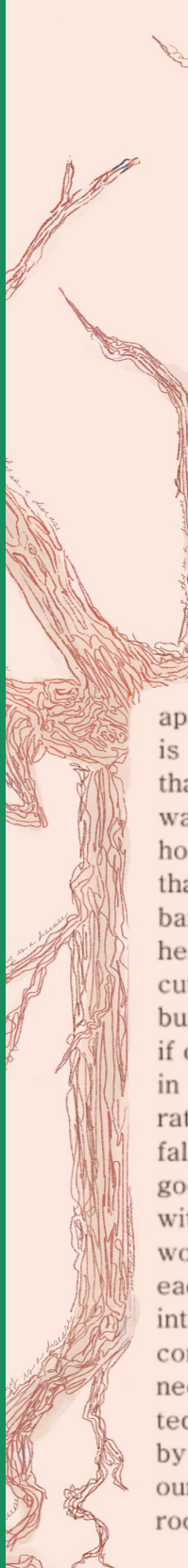


APIRG ALMANAC 2021-2022



About The Issue

An Almanac is a book, published yearly, which contains useful information for a particular group of people. A farmers' almanac contains important meteorological info, a witches' almanac tells you about the movements of the stars, and so the APIRG almanac is full of content for folks who care about local art, community organizing, and social justice. Since APIRG is based at the University of Alberta, we include extra information relevant to U of A students.

There are three main components to this almanac: community resource guides, a weekly planner, and creative content. We hope you will use it to connect with community, organize your days, and inspire the work you do to make your communities more just.

Email outreach@apirg.org with questions, corrections, and if you're interested in submitting to next year's edition!

Past, Present, and Future of Campus Land

The University of Alberta North campus is on Papaschase First Nation land. The Papaschase Nation was forcibly removed from this land so that settler homes and the university could be built.

Today, people of the Papaschase, Cree, Blackfoot, Metis, Nakota Sioux, Iroquois, Dene, Anishinaabe, Inuit, and all Indigenous nations are students, staff and community members on campus. Their presence and work challenges ongoing efforts to erase their identities, assimilate them into settler culture, and, bluntly, to continue the genocide of colonization.

APIRG stands in solidarity with all who are fighting for the return of land and sovereignty to Indigenous nations here in Amiskwaciwaskahikan, across Treaty 6 territory, and around the world. In the words of Eve Tuck and K Wayne Yang, decolonization is not a metaphor. Decolonial projects must always have Indigenous land rights and sovereignty as their aim.



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About [APIRG](#)

APIRG (Alberta Public Interest Research Group) is a student-funded, student- and community- governed non-profit organization based at the University of Alberta. We provide students with resources to be active citizens, through research, education, advocacy and action. APIRGs is democratically run, independent, non-partisan, and non-profit to ensure that students are able to work on issues of importance to them without fear of censure.

Our work includes:

[Direct Funding](#): we provide thousands of dollars in grants to student and community groups for their own events, projects, research and programming.

Research support: we support students engaging in community-minded research projects in disseminating their research to the public.

[Workshops and training](#): we offer free workshops in anti-oppression, consensus-based decision-making, and other topics to student groups and non-profit organizations both independently and through the SU

[Events](#): we collaborate with campus and community groups to host a variety of social and educational events throughout the year.

Our [Library](#): APIRG maintains a small community library in our office in HUB Mall. It contains books, zines and other media relating to a variety of social and environmental justice issues.

[Mentorship](#): Through Board development, our volunteer program, internships, working groups and grants, we provide support and guidance for folks as they find their own ways of being agents of change in their communities.

A Board of Directors composed of ten to twelve U of A undergraduate students and community members oversees the operations of APIRG. Dedicated staff coordinators ensure the smooth daily functioning of the organization.

APIRG is accountable directly to the people who fund it - students at the U of A. All Board meetings and general meetings are open to the public. APIRG also keeps audited financial records and produces an annual report. The Students' Union oversees APIRG's function and approves its financial documents each year. Our AGM is held every October and you're invited!

Where did APIRG come from?

Public Interest Research Groups (PIRGs) were first organized in the 1970s, based on a model proposed by Ralph Nader, a political activist and attorney. Today these organizations are established on campuses and in communities throughout Canada and the United States.

PIRGs based at colleges and universities operate from the premise that students are citizens. Part of their education, therefore, should include recognizing and solving problems facing society. Through involvement with PIRGs, thousands of Canadian students have learned skills in consensus building, group facilitation, event organization, media production, and research. In turn, these valuable skills help them to act effectively in the public interest.

Each PIRG is different and reflects the priorities of students on its campus. In Western Canada, PIRGs are active at the Universities of Lethbridge, Regina, British Columbia, Northern British Columbia, Victoria, and Simon Fraser University. There are numerous other PIRGs operating in Ontario, Quebec, and Nova Scotia.

In a campus-wide undergraduate referendum held in March 2001, a majority voted in favour of creating a Public Interest Research Group at the University of Alberta. This was preceded and followed by years of student organizing. APIRG was born of hundreds of students dreaming of and defending their right to a campus organization which serves their need for political education and engagement

How is APIRG funded?

Undergraduates contribute \$1.75 - \$3.50 in Fall and Winter semesters in 2017/2018 to APIRG when they pay their tuition. The student fee provides APIRG with stable funding, allowing working groups to focus our energy on the issues we care about. Student funding allows APIRG to maintain independence from other institutions and focus on representing students' interests as citizens. Any student who is unable to or does not wish to support APIRG is entitled to opt out at the start of each semester and have this fee fully refunded.

Basis of Unity

We believe the way to create positive social change is to provide individuals with the information and tools they need to become active citizens and to participate effectively in their communities.

Statement of Values

APIRG considers an equitable environment to be a part of positive social change. We acknowledge that social change is achievable and see social awareness as a valuable facet of the public interest. We see anti-oppression as a process that acknowledges the existence of systemic oppression (including, but not limited to, racism, sexism, homophobia, transphobia, classism, and ableism). Through practices and policies, we seek to actively identify, challenge and address oppression wherever it exists, in all its various forms, and to actively encourage opportunities for social awareness and change. Further, we recognize and respect that systems of oppression interact in different ways and affect each person differently.

APIRG Funding

We offer grants ranging from \$150-\$4000 to student and community groups working on community building, action, research, and education in the public interest! Learn more at apirg.org/funding.

