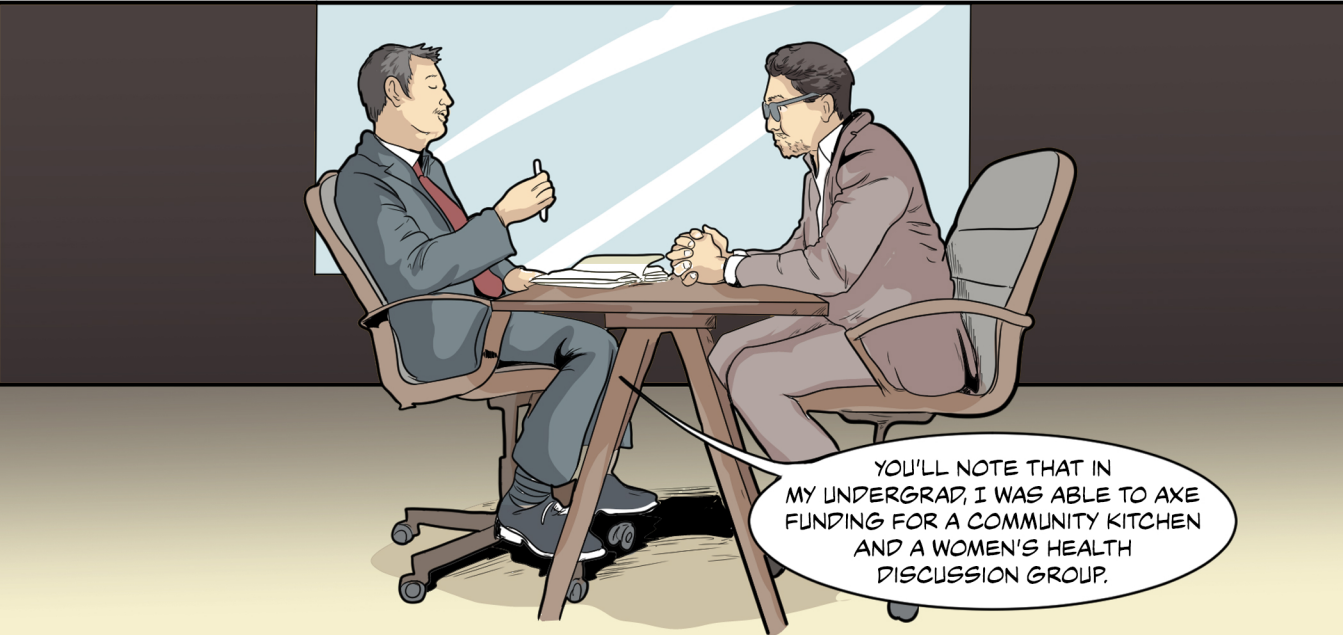
THEIR EFFORTS ARE SUPPORTED BY A MIX OF YOUNG CONSERVATIVES ON CAMPUS...

FUTURE LIBERAL PARTY PICK-UP ARTIST

ALT-RIGHT FREESPEECH NAZI

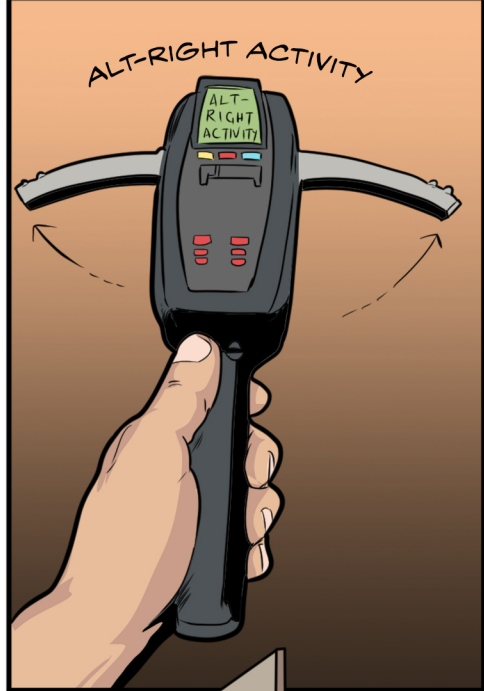
BIG-BRAIN JORDAN PETERSON BOY

FUTURE CONSERVATIVE PARTY STAFFERS



YOU'LL NOTE THAT IN MY UNDERGRAD, I WAS ABLE TO AXE FUNDING FOR A COMMUNITY KITCHEN AND A WOMEN'S HEALTH DISCUSSION GROUP.

