

OXFAM ON CAMPUS

2017 SEMESTER 2 TOOLKIT



THE YEAR SO FAR...

Semester 1 was huge, you all smashed it recruiting a record number of students to your groups at O'week. We're pumped that you LOVED the O'week Snapchat geofilter. Your snaps reached over 14,000 of your friends across Australia!

Semester 2 is going to be another massive semester! We're kicking it off with an awesome new training exclusively for Campus groups. It's focused on leadership skills and planning for the semester. Get along to your state workshop to learn some seriously valuable skills.

Then it's all about hosting a gig on campus and supporting Oxfam's Right to Refuge campaign. Your gig can be anything from lining up some students to busk on campus, to a gig at your uni bar, to a chilled open mic night or slam poetry sesh. Anything creative, fun, musical or performance based and you are good to go! Check out some event tips and suggestions on page 5 for some inspiration.

Talk to other groups on campus and see if they would be keen to run their own OXJAM event or partner with you!

I'm looking forward to seeing and hearing all the amazing things you get up to in S2. Good luck with anyone that has AGM's planned for later in the semester as well.

In Solidarity,

Sonia Sofat
Lead Organiser (Youth)

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GIGS. FOR GOOD.

SEMESTER 2 CAMPUS TRAINING IS ALL ABOUT LEADERSHIP

Make sure you head along to your local Semester 2 training session. This semester we'll be focusing the training on Leadership. What is a leader, what are strong leadership characteristics and how can YOU be the best leader for your campus group?

Your executive team should attend and feel free to invite along other members of your group so they can learn all the useful skills they need to one day be a leader in your campus group.

Find your campus training date online here.



AGMS & LEADERSHIP TRANSITIONS

Let's face it, AGMS are very rarely the most fun event of the year and can be a painful scramble to get attendance! Typically AGMs happen in October so make sure you are prepared. Check out some tips to turn that AGM frown upside down.

1. Plan it early! Know when you need to have it and make sure you are on top of what student association guidelines you need to follow. Whatever you do don't leave this to last minute!
2. Identify group members throughout the semester who have displayed interest or leadership qualities that might be keen to take on a lead role in 2018.
 - Chat to them about what it means to lead an Oxfam group, the opportunities it can create and the training and support that is available.
 - [INVITE](#) them to the campus workshop!!!
 - Better yet, get them to shadow you for part of the semester to get a feel of the role.
3. Remember it's your job as a leader to identify and train other leaders, so start early and you'll feel way less stressed come AGM time.
4. Jazz up your AGM.
 - Don't make it just the formal AGM stuff, make it a celebration event of all the awesome work the current team has achieved in the year. Have some food, prizes and music & invite a guest speaker!
 - Promote it on campus! Put up posters around campus as well as promoting online.
 - Chat to your Community Campaigner for other ideas and suggestions.

RIGHT TO REFUGE CAMPAIGN

THE STORY SO FAR...

Right now, more than 65 million people worldwide have been forced to leave their homes to be free from war and persecution. Millions more are on the move because of natural disasters and poverty.

These people seeking refuge are ordinary people, who have seen their lives upended by extraordinary circumstances. In many cases, they've lost their homes, loved ones and life as they knew it.

As generous people, we can and should do more to help these people. But the Australian Government is choosing not to do this.

There are many complex issues surrounding the right to refuge. For us at Oxfam we know that poverty plays a significant role as a driver of conflict and displacement. This is compounded by the Australian Government's response because:

- we are not resettling enough people;
- we do not provide enough visa places for refugees; and
- we do not provide enough aid to those countries taking in the majority of refugees and displaced people.

CAMPAIGN OBJECTIVES

Oxfam Australia's campaign objectives for the Right to Refuge campaign are:

1. Treat all people seeking refuge in Australia with dignity and respect and in accordance with the Refugee Convention
2. Increase Australia's intake of people seeking refuge
3. Increase access to additional visa categories including skilled visas, family reunification and student visas
4. Increase aid to countries hosting large populations of people who have been forced to flee



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HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Campus activism plays a key role in achieving these objectives. You can make a difference by reaching out to your friends, fellow student groups, your student association, lecturers and other networks on campus to shift the public conversation on the issue. We need a critical mass of people, supporting a better plan for the world's most vulnerable people to create the change we want to see.

We believe that by putting people's experience at the centre of the conversations we have with our friends, family, and co-workers we will see a shift in the attitudes of everyday Australians and our politicians will face increasing pressure to reconsider the politicisation of the refugee debate. We will then see a change in the government and opposition policies to ensure people can live in safety, free from poverty.

This is a sector-wise approach, organisations and activists like you will be working together to shift the balance of public opinion.

Check out the Right to Refuge toolkit [online](#) for more information on the campaign and conversations tools.

1

Attend your Semester 2 Campus Training workshop. Find your workshop dates [here](#).



2

Throw an OXJAM Right to Refuge event or another event focused on the Right to Refuge campaign.



3

Be an OXJAM ambassador! Reach out to other groups and faculties on campus and invite them to host an OXJAM.



Rodney Dekker/OxfamAUS

SEMESTER 2 EVENTS

YOU GUYS THROW THE BEST EVENTS, SO NEXT TIME YOU'VE GOT SOMETHING IN THE WORKS MAKE SURE TO KEEP US IN THE LOOP SO WE CAN BETTER SUPPORT YOU - FILL OUT OUR NEW [ONLINE EVENTS FORM](#)

OXJAM

OXJAM is all about organising DIY gigs across August & September that are designed and promoted by volunteer groups around the country.

How to get started?

1. Decide with your Oxfam group what kind of OXJAM you want to put on! Is it an open mic night, poetry slam, performing arts night, busking on campus or is it going to be a good old bands on stage performing to a crowd type gig.
2. Put a call out for musicians and performers on campus to perform at your OXJAM event.
3. Chat to other clubs on campus and ask them to promote it to their members to perform and to come along.
4. Does your university have a Faculty of Performing Arts? If they do, reach out to them and see if they are keen to either get involved in your OXJAM or host their own. The more events the better!

YOU'RE OXJAM AMBASSADORS

You are the official Oxfam reps on your campus so reach out to other groups and faculty and invite them to host their own OXJAM events. Make OXJAM huge on your campus and get other groups on board supporting Oxfam's mission to tackle poverty. The more conversations people can have about treating people seeking asylum with respect and dignity the better.

For all the tips and tricks for putting on the best gig and all your OXJAM info check out the [OXJAM website](#).

FILM SCREENINGS & SPEAKER EVENTS

Host a Right to Refuge film screening/speaker event and get the conversation started on your campus. Check out the [Right to Refuge campaign resource site](#) for film suggestions.

GET CREATIVE – DO YOUR THING AND COME UP WITH YOUR OWN FUN ORIGINAL IDEAS!