APIRG Volunteer Committees

Volunteering with APIRG is all about building skills to help you engage in political life and community organizing through collaboratively working on cool projects. In fact, a volunteer committee worked together to create this Almanac!

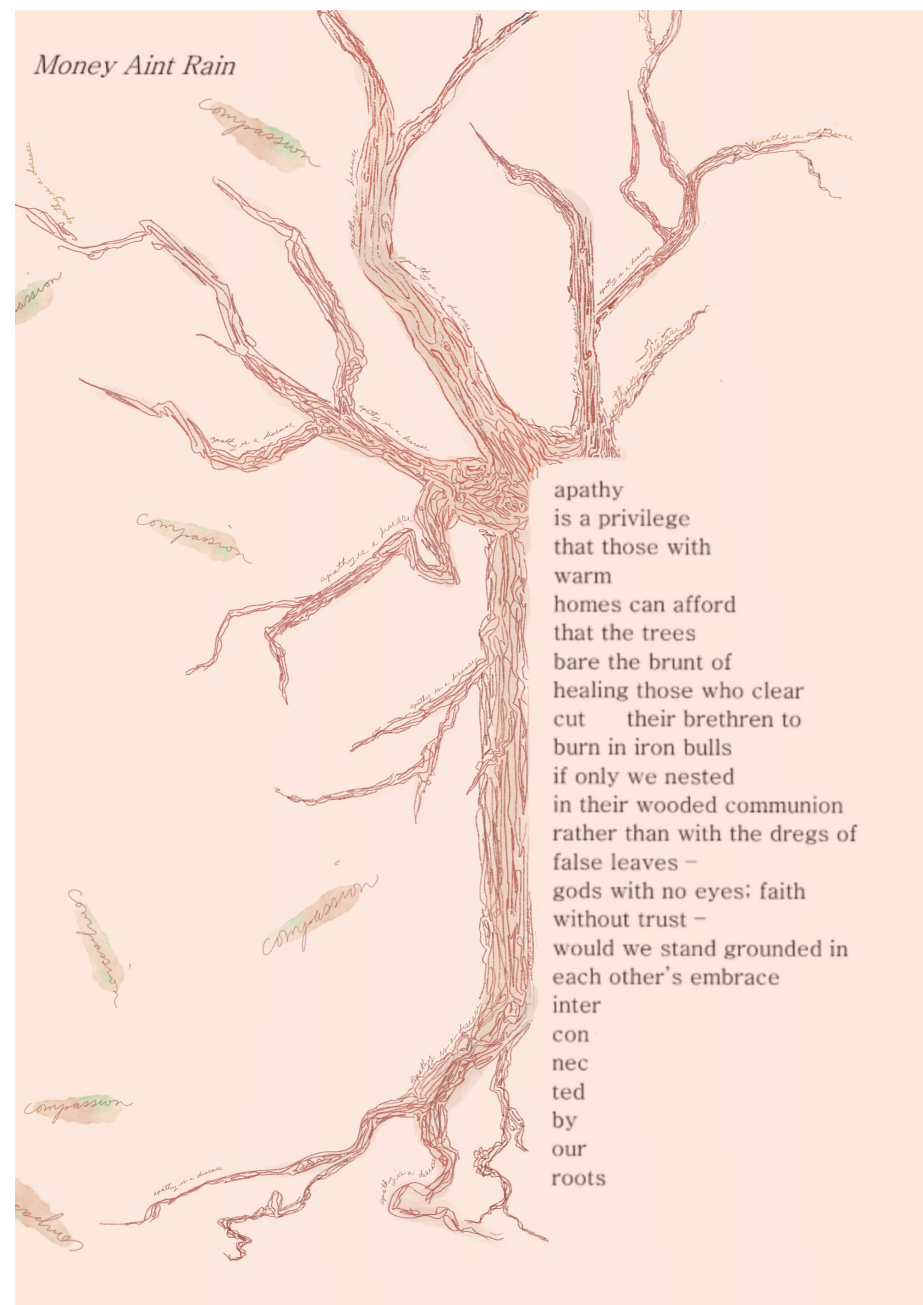
Learn more at apirg.org/volunteer/committees.

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- [Naomi Pasatiempo](#)

The Warrior by [Eve Aboualy](#)

Social justice warrior
Slap some words together to shut me up
To make me feel good
Well I don't
Do not be little me
When I should be, be tilting you
Is this phrase supposed to make me feel good about myself?
I do not care how you preserve me.
I do not speak for the voiceless
So you can think of me better
I speak for those you care to silence
I speak for those you kill
I speak for those who you do not serve justice too I speak for
them because they are warriors
I speak because existence is resistance
I will not stop
Because it could have been me
It could be me
So call me a social justice warrior
Because I'm fighting for myself
I'm fighting for my rights
I'm fighting for my life
While you get to look away
While you get to not care
I don't get to not care
I don't care
I die.
Those who don't want to care
They die.
Don't care to be an activist
I care for human living
Shouldn't you?

All Aboard by [Andy Zhang](#)

"Hey, xiao huozi!"

The boy shrieked as he whirled around to face the man. Due to a combination of being nine and carrying a loaded backpack, this tactical maneuver left him jumbled in a pile, cans and sundries scattered around to indicate the point of impact. The boy groaned and clawed at the ground to reacquire his belongings, introducing new possessions of dirt and gravel. The man kept his distance, moving onto the railroad. He reached between the slats, pulling out a can of pickled radish. He held it out to the boy, careful not to startle him again. The boy looked at him. The man's overalls and shirts were dusty but not grimy, and the flat cap on his head had seen better days. The boy snatched the can, shoving it into his bag.

"Why did you surprise me?" accused the boy. The man shrugged.

"You looked sad. Thought it would be funny."

"Well I'm not," snapped the boy. He puffed his chest out. "I'm free now, couldn't be happier." The man whistled in applause.

"It takes a lot of guts to run away at your age. I had to wait until I could pass for 16." The boy stood proud, stifling his trembles. "So what's the plan?"

"I'm going to follow this railroad until I figure one out." The man laughed.

"Well, you'll be walking for a while. Next town is 9 kilometres away."

"What? Are you sure?"

"Am I sure?" the man said in mock disbelief. "Am I sure? I better be sure, I helped build the damn thing." The boy slumped over. The man peered at the boy. "Are you scared? I'm a ghost." The boy began to cry. A panicked look came over the ghost's face. "Hey! It's okay! I'm not bad, I'm here because I don't want to go!"