IF YOU LIVE SOMEWHERE WITH A PIRG, CHANCES ARE THESE SKEEVEY TYPES ARE SCHEMING, OFTEN ONLY ONLINE AT FIRST... AND ANONYMOUSLY.



CONSERVATIVE "ACTIVISTS" HAVE A HISTORY OF GIVING WORKSHOPS ON ELIMINATING PIRG LEVIES.

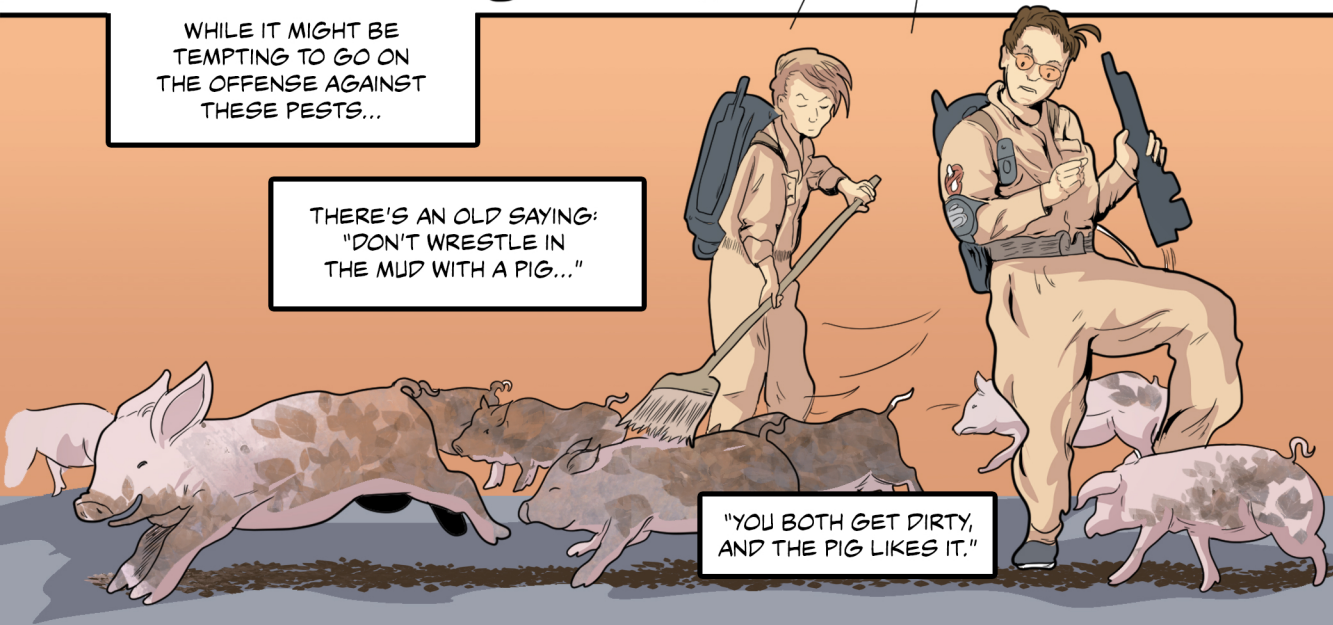


SO BE PREPARED FOR THEM TO RUN A CAMPAIGN TO DEFUND YOUR PIRG.



WHILE IT MIGHT BE TEMPTING TO GO ON THE OFFENSE AGAINST THESE PESTS...

THERE'S AN OLD SAYING: "DON'T WRESTLE IN THE MUD WITH A PIG..."



"YOU BOTH GET DIRTY, AND THE PIG LIKES IT."

IN THE LONG RUN, THERE ARE BETTER WAYS TO SPEND YOUR ENERGY.



ONE THING YOU CAN DO IS CONNECT YOUR PIRG TO OTHER STRUGGLES HAPPENING WHERE YOU LIVE.

