

Content Writer - Ontario Public Interest Research Group Kingston

About OPIRG Kingston

OPIRG (Ontario Public Interest Research Group) Kingston is a local, student-directed, and community-minded group focused on social and environmental justice. We strive to create meaningful transformative change to benefit our local Queen's University and Kingston communities by facilitating education, research, and action for pertinent issues.

For over 30 years, we have initiated and/or supported numerous community groups/projects, such as ReelOut Queer Film Festival and Queen's Backing Action on the Climate Crisis; organized inclusive programming; empowered and educated students to take action on various topics; and facilitated connections between student and non-student community members. We offer various kinds of support to local activists, including information, funding, and administrative functions.

Much of our programming is educational in nature: we bring diverse scholars and activists to host talks; host reading and discussion groups on various topics such as allyship and solidarity; screen films; and give workshops.

We hold weekly office hours and queer and trans co-working sessions. Our office is meant to be a space for student and non-student community members to connect on matters of social and environmental justice, bring up issues they care about, vent, engage in conversation, and learn amongst each other.

Our current working groups include Mutual Aid Gardens (volunteer-run gardens that distribute free produce), Roots & Wings (social justice group offering workshops for racialized youth), Umbrella Academy (transgender advocacy association), the Gender Affirming Assistance Project (supports Two-Spirit, trans, non-binary and gender diverse community members), the Queer Muslim Resistance podcast (social justice conversations from queer Muslim perspectives), and Cinema Politica OPIRG Kingston (independent, political film screenings about social and environmental justice issues).

Visit our website and social media for more information on who we are, what we do, and our values as an organization: opirgkingston.org, [@opirgkingston](https://www.instagram.com/opirgkingston) on Instagram and Facebook

Canada Summer Jobs Youth Participant Eligibility

This position is funded by the Canada Summer Jobs program. This program has certain eligibility criteria for youth participants. Eligible youth must:

1. be between 15 and 30 years of age at the beginning of the employment period*;
2. be a Canadian citizen, permanent resident, or person to whom refugee protection has been conferred under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act for the duration of the employment**; and,
3. have a valid Social Insurance Number at the start of employment and be legally entitled to work in Canada in accordance with relevant provincial or territorial legislation and regulations.

*The youth must be 15 years of age at the beginning of the employment period. The youth may be more than 30 years of age at the end of the employment period as long as the youth was 30 at the beginning of the employment period.

****Unfortunately, international students are not eligible participants. International students include anyone who is temporarily in Canada for studies and who is not a Canadian citizen, permanent resident, or person who has been granted refugee status in Canada. Youth awaiting a refugee status ruling, as well as those who hold a temporary visitor visa, youth visa or work visa are ineligible.**

Job description and application details

The Content Writer will research, write, and distribute relevant material related to pertinent social and environmental justice topics with the aim of disseminating informative, educational content while increasing OPIRG Kingston's online presence. Please reference our [blog](#), [Instagram](#), and [mandate](#). This position requires strong research, analysis and creative skills to write and share engaging, relevant content.

The Content Writer will:

- Develop and implement strategy for digital content creation and distribution (to be guided by participant's interests in line with OPIRG Kingston's mandate)
- Research and write critical articles and blog posts related to social and environmental justice topics for the OPIRG Kingston blog
- Prepare and create relevant social media content (i.e. infographics, sharing links to blog posts)
- Collaborate with local partners to cross-promote content and initiatives
- Support the OPIRG Coordinator by assisting with regular OPIRG communications, holding office hours, etc.
- Carry out other duties as required

The ideal candidate is someone with:

- Passion for local activism within Kingston and Queen's University communities
- Knowledge of, and excited by the prospect of working on social and environmental justice issues an understanding of the principles of anti-oppression in alignment with OPIRG Kingston's values
- Strong research, writing and critical analysis skills
- Knowledge and experience with new media production (graphic design, digital audio editing, etc.), dissemination (social media, print and website) and taking on feedback
- Strong interpersonal, collaborative, and active listening skills
- An ability to communicate stories, information and analysis into engaging narratives for the Kingston and Queen's University communities
- Strong organizational and time-management skills
- The ability to take initiative and work independently with minimal supervision, asking for clarification when necessary

This position pays **\$16.55/hour** for a **total of 270 hours over 9 consecutive weeks**. The **start date is flexible**, but **must fall between June 3 and June 24, 2024**.

This position requires **in-person work** at our office in downtown Kingston, Ontario, though **some remote work** is available. The office space has an **accessible ramp**, an **accessible washroom**, and an **air purifier**.

OPIRG welcomes the contributions that individuals from marginalized communities bring to our organization, and invites Indigenous people, Black people, people of colour, poor and working-class

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people and those on social assistance, women, members of 2SLGBTQIA+ communities, single parents, immigrants, people from non-academic backgrounds, and people with disabilities to apply.

We encourage applicants to describe the contributions and experiences they would bring to OPIRG in their cover letter.

Please send along your **cover letter and resume** to kingston.pirg@gmail.com by **Friday May 10, 2024 at 11:59pm**. **Interviews will take place in person or online from May 21-22, 2024.**