The boy looked at him through his tears. It wasn't him; he was exhausted, and bravery can be sustained by canned food for only so long. The two sat by the railroad, listening to each other complain about past wrongs and current pains. When the moon had reached its zenith, a train called out from the distance. The ghost grinned.

"Watch this." He jogged over to the railroad, placed his hand on it, and concentrated. In the distance, squealing could be heard as the brakes turned on and off. By the time the train reached the two, it stood still, engineers scrambling inside. The ghost helped the boy onto a cart.

"Let me know how smooth of a ride it is!" The boy stared.

"You've never ridden the train? But you built it." The man blinked at this new piece of information. The boy held out his hand as the spokes started to turn. The man hesitated.

"Shūshu, you coming?" The man huffed, climbing aboard.

"Do I look like your shūshu? Gēge, GĒGE." The boy shrugged, taking out his can opener as the train picked up speed.

Resin by [Caitlin Hart](#)

I've always called this place home
Alberta
Treaty 6
Amiskwaciwâskahikan

War and work and wildfires brought us here
To the land that was never ours

And we've always been
choking on mustard gas
choking on wildfire smoke
Is this what my ancestors imagined for me
crushed by the same forces they had to flee?

When I close my eyes it's wildfire smoke & orange skies the
streets turned to a poisonous amber
resin casting us in time
That's what late stage capitalism feels like

Destroying the land in search of more profits
We've made pillaging the earth a birthright
We crowned Ralph Klein king
The king of neoliberal austerity free market trickle down
economics
Who built empires on workers backs
That's what late stage capitalism feels like

And now we're here
Of course we're here

On the brink of environmental collapse
Of course
It's the inevitability of everything
the boom is an eternal present
We will always have more
more money
more oil
more workers to exploit

We'll always have Syncrude and Suncor
Enbridge, our god
We'll always have our glass castles to live in
and TFWs to clean the lobby

Capitalism needs us to live in a perpetual now, to assume
nothing is happening now, nothing else can happen except
more of this

Don't they know it's ending?
How do you look outside your window and not weep at the
hazy tinge the air has?
That we can see the air at all

the apocalypse is a forgone conclusion, an eventuality
I always knew it would come to this
The street preacher's sign:
The end is near
Repent

Grief for all the things I will never will do
Because when this is all over
As we invoke over and over
When this is over
What will be left of all the things I wanted?
What life awaits at the end of a pandemic?
What life awaits at the end of capitalism?

What comes next?

When the last glaciers melt, where will I be?
When the last polar bear dies, lonely in warming waters,
where will I be?

a note on love in the time of colonialism by [Meghan Eaker](#)

colonial (mis)understanding
sallow
a girl who loves
unrelentingly
to be labeled
angry and
unloving

because her love
does not flow
only towards
those that are
deemed
deserving

she loves
the bad mothers
the queers
the youth
the poor
the lazy

and in loving
them
she has received
more love in return
than she did when
she tried to love
those that gave her
only rationed drops of
conditional love
as was proper

Simu/nation by [Saint Tawfik](#)

Assimilation

A simulation

Blend in, press your head to the ground,
prostration

Press your unruly hair to your head

Dedication of your veneration

to everything you are not

Let me offer an explanation:

An imitation under intimidation is not an donation

this is a false reincarnation

a violation of your nation

they call gentrification something like emancipation

my folks will tell you it feels more like suffocation

but our indignation only results in further damnation

a genocidal deforestation of my nation,

cessation of generations

upon closer examination, you have not been given salvation

(not really.)

they fed us a narration of our creation; that we are an

aberration in need of restoration, innovation, to reach

affirmation.

focus your concentration, taste that you've really been fed

misinformation. then they call reparations complications,

advocation behind obscurity but this truth doesn't require

divine revelation

BLM Performance by [Ntwali Kayijaho](#)



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Equality & Pride
by [Riyaz Sharan](#)

Flowers For the Living by [Hannah Rose](#)

Fire hued lilies lined on windowsills,
Orange embers widen with the morning sun.
I used to find it eerie, these flowers plucked
from their homes, re-homed in ours.
But the lilies would not survive on their own
now, they rely on our protection.
I look outside and see,
the peonies have gone bad.
I saw them this morning all white and brown,
Shriveled shells of what they once were.

I saw the lilacs this afternoon,
they have reached the same fate,
their once sweet scents turned bitter with age.
But the daisies are still standing,
I smile at them, admiring their strength
against the changing seasons.
I hope they sense that in me too,
that I have not yet faded or turned.
But still I know, I was not meant to stay out there.

Today I am the lily, not strong enough alone,
I live in shelter, curated to my own needs,
widening with the break of sunlight.

New Worlds

by [Margaret-Anne Murphy](#)

Dream new worlds.
Dream worlds where there is justice.

Where flowers grow out of cracked pipelines,
Where baby whales survive.

Where heatwaves aren't common,
Where the ocean can't light on fire from oil & gas.

Where people who are locked up are freed.
Where anyone and anything in a cage is freed.

Where there are no cages.

Where there is so much singing
And dancing.

Where healing is encouraged and supported.
Where time isn't commodified,
And neither are people.

Where land is given back
Where peoples' needs are met,
Where they can flourish and thrive.

Where children aren't taken away from their families,
Where voids within us are filled with healing and community.

Where love can be seen
And felt
And heard.

Where kids are taught how to love in school,
Not how to do decimal fractions (unless they really want to).
Where people don't fake orgasms,
Where it's safe for me to walk around at night,

Where the status quo is fucked with and dismantled,
Where there are no billionaires.

Where people can sleep in
And dream longer
And hold their lovers.

Where gender roles are abolished
Where weeds grow up through the concrete,
eventually pushing through.

Where no one goes hungry,
No one goes unloved,
No one is illegal, and
No one is left behind.

Where capitalism dies off,
Where we cultivate our inner and outer gardens
And the world sees so much gorgeous beauty.

Not the beauty that is through Instagram filters,
But a deep and real and true, profound beauty

One from the spirit.