THAT CAN BE AS SIMPLE AS SHOWING UP TO EVENTS ORGANIZED BY OTHER GROUPS...



...OR AS COMPLICATED AS CO-ORGANIZING EVENTS AND CAMPAIGNS, ACROSS GROUPS



OPIRG
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KNOW
YOUR
RIGHTS

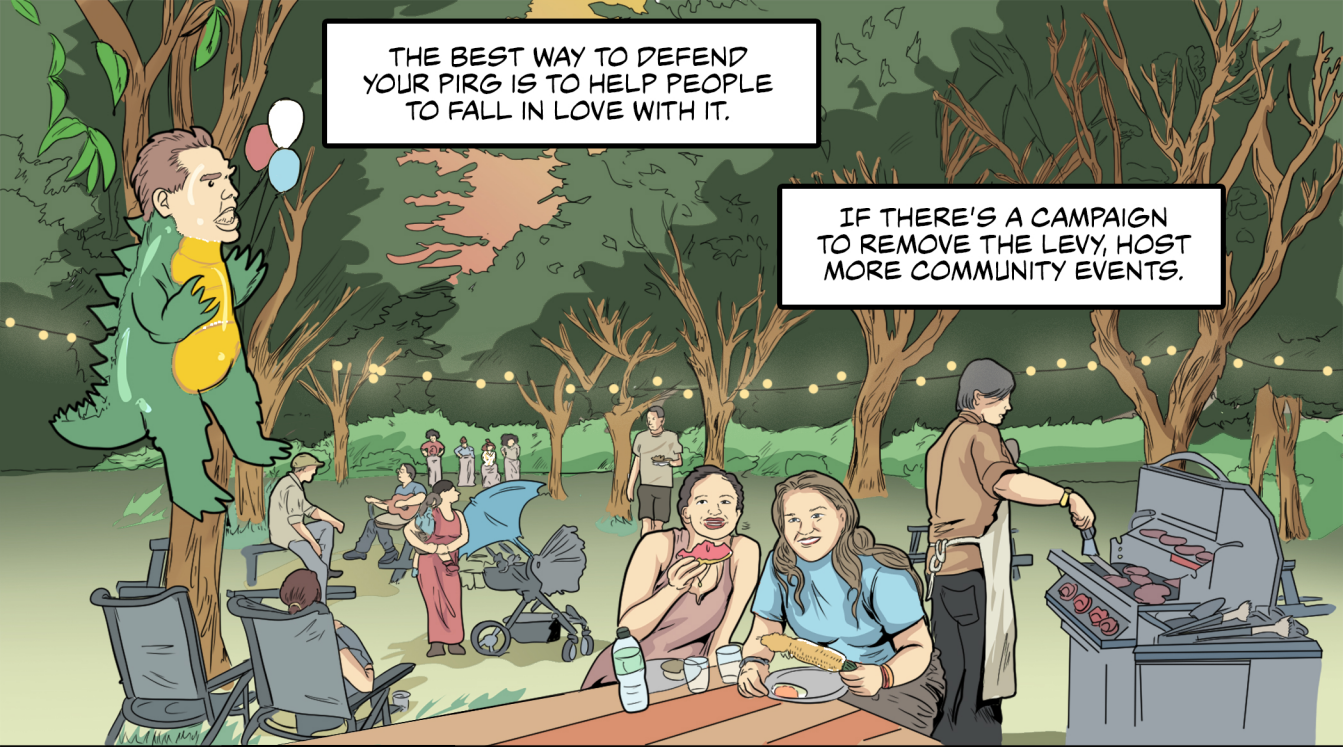


THERE ARE TOUGH TIMES AHEAD, AND BUILDING ALLIANCES WILL HELP US ALL SURVIVE, NO MATTER WHERE WE ARE.



THE BEST WAY TO DEFEND
YOUR PIRG IS TO HELP PEOPLE
TO FALL IN LOVE WITH IT.

IF THERE'S A CAMPAIGN
TO REMOVE THE LEVY, HOST
MORE COMMUNITY EVENTS.

