

Loyola University of Chicago

Chicago, Illinois

Size: 10,100 undergraduate students

Oxfam Club

Mission Statement: To raise student awareness about Oxfam campaigns and Oxfam's mission.

Size: 8 core members, 15 -20 members at meetings.

Students demographic: Mostly freshman.

Leadership: 2 Co-Presidents, 2 Co-Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, Task Team leaders as needed (co-presidents break up work and bring different strengths and skill sets—says co-president Jacob Karasik 2009; vice presidents act in similar manner to presidents).

Elections: Held at the beginning of spring semester.

Communicate using: Google group for documents and information, emails, meetings, Facebook

Meetings: Weekly meetings, 30 minutes to an hour.

Meeting Plan: Project agenda on screen for every meeting.

Campaign Focus: Two teams—one working on fair-trade issues, one working on HIV/AIDS; looking to get involved more with the Extractive Industries initiative and the Cholera Epidemic in Zimbabwe.

Events: 3-4 screenings per semester

2-3 speakers per semester

- set of screenings and panel discussions on AIDS/HIV—screening “A Closer Walk”, local AID workers to speak
- Hosting the United Students for Fair Trade Convergence.
- Screening Sisters on the Planet and bringing Sharon Hanshaw to speak.
- Climate Change Hunger Banquet

Years in existence: 3

Recruitment: Table at organizational fairs at the university at the beginning of every semester.

Funding: Most funding is received from the school.

Fundraising: Funds go to Oxfam America—example, co-hosting an Emerald Ball with eco-friendly décor to benefit Oxfam.