Where we can all be who we actually are.
Because our hearts are given time and space.

askîy

by [Meghan Eaker](#)

i scroll through instagram photos
of settler women
extolling the virtues
of self-sufficiency
on their land

settlers love to possess
to define relationships
in terms of a hierarchy
in which they are on top

they say
our indigenous people
our immigrants
our land

our land
our land
our land
our land
our land

by which they mean
the fee simple land
privately owned
by them and their
husbands

a place to own
and have a hobby farm

while native
land defenders
get put in jail
for enacting relations
with our mother
askîy



by [Margaret-Anne Murphy](#)



by [Esther Dimalanta](#)



Thaw by [Caitlin Hart](#)

Our London Family by [Alisha Ebrahim](#)

It is heart-wrenching
to live in a world
so torn apart by hate,
asking you daily
to perform an exorcism
of heaven
in hell's name.

It is harrowing to live
knowing that
your neighbour's tears
of holy water
are now laced
with a stranger's
bitter poison
and plagued with
bottomless fear.

It is difficult
to live in this world,
but it is not impossible.

We have seen the way
that the world
in its vast infinity
echoes the voices
of those whose words
swell with love
and refuse to be silenced,
drowning out sadness
with joy.

In those moments
when we mourn over loss,
our tears can either be shed
in bitter defeat
or beautiful defiance,
inundating the world
with hate,
or watering the seeds
of kindness
in hearts where weeds used to grow.

هَلْ جَزَاءُ الْإِحْسَانِ إِلَّا الْإِحْسَانُ

is the reward for goodness anything but goodness

Filipinx noun

fi•li•pi•no | fi-lə-ˈpē-nō

1. It is unnatural to grow up not knowing what one's grandparents mean, not continuing the lineage of intimate wisdom. One can imagine what they would have to say, the stories locked beyond an ocean's divide.

Nanay, ano sabe mo, po?

2. To know the dances – sakuting, singkil, ati-atihan – without understanding the Spirit of the moves, what it feels like to celebrate a grand harvest or what it means to throw a fiesta in times of starvation

Sino ba si Darangen?

3. The punchline of the diaspora, of those who must navigate between the identities of in-between identities. I use they/them to be closer to *siya*, which translates neither to him or her. I mimic my parents in broken tagalog like a baby speaking gibberish for the first time, but when I return to my native land, I am only visiting. And to my cousins, my titas, my lolas, I am Canadian – and no longer Filipino.

Sino ba ako?

- [Naomi Pasatiempo](#)

Crown

I cut my own mane
Because I was afraid

Afraid I couldn't control it

Afraid of being called an imposter

Afraid of being tokenized

Afraid of being questioned

Afraid of being called unprofessional

Afraid of being othered

Afraid of its power

Now it grows towards the sun
As it grounds me to my roots

I wear my crown
Natural and with pride

- [Emily Quecke](#)

She

by [Yemariam Abebayehu](#)

She is so beautiful.
Standing in the moonlight,
wearing the royal blue gown she worked so hard to get.
Over her head are lines of empty soup cans
with fake candles in them -
she couldn't afford the proper ones,
but these worked just fine.

She is so amazing,
being able to walk around and dance,
wind in her hair, and
being guided by a gentle breeze that chilled to the bone.
Yet, everything she did painted
a warm picture.

But that's what terrified everyone else.
The light, the warmth she bore too
overwhelming
for those with cold hearts and spirits.
For those who would not blink before sending
daggers to backs
once they were on
perfect display.

But, I think what they're
truly terrified of is
the ice hot realization
of how long
they chose to
live without her.

How much time they spent
taking advantage of her, keeping her
prisoner
in a life she can no longer call
her own.
Every beautiful aspect of her life
taken away
or made into use
to fulfill
a dream
that is not hers.

Her lively spirit
chained by her
oppressors.
The ones who are
too sensitive
to her radiance.

Too unaccustomed.
Too inexperienced.

They fear
the loss
of their domination
they never
truly earned.

They are petrified
of being bettered
by the angel
they were able to
manipulate
for so long.

They are confused
by her ability
to smile
despite the cruelty
she
constantly faces:
her power.

They fear her power
they suppressed
with excuses,
unknowingly allowing it
to become stronger.

They fear and despise
the power
she has
to be like them.

To have their strength and intelligence,
to be their equal.

Blush by [Merlin Uwalaka](#)



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APIRG Working Groups

Working Groups are autonomous student and community groups which receive funding and support from APIRG on an ongoing basis. The next few pages feature info about various groups' activities, as well as contact info for you to get involved!

2020 - 2021 APIRG Working Groups

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[Chinese Diaspora Sharing Circles](#)

[Future Librarians for Intellectual Freedom](#)

[Indigenous Medical and Dental Students' Association](#)

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[RootUP](#)

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[Yard Share YEG](#)

[Canadian Students for Sensible Drug Policy](#)



Canadian Students for Sensible Drug Policy (CSSDP) Edmonton is the regional chapter for students and youth who are committed to advocacy and education on ethical, evidence-based drug policy. We believe that our communities can become more resilient, compassionate, and healthier through harm reduction approaches for the broad continuum of care that people who use drugs access. This year, our main project was advocating alongside Moms Stop the Harm for the City of Edmonton to formally take the stance that the overdose crisis is a public health emergency, and to begin the steps to address it through a harm reduction lens. Going into the new year we hope to continue to meet with and educate Edmonton City Council on next steps in harm reduction. CSSDP Edmonton is always accepting new members!

IG & TW: [@cssdpedmonton](#)

FB: [Canadian Students for Sensible Drug Policy Edmonton](#)

Chinese Diaspora Sharing Circles

Chinese Diaspora Sharing Circle is a monthly, open, inclusive dialogue for overseas Chinese people to safely share their opinions regarding cultural identity, social issues and their life in Canada. Aimed primarily for and organized by youth (15-35), our sharing circles try to fight lateral violence by learning about and supporting each other in our often fractured diasporic Chinese groups in Edmonton.