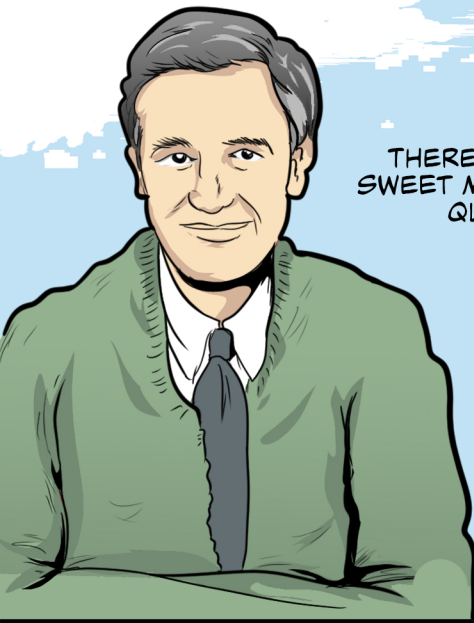


MAKE SURE PEOPLE KNOW ABOUT THE GOOD WORK YOUR PIRG DOES...



...AND MOST IMPORTANTLY,
HOW THEY CAN CONNECT
WITH YOU.





THERE'S A VERY SWEET MR. ROGERS QUOTE:

"LOOK FOR THE HELPERS."

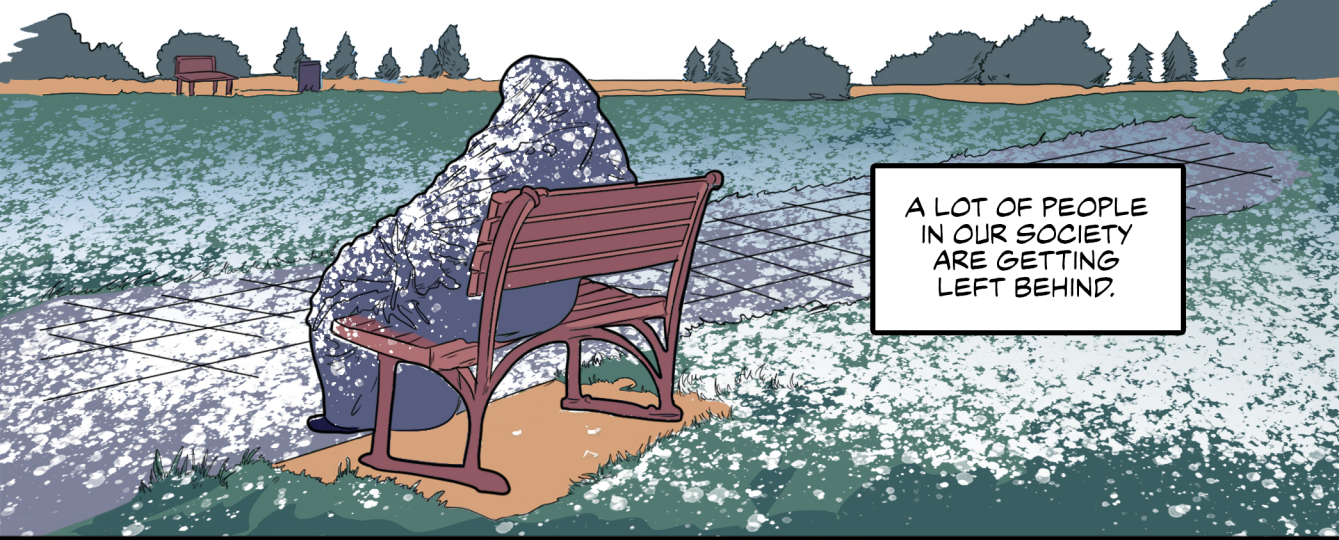


A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE OUT THERE DOING IMPORTANT WORK, ESPECIALLY IN MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES.

ASK THEM HOW YOU CAN HELP!



WE'RE ALL BETTER OFF WHEN WE CAN RELY ON EACH OTHER.



A LOT OF PEOPLE
IN OUR SOCIETY
ARE GETTING
LEFT BEHIND.



OUR BEST CHANCE TO
SURVIVE IS TO STICK
TOGETHER.

