

OXFAM AT A GLANCE

OXFAM ON CAMPUS

Whether they're gaining leadership skills through the CHANGE Initiative or joining Oxfam Clubs at schools nationwide, thousands of students are teaming up with Oxfam to fight poverty, hunger, and injustice.



A COMMUNITY OF ACTION

Oxfam is a global movement of people working together to end the injustice of poverty. University and high school students have been at the core of our work since 1974 when Oxfam launched its first grassroots anti-hunger campaign in the United States. The desire to influence change and the dedication of young people have always attracted others to support Oxfam's work to end the injustice of poverty.

Nearly four decades later, students still number among Oxfam's most committed supporters, organizing events and building networks on campus and beyond. Today's student volunteers usually work with Oxfam in one of two ways: as participants in our national

// CHANGE was an unbelievable experience that has forever impacted the way I look at the world. I discovered passion for the issues we were learning about. ... //

—Emily Tusick, John Carroll University, CHANGE Leader, 2015–2016

leadership program, the CHANGE Initiative, or as members of Oxfam Clubs on campuses around the country.

LEADING THE CHANGE

Founded in 2000, the CHANGE Initiative is a highly competitive national program that trains college students to become actively engaged with Oxfam's work. Applicants must be students at a US-based college or university. Oxfam annually selects up to 50 students who best demonstrate strong ideals and a commitment to positive change.

CHANGE Leaders come to Boston for a rigorous weeklong training on leadership, advocacy, organizing, and communications skills and gain familiarity with Oxfam's mission. CHANGE Leaders return to their campuses energized and ready to work for social justice. Throughout the academic year, CHANGE Leaders receive support from Oxfam staff—and one another.

A TEAM EFFORT

CHANGE Leaders build a movement by working with others on campus and in their communities. They join or start Oxfam Clubs, host events, and team up with like-minded student organizations. Their leadership and consensus-building skills serve them well after graduation.

CHANGE alumni have gone on to work for members of Congress, start their own nonprofit organizations, and pursue social justice careers worldwide.

INSPIRING IDEAS

Students are known for their energy and creativity, linking Oxfam campaigns to their events and actions on campus. Here are just some of the events they have organized on campuses around the country:

- Oxfam Jams/slams
- Photo and art exhibits
- Fundraisers in support of global humanitarian emergencies
- Dining hall fasts, where students skip a meal as a group and donate the money saved to Oxfam
- Panel discussions featuring guest speakers and experts from around the world
- Film screenings
- *Oxfam Hunger Banquet* events



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WHAT IS OXFAM?

Oxfam is a global movement of people working together to end the injustice of poverty. With 70 years of experience in more than 90 countries, Oxfam takes on the big issues that keep people poor: inequality, discrimination, and unequal access to resources including food, water, and land. We help people save lives in disasters, build stronger futures for themselves, and hold the powerful accountable.



OXFAM CLUBS

Students at all levels, from high school to university, can join or start an Oxfam Club on campus. More than 100 Oxfam Clubs are currently active in the US, with new clubs forming every year. These independent organizations support Oxfam's work through community actions and events; in turn, Oxfam supplies them with materials, research, training, and ideas.

// I am so thankful for the opportunity to learn how to host events like the *Hunger Banquet* or table [on campus]. This helped me become a better leader, increase club credibility, and improve recruitment. Thank you again, Oxfam America, for helping future leaders change the world one campus at a time. //

—Michella Mousaed, Oxfam at Mount St. Mary's University

All clubs agree to organize around at least one Oxfam-specific priority campaign. Members work with a faculty adviser, register their club on campus and with Oxfam, elect leaders, and create an action plan with clear goals for the year.

For members, Oxfam Clubs can be a dynamic, inspirational, and collaborative way to meet fellow students and learn more about poverty and social justice—while making a real difference on the issues and gaining valuable leadership experience.

CAMPAIGNS ON CAMPUS

To make the greatest impact, Oxfam student leaders link their efforts to one of Oxfam's current campaigns. Recent campaigns have focused on building a better global food system; protecting workers' rights; and supporting Oxfam's response to disasters and crises worldwide.

MORE WAYS FOR STUDENTS TO SUPPORT OXFAM

- Visit oxfamamerica.org/take-action for event ideas, online actions, a community calendar, and more.

- Like us: facebook.com/oxfamamerica.
- Volunteer at concerts by Oxfam supporters like Lake Street Dive, Fitz and the Tantrums, and Lucius. Apply at oxfamamerica.org/volunteer.
- Get the latest updates on Twitter. Follow @oxfamamerica for news about our work around the world, and connect with student leaders by following @changeleaders.
- Host an *Oxfam Hunger Banquet* event on campus. Get started at oxfamamerica.org/hungerbanquet.

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Front: CHANGE Leaders leave the weeklong training with resources, an action plan, and a strong network of peers. *Yoichi Suzuki / Oxfam*

Above: Villagers sing at a community meeting in Haiti. *Brett Eloff / Oxfam America*

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