Check out a recording of CDSC's Asian Heritage Month virtual event here:

https://youtu.be/-7b_OAz6HOE

email: tse.shawn@gmail.com



[Future Librarians for Intellectual Freedom](#)

We are a group of Library and Information Studies students who are interested in promoting intellectual freedom and social responsibility. We believe that issues concerning censorship, freedom of expression, and social justice go hand-in-hand, and hope that through information updates and direct action, we will be able to emphasize the importance of intellectual freedom and social responsibility in the personal and professional lives of our readers and our communities.

website: lifualberta.wordpress.com

Indigenous Medical and Dental Students' Association

The Indigenous Medical and Dental Students' Association is a group consisting of Indigenous students in the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry at the University of Alberta. The group's purpose is to identify, represent, encourage and advocate for the needs of current and future Indigenous healthcare professionals and students that are grounded in our respective traditions and teachings.

email: IMDSAVPFinance@ualberta.ca

website: ualberta.ca/medicine/programs/ihl/imdsa

Edmonton Organic Growers Guild

Edmonton Organic Growers Guild (EOGG) is a local volunteer-run urban farming initiative. They grow organic produce, encourage learning and eating, and provide food from their harvest to member volunteers and local foodbanks. We charge no fees and welcome folks from all walks of life.

website: eogg.org

FB: facebook.com/edmontonogg

The Hue

The Hue is your QTBIPOC+ Community Hub. Building community and advocating for QTBIPOC+ inclusion, accessibility, and safety in Edmonton. We host events and workshops, and maintain a community calendar of events by and for QTBIPOC in Edmonton!

email: thehueyeg@gmail.com

thehueyeg.com

FB: [The Hue YEG](https://facebook.com/TheHueYEG)

IG: [@thehueyeg](https://instagram.com/thehueyeg)

The CrW (Creative Writing Club)

The Creative Writing Club (CrW) is creating a safe social space and community for student writers at the University of Alberta to explore their shared passion for writing and to uplift student voices. The CrW holds regular meetings, workshops and speaker sessions to promote accountability, learning, and collaboration. The CrW also publishes a yearly anthology of stories from across campus.

website: thecrw.club

RootUP

RootUp is a group of students in Edmonton committed to bringing cultures together and creating a community that helps newcomers, such as immigrants and refugees, feel at home in a new environment while sharing their unique cultural identities with Edmonton's mosaic.

website: rootup.org

Edmonton Natural Hair Show

The Edmonton Natural Hair Show (ENHS) inspires people of all ages to embrace their natural hair as part of what makes them uniquely beautiful — a hair type that society often frowns upon. The show builds and strengthens the natural hair community in Edmonton and surrounding areas through events and activities. We provide tools and resources for women, girls, and men to care for their coily kinky curly loose or loc'd hair from businesses and individuals in the industry, such as natural hair specialists, salons, independent hair stylists, and natural hair bloggers/enthusiasts/DIY-ers/social media influencers. Everyone is welcome to our events and activities regardless of their racial background!

Website: edmontonnaturalhairshow.com

IG: [@edmonton_naturalhairshow](https://instagram.com/@edmonton_naturalhairshow)

FB: [@EdmontonNaturalHairShow](https://facebook.com/@EdmontonNaturalHairShow)

Yard Share YEG

Yard Share YEG's program aims to reduce barriers, empower communities, and increase food security through sharing yard space as a unique alternative to community gardens! Yard hosts and gardeners are matched through an online platform and are provided supplies for continuous support. Gardeners grow food in the host's yard while sharing a small portion of their harvest with the host as an exchange. This collaboration provides the opportunity for those who are food insecure to share space in which to grow food!

Take a look at the Yard Share YEG Toolkit to learn about what yard-sharing can look like in your own neighbourhood:

website: yardshareyeg.com

FB: facebook.com/yardshareyeg

IG: [@yardshareyeg](https://instagram.com/@yardshareyeg)



Community Resource Guide

Accessibility

On campus

Accessibility Resources

Get accessibility aids, letters of accommodation to send to profs, exam accommodations etc.

<https://www.ualberta.ca/current-students/accessibility-resources>

Student Parents on Campus

SPOC is a family-friendly student group at the University of Alberta aiming to relieve some of the stress and obstacles student parents live with by creating a community where they can meet, share stories and seek support

FB: [@studentparentsoncampus](#)

IG: [@ualbertaspoc](#)

Off campus

Self-Advocacy Federation

Working Group of APIRG Since: Winter 2019

The Self-Advocacy Federation is an organization of people with disabilities and their allies who get together to discuss the issues facing people with disabilities.

<http://www.selfadvocacyfederation.ca/about-us.html>

TW: [@SAF_YEG](#)

FB: [Self Advocacy Federation](#)

Free Transit YEG

Activists based out in Amiskwaciwâskahikan (Edmonton) on traditional Cree, Blackfoot, Dene, Nakota Sioux, Saulteaux, and Métis Nation territory looking to create a more resilient, connected, and equitable city which seeks to uphold social, economic, and climate justice and enshrines mobility as a universal right by making public transportation reliable, efficient, and accessible.

<https://freetransitedmonton.ca/>

Instagram/Twitter: [@freetransityeg](#)

2SLGBTQIA+ Resources

On campus

The Landing

The Landing is a Students' Union service at the University of Alberta main campus that offers support for gender and sexual diversity. We strive to promote gender equity on a broad scale, and advocate for the safety and acceptance of individuals of all genders and sexualities in campus life. As part of this mandate, we support LGBTQ2S+ communities and individuals as well as their supporters, friends, family and loved ones.

<https://www.su.ualberta.ca/services/thelanding/>

IG: [@thelanding_uofa](#)

ISMSS

The Institute for Sexual Minority Studies & Services (iSMSS) is a non-profit organization and research institute housed in the Faculty of Education at the University of Alberta. iSMSS provides educational programs and services to support the 2SLGBTQ+ community and its allies. Through our partnerships with various local Edmonton organizations such as the Pride Centre, LGBTQ+ Wellness Centre, and Altview we provide direct services from mental health support to 2SLGBTQ+ education to the community.

<https://www.ualberta.ca/ismss/>

Email: ismss@ualberta.ca

IG: [ismss_ualberta](#)

Edmonton 2 Spirit Society

Two Spirit peoples are recognized, respected and engaged in an integral manner, within Indigenous communities and society at large. E2S's mission is to re-establish and enhance our traditional roles and responsibilities as Two Spirit people in Indigenous communities while

creating supportive environments within all societies for contemporary Two Spirit peoples.