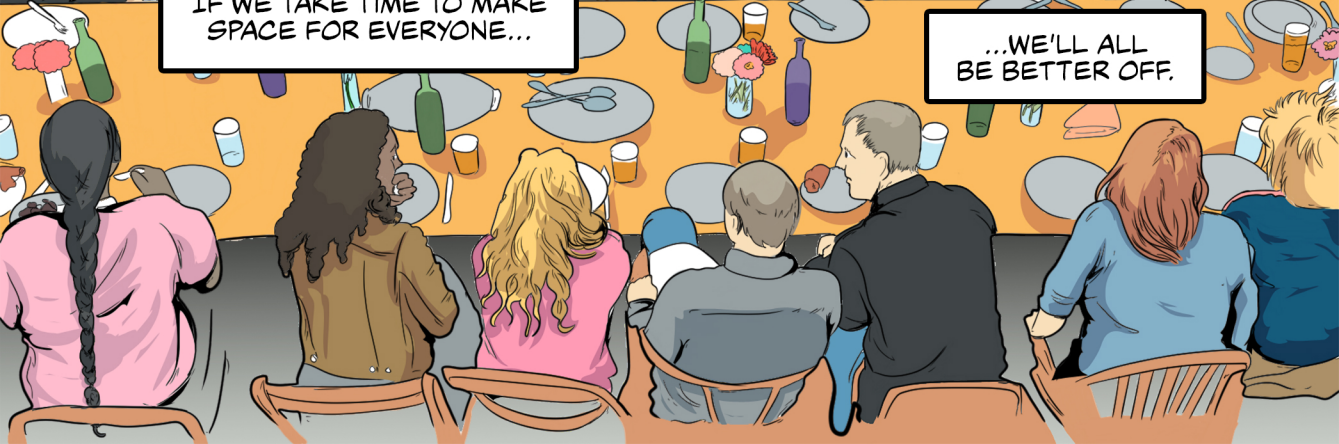


ORGANIZING IS
ABOUT PEOPLE...

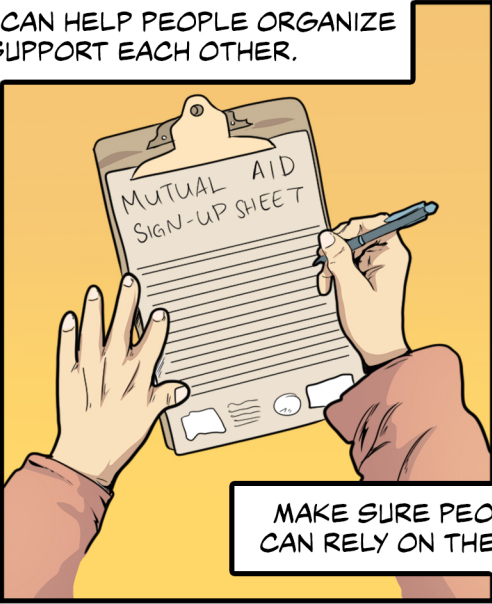


IF WE TAKE TIME TO MAKE
SPACE FOR EVERYONE...

...WE'LL ALL
BE BETTER OFF.



YOUR PIRG CAN HELP PEOPLE ORGANIZE TO SUPPORT EACH OTHER.



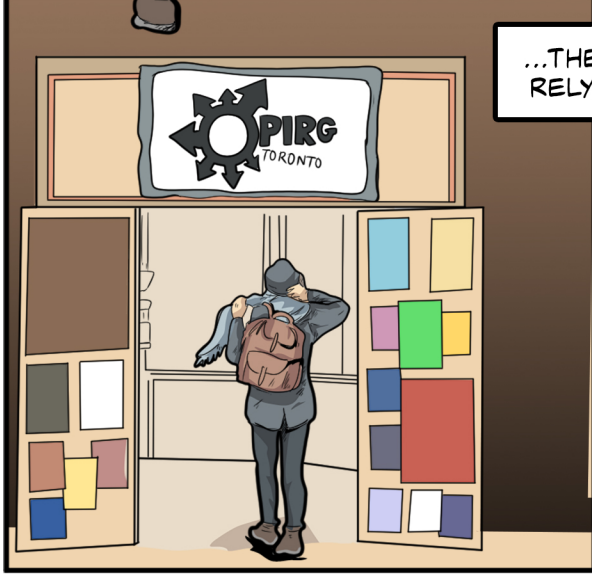
MAKE SURE PEOPLE KNOW THEY CAN RELY ON THE PIRG FOR HELP.



LIFE CAN FEEL VERY ISOLATING.



IF PEOPLE KNOW THEY CAN RELY ON THEIR PIRG...



...THEN YOU CAN RELY ON THEM.



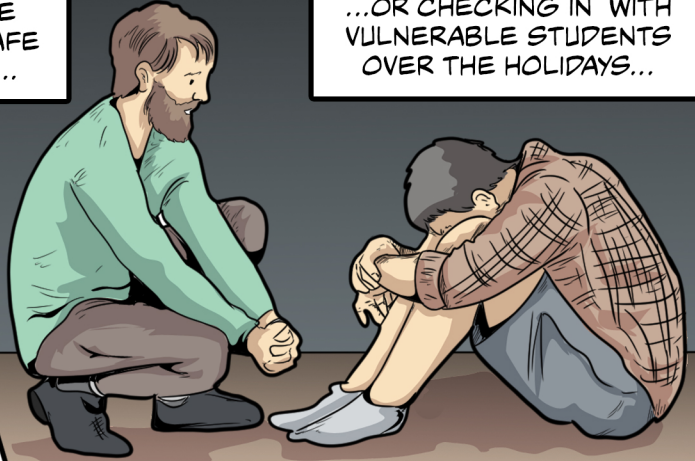
GETTING INVOLVED WITH A PIRG MEANS MORE THAN SHOWING UP AT PROTEST— THOUGH THESE CAN BE IMPORTANT.



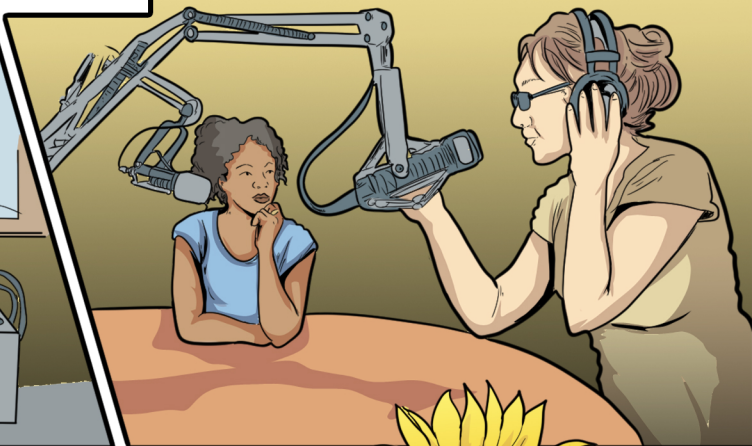
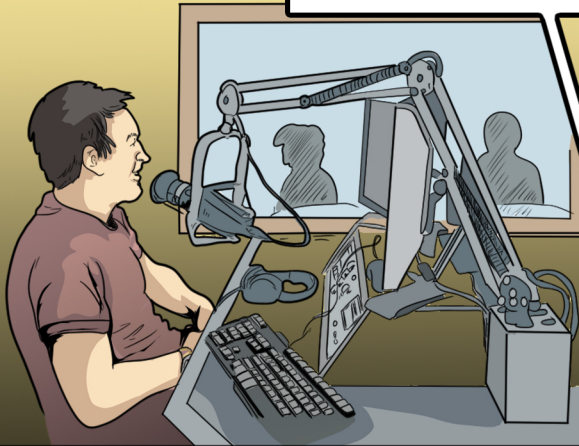
WHETHER YOU'RE SUPPORTING A SAFE INJECTION SITE...