<https://e2s.ca/>

FB: [@edmonton2spiritsociety](#)

IG: [@edmonton_2_spirit_society](#)

Off campus

CHEW Project

The CHEW Project's vision is to provide frontline support, opportunities for health and wellness, and to help find hope for 2SLGBTQ+ youth and emerging adults facing barriers

chewprojectyeg.org

IG: [@chewprojectyeg](#)

RARICANOW

The mission of The RARICANow The Reason of Hope is to enhance and sustain the health and well-being of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and HIV communities by providing activities, programs and services that create community. Empower community members; provide essential resources; advocate for civil and human rights; and embrace, promote and support our cultural diversity

Raricanow.org

IG: [@raricanow](#)

AltView

The altView Foundation for Gender Variant and Sexual Minorities' mission is to provide resources and support to sexual minority and gender variant persons in Strathcona County and surrounding regions. altView focuses on building community through social support, advocacy, empowerment, education and consciousness raising. altView seeks to alleviate human suffering through the reduction of stigmatization and isolation of people who may identify as a sexual minority or as gender variant.

www.altview.ca

IG: [@altviewfoundation](#)

The Pride Centre

The Pride Centre of Edmonton provides a non-judgmental, welcoming space where people of all attractions, identities, and expressions can be themselves, find support, meet new people, and be part of a caring community. Under our roof is a safe space that welcomes every individual who walks through the doors. We offer resources, education, volunteer opportunities, counselling, and a whole host of activities. We also organize programs such as support groups, social events, and educational seminars to help improve the social, mental, and physical health of our community.

pridecentreofedmonton.ca

IG: [@yegpridecentre](#)

Edmonton Men's Health Collective

The EMHC is a grassroots health organization run by and for queer and trans community members. Our vision is for Edmonton queer and trans community members to have equitable opportunity to experience positive health and wellbeing. Our mission is to provide a representative voice that addresses the specific health determinants and needs of queer and trans community members through community education, support, and capacity-building; provider training and professional development; and community-based research and advisory.

ourhealthyeg.ca/

IG/FB: [@ourhealthyeg](#)

Sexual Health Resources

On Campus

University Health Centre

UHC is an on-campus inclusive health centre at the University of Alberta offering various health services including emergency contraception, STI testing, mental health supports, and more. For more information, feel free to stop by or check out their website.

ualberta.ca/services/health-centre/
2-200 Students' Union Building (SUB)

Off campus

HIV Edmonton

HIV Edmonton is dedicated to making life better for people living with, or affected by HIV and AIDS. HIV Edmonton supports people living with, and affected by HIV and AIDS by: developing educational resources for community organizations, healthcare professionals and the general public; developing and delivering prevention, health promotion and support programs; and providing a voice for people living with, and affected by HIV and AIDS through our work with local, provincial and national organizations on policy development, health strategy and program design.

Hivedmonton.com
FB: @hiv.edmonton
TW: @HIVedmonton

Métis, and Inuit student community on campus and provide services that reflect this responsibility. We will continue to honour the Indigenous worldview of education as a continuous ceremony of learning by respecting and supporting the voices and spirit of our student community at the University of Alberta. Support offered includes physical through housing, community meals, and miyopimâtisiwin; mental, emotional, and spiritual through round dances, ceremonies, and elders, and also access to financial resources.

ualberta.ca/current-students/first-peoples-house

Eritrean and Ethiopian Students' Association

Working Group of APIRG Since: Fall 2018

The Eritrean and Ethiopian Students' Association is established for the expressed goal of carrying out activities that create and strengthen the unity of Eritrean and Ethiopian students and scholars on campus and equally increase awareness about Eritrea and Ethiopia in the larger Edmonton community. We aim to further progress the community by events promoting education and unifying one another thus, leading to a friendly environment. as well as increasing success within our community.

eesaualberta.netlify.app

FB: @EESAualberta
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Palestine Solidarity Network (PSN)

Working Group of APIRG Since: Fall 2009

The Palestine Solidarity Network is a non-profit, grassroots collective aimed at advocating for and upholding the human rights of Palestinians

in the face of ongoing oppression, occupation, racism, and discrimination, both in occupied Palestine and in the diaspora. We maintain groups at both the community level, the Palestine Solidarity Network – Edmonton, and on the University of Alberta campus, the Palestine Solidarity Network – U of A. Also a member organization of the Canadian BDS Coalition.

psnedmonton.ca/
FB: @psnedmonton

Somali Students' Association

The SSA hopes to create a productive atmosphere in which Somali students at the University can come together and work towards social advancement within the broader Somali community. We aim to further the progress of Edmonton's Somali community through events that promote both education and unity. We hope that through this work, the Somali community will have a firmer, more solid foundation within Edmonton's broader community that will inevitably lead to progress. We believe that the purpose of education is about more than just career advancement but also about empowering the youth in our community. Armed with higher education we want students to be motivated to make a difference in our home country

IG: @ssa.uofa

Black Students' Association

The University of Alberta Black Students' Association will serve as an organization which strives to empower and promote community interaction among all black students at the University of Alberta. With the goal of fostering student development, the UABSA's objective is to create a network of supportive members who connect culturally, socially, and contribute to one another's success

academically. Our aim is not only to provide a safe environment for black students, but one that invites all University of Alberta students to discuss issues affecting the black community, as well as aiming to encourage them to become more aware and involved with the movement of overcoming social, economic and racial inequalities in our world. Affiliated with the UABSA is BlackPrint, a publication for Black people.

FB: @bsaualberta
IG: @uabsa, @theblackprintua

University of Alberta Philippine Students' Association

The University of Alberta Philippine Students' Association, or PhilSA, is a non-partisan and not-for-profit organization where students, alumni, and staff of the University of Alberta can celebrate Philippine heritage on campus. PhilSA is not only for Filipino or Filipino-Canadian students; it is open to all campus members who are interested in Philippine culture and issues

FB: @uaphilsa
IG: @philsa_ualberta

Latin American Students' Association

Our mission in the Latin American Students' Association (LASA) is to promote Latin American culture both inside and outside the University of Alberta. We encourage people from all different races, age groups, genre and cultural backgrounds to join our group in order to establish and share a cross-cultural university experience which will enable us to expand our values and develop ourselves as "citizens of the world"

FB/IG: @lasaualberta

Off Campus

Black Lives Matter YEG

Black Lives Matter – Edmonton & Area

IBPOC and QTBIPOC Resources

On Campus

First Peoples' House

Standing true to our beliefs as First Peoples and guided by our cultural teachings, the First Peoples' House provides an environment of empowerment for First Nations, Métis, and Inuit (FNMI) learners to achieve personal and academic growth. Our vision is to demonstrate our commitment to the First Nations,

is a coalition of Black Edmontonians & allies working for the validity of Black life. We are working to (re) build the Black liberation movement. We are a chapter that is part of the Black Lives Matter movement started in the USA by Alica Garza, Opal Tometi, and Patrisse Cullors. Our chapter is inclusive and we work hard to make sure everyone has a voice. Our executives were elected by members/the community, and all their decisions will be informed by community wishes. They handle the specific focus areas listed below, and the focus areas were also decided by group consensus at a town hall meeting. They offer mental health and anti-racism resources! BLM YEG's focus centres: "Being unapologetically Black while affirming all Black identities, including Black Femme, Queer and Trans as well as seeking Disability Justice across our Black Villages"

blmyeg.ca
IG: @blm_yeg

Prairie Sage Protectors

Diaspora, Black & Indigenous peoples organizing towards a Liberated, Anti Colonial world. Based in Amiskwaciy, Treaty 6 Territory.