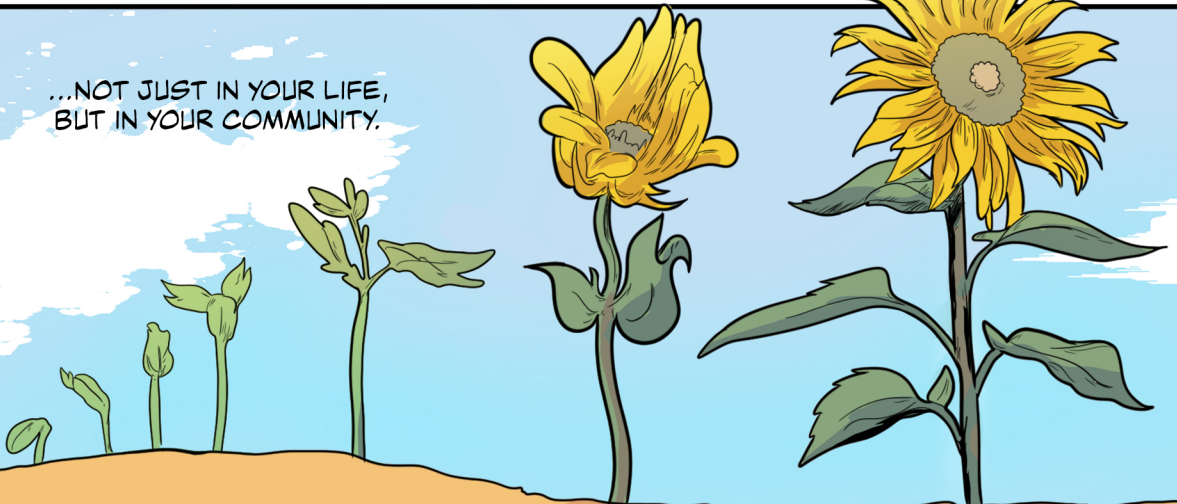
...OR CHECKING IN WITH VULNERABLE STUDENTS OVER THE HOLIDAYS...



GETTING INVOLVED MEANS MAKING A DIFFERENCE...



...NOT JUST IN YOUR LIFE, BUT IN YOUR COMMUNITY.



SOME PEOPLE MIGHT SAY:

HOLD ON!

YOU SHOULD BE BUILDING SKILLS FOR YOUR RESUME.

FIRST OF ALL, THOSE PEOPLE ARE JERKS.

MORE IMPORTANTLY, THEY'RE WRONG. PIRGS TEACH ORGANIZATIONAL SKILLS...

...NETWORKING...

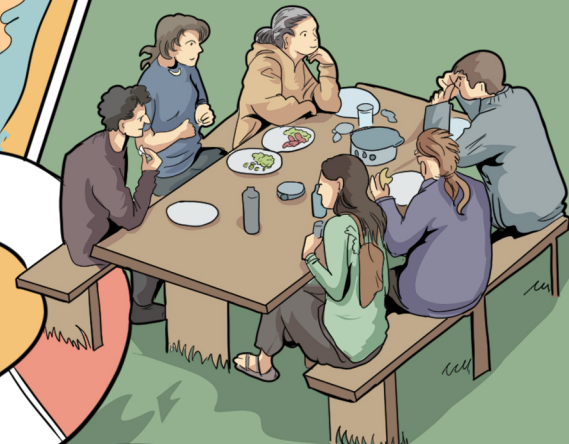
...GRAPHIC DESIGN...

MOST OF ALL, THEY CAN HELP BUILD A COMMUNITY OF CARE...

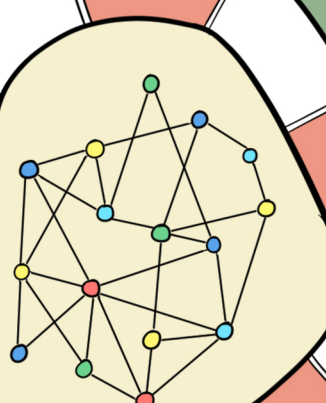
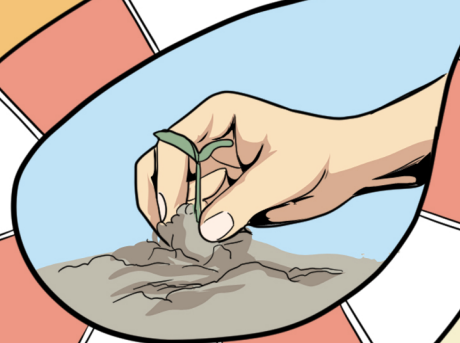
...WHERE PEOPLE WHO MAY NOT HAVE ANYWHERE TO GO CAN FEEL INCLUDED!



BUT THE BEST THING ABOUT PIRGS IS THE FRIENDS YOU'LL MAKE ALONG THE WAY.



MORE THAN FRIENDS, A PIRG IS A COMMUNITY...



...THERE TO SUPPORT EACH OTHER IN HARD TIMES...

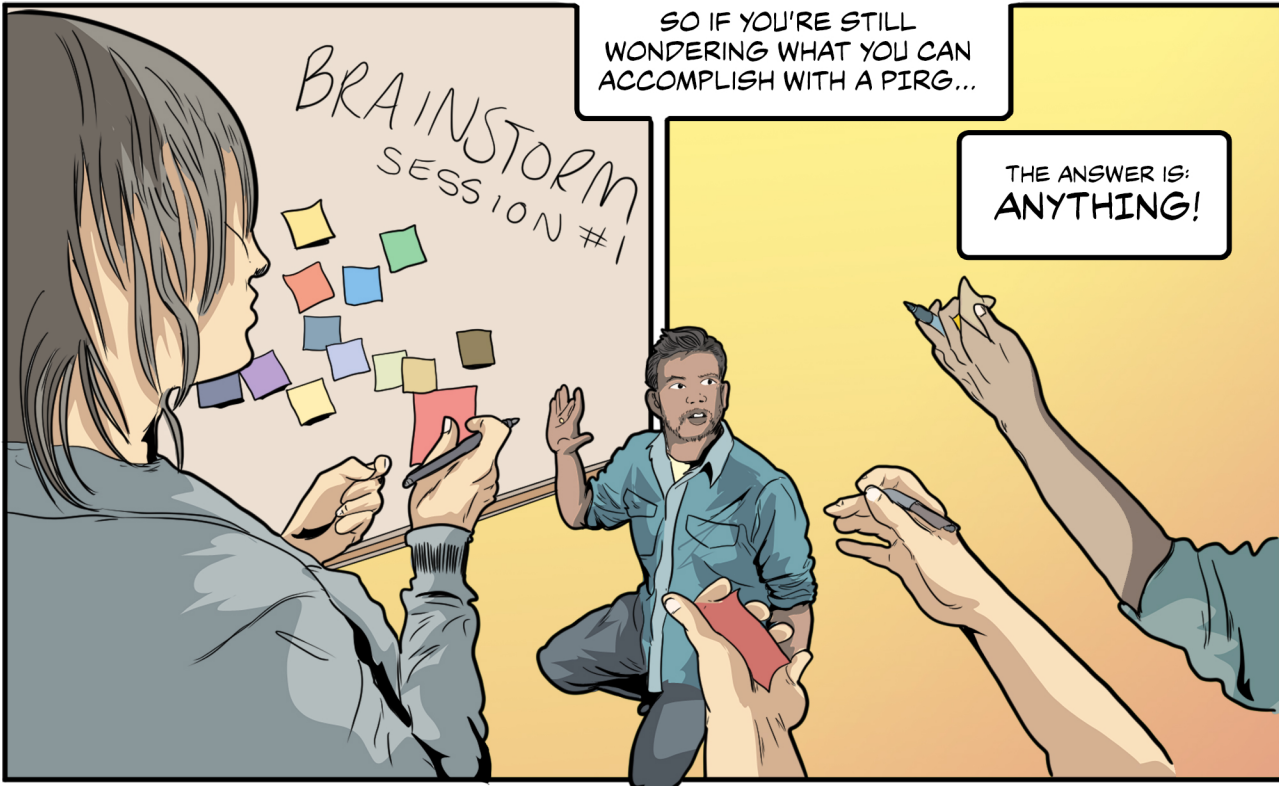


AND CELEBRATE THE GOOD ONES.

SO IF YOU'RE STILL
WONDERING WHAT YOU CAN
ACCOMPLISH WITH A PIRG...

THE ANSWER IS:
ANYTHING!

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THERE'S NO LIMIT
TO WHAT WE CAN
ACCOMPLISH
TOGETHER.