FB: @prairiesageprotectors
IG: @prairie.sage.protectors

Treaty 6 Community Outreach

The Pride Centre of Edmonton T60 is a grassroots mutual aid network in amiskwaciwâskahikan focused on advocacy, street outreach & harm reduction.

FB/IG: @treaty6outreach

Institute For The Advancement Of Aboriginal Women

The Institute for the Advancement of Aboriginal Women (IAAW) is a non-

profit organization that recognizes the role, value, and achievement of Aboriginal women in society and raises awareness about the challenges and obstacles they face. IAAW is based in Edmonton and operates in chapters across Alberta.

iaaw.ca
FB: @esquao
IG: @iaaw_ab

Black Women United YEG

Black Women United YEG is a collective of professional, blue-collar, academic, activist, artistic and immensely proud Sisters of the Diaspora residing in Edmonton, AB. We are mothers, daughters, sisters, and wives. We seek to disrupt the colonial divide-and-conquer and love on one another. We seek the healing and uplift of our families and communities. We seek equality & freedom.

bwunited.ca
FB/IG: @BWUnitedYEG

Africa Centre

The organisation strives to create opportunities for access and full participation of members of the African community in all aspects of society including economic, social, cultural and educational endeavors and contribute to the holistic development and wellness of the Africa individual, family and community

africacentre.ca
FB: @AfricaCentreYEG
IG: @africacentreyeg

YEG - The Comeup

YEGTheComeUp collective works towards empowering and sharing various voices and experiences of young peoples of African and Caribbean descent. By coming together to discuss/consider youth-

relevant topics & issues through the inclusion of diverse cultures and experiences, YEGTheComeUp provides a means for building and supporting identity, collective and self-awareness and community.

yegthecomeup.com
FB/IG/TW: @yegthecomeup
Snapchat: yegthecomeup1

Beaver Hills Warriors

Based in Amiskwaciwâskahikan. Indigenous-led grassroots collective making space to mobilize and lift up the urban Indigenous community. Community educators, organizers and activists. Centring land defence within an intersectional, decolonial framework. Advocates for LAND BACK.

Email: beaverhillswarriors@gmail.com

Shades of Colour

Working Group of APIRG Since: Fall 2018

Shades of Colour (SOC) is a APIRG group that exists to advocate for queer and trans Black folks, Indigenous folks, and people of colour. We meet bi weekly to eat food together, share resources and support each other

FB: @shadesofcolouryeg
IG: @shadesofcolouryeg

Sustainability and Climate Justice

On Campus

Sustain SU

Sustain SU is proud to be at the heart of sustainability at the University of Alberta's Students' Union. We are a service that provides peer-to-peer learning and support for all undergraduate students to incorporate sustainability into their university experience. This includes providing sustainability-based services to the entire campus

community, as well as opportunities to facilitate change on a larger scale. Since our inception in 2003, we have adapted our services to the needs of the campus community and our volunteers. Our work has impacted countless volunteers, staff, students and campus community members. We hope to continue to do so into the future.

su.ualberta.ca

Off Campus

Edmonton Organic Growers Guild (EOGG)

Working Group of APIRG Since: Winter 2010 - Winter 2019

The Edmonton Organic Grower's Guild (EOGG) is an organic community farm in Edmonton just west of the South Campus LRT station. Members work year-round to sow, nurture, harvest, donate (and enjoy!) produce straight from the garden. We encourage learning and eating, charge no fees and welcome folks from all walks of life. :

eogg.org
FB: @edmontonogg

Community Gardens Network

A community garden is a group of people coming together to nurture, develop, and sustain a growing space in their community. Get involved in a volunteer-run community garden, or start your own! We provide over \$30,000 in grants annually to Community Gardens within the City of Edmonton limits. Whether you are just starting a new garden, looking to expand, renovate, or renew an existing community garden we can help with funding, resources and support. Our vision is a community garden in every neighbourhood.

[sustainablefoodedmonton.org/
communitygardens](http://sustainablefoodedmonton.org/communitygardens)
IG: @sustainablefoodedmonton

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Climate Justice Edmonton

Climate Justice Edmonton is a collective committed to social, environmental and climate justice. They seek to empower individuals and communities to take action on climate change, support Indigenous resistance, and challenge harmful corporate and political practices.

climatejusticeedmonton.com/

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e4calberta.org

IG/TW: @e4calberta

YESS - Youth Empowerment and Support Services

Edmonton-based, YESS provides immediate and low-barrier shelter, temporary housing, and individualized wraparound support for youth ages 15-24. We focus on working collaboratively with our youth-supporting partners on prevention and diversion out of homelessness. And ultimately, we aim to walk beside traumatized youth as they heal through relationships. YESS also provides the Nexus overnight shelter and the Armoury resource centre.

yess.org/

IG: @yessorg

Bent Arrow Traditional Healing Society

The Society is committed to building upon the strengths of Aboriginal Children, youth and families to enable them to grow spiritually, emotionally, physically and mentally so that they can walk proudly in both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal communities. Supports include a transitional housing complex for families for up to 3 years

bentarrow.ca

Metis Urban Housing Corporation

We currently provide almost 900 affordable housing units across the province of Alberta in fourteen urban centres: Bonnyville, Calgary, Cold Lake, Edmonton, Fort McMurray, Grande Prairie, Lac La Biche, Lloydminster, Medicine Hat, Peace River, Red Deer, Rocky Mountain House, St Paul and Slave Lake

metishousing.ca

Finding Work

On Campus

Career Centre

The Career Centre is the source for career and employment information and expertise at the University of Alberta. We strive to empower the talented people of the U of A in developing the skills, knowledge, experiences, and connections they need to confidently manage their careers. Their Accessibility Work Experience Program provides employment supports and opportunities to U of A students who have a permanent disability and/or mental health diagnosis.

ualberta.ca/career-centre

Arts Work Experience

Arts Work Experience (AWE) offers career related, paid work experience for undergraduate students in the Faculty of Arts. AWE is flexible, with many program options allowing students to complete 4, 8, 12, or 16-months of work experience beginning in September, January, or May. To date, we have worked with over 200 employer partners from the private, public and not-for-profit sectors. We work with Arts students from over 20 departments and programs from across the Social Sciences, Humanities, Fine Arts and Interdisciplinary Studies.

ualberta.ca/arts/student-services/arts-work-experience

Off Campus

Accès Emploi

Accès Emploi is the only employment service provider mandated to serve french speaking job seekers since April 2002. To serve you better, we offer our services at three locations : Edmonton, Northeast Alberta (St.Paul, Bonnyville, Cold Lake, Lac La Biche, Plamondon) and Fort McMurray (Wood Buffalo).

acesemploi.net

acesemploi.net/en/home/ (English)

Alberta Association of Immigrant Serving Agencies

"The Alberta Association of Immigrant Serving Agencies (AAISA) is a non-profit umbrella organization representing agencies that provide resettlement, settlement, and integration services to newcomers in the province of Alberta. Since 1980, we have been working to build the sector's capacity to better serve newcomers by fostering collaboration, professionalization, and member-driven research and policy work." They offer professional development through trainings and certifications, and courses.

aaisa.ca

Mental Health Resources

On Campus

The Peer Support Centre

The Peer Support Centre offers a free, confidential, and non-judgmental place to talk to someone for support. No issue is too big or too small. Our trained volunteers offer peer support, crisis management, information and resources, as well as a safe and confidential place to talk.

su.ualberta.ca/services/psc/

Off Campus

Canadian Students for Sensible Drug Policy – Edmonton

Working Group of APIRG Since: Fall 2018

Canadian Students for Sensible Drug Policy is a grassroots network comprised of youth and students who are concerned about the negative impact our drug policies have on individuals and communities. We

consider problematic drug use in society primarily a health issue rather than a criminal justice issue, and we advocate for appropriate responses to reduce and prevent harm from drug use. We mobilize our members to participate in the political process at all levels, pushing for sensible policies to achieve a safer and more just future, while combating counterproductive drug policies, particularly those that directly harm young people. CSSDP works alongside other organizations and campaigns to support harm reduction, evidence-based legislation, and drug policy reform.

cssdp.org

IG/FB: [@cssdpedmonton](https://www.instagram.com/cssdpedmonton)

SACE - Sexual Assault Centre of Edmonton

The Sexual Assault Centre of Edmonton (SACE) exists to support people impacted by sexual violence and engage communities to promote respect and uphold a culture of consent. People of any age, gender, sexual orientation, and background can access our services without judgment. Their loved ones need us too—we help them feel confident in the support they're providing. SACE offers court support, counselling, crisis support, and education and advocacy.

sace.ca/

FB/TW/IG: [@sacetalks](https://www.facebook.com/sacetalks)

to eliminating hunger on our Campus. We offer a confidential service for those who need assistance. We are also looking for non-perishable food donations.

campusfoodbank.com/

Off Campus

Prairie Urban Farm

Prairie Urban Farm is a one-acre, mixed crop, community food system in the University of Alberta's South Campus. We believe that the lack of resilience of our agri-food systems is one of the biggest challenges facing our communities today. Our goals are to demonstrate and provide skill-building opportunities in alternative, regenerative ways of growing food within the city and to grow food security: access to sufficient, safe, and nutritious food.

prairieurbanfarm.ca

IG: [@prairieurbanfarm](https://www.instagram.com/prairieurbanfarm)

Legal Supports

On Campus

Student Legal Services

Student Legal Services of Edmonton (SLS) is a student-managed, non-profit society dedicated to helping low-income individuals with access to justice in Edmonton since 1969. For the last 45 years, student volunteers from UAlberta Law have provided free legal information and agency in the courts to those who would otherwise be unable to afford these services. SLS provides assistance in the areas of civil, criminal and family law, and offers community outreach in legal education and research assistance to non-profit organizations.

ualberta.ca/law/campus-life/student-legal-services

Off Campus

Edmonton Community Legal Centre

The ECLC provides free legal information and advice to low to moderate income people in the Edmonton area. They can support folks with legal issues related to Family Law, Landlord and Tenant Law, Employment, Human Rights, Debt, Small Claims, Immigration and Income Supports.

eclc.ca

Alberta Restorative Justice Association

Alberta Restorative Justice Association (ARJA) is composed of organizations and individuals dedicated to increasing understanding of restorative justice and how it can benefit communities. ARJA encourages community action that strengthens existing restorative justice programs and encourages the development of new restorative justice programs in communities in Alberta.

arja.ca/

Resources for Refugees, Newcomers, and Immigrants

On Campus

International Student Services

The official university support network for International Students. Their website is very helpful! Also check out Student Legal Services, listed above, for more student visa and immigration support!

ualberta.ca/international-student-services

IG: [@UAlbertaISS](https://www.instagram.com/UAlbertaISS)

Off Campus

Edmonton Mennonite Centre for Newcomers

PThe EMCN supports newcomers in finding work, learning english,

connecting with community, and other activities.

emcn.ab.ca/

Catholic Social Services

CSS also supports newcomers in finding work, accessing temporary housing, learning english, connecting with community, and other activities.

cssalberta.ca/newcomer

Migrante Alberta Youth

Working Group of APIRG Since: Winter 2015

Migrante Alberta was founded in August 2013 in Edmonton. It is affiliated with Migrante Canada, a national alliance of 20 Filipino migrants organization from BC to the Maritimes. Migrante is a non-profit advocacy and self help organization. In Alberta, we address the immediate issues facing migrants and our compatriots. We provide assistance through referrals, advocate and campaign on migrants' issues. We work closely with labour unions and community based organizations.

migrantealberta.ca/

IG: [@migrantealberta](https://www.instagram.com/migrantealberta)

This is not an exhaustive list of all the amazing work that is taking place in our city! Let us know what we missed and should add for next year by contacting

outreach@apirg.org

Food Security Resources

On Campus

Campus Food Bank

The Campus Food Bank is a non-profit organization that is committed

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