# Community Research Project – Mason Godden, History: Video Transcript

**1 minute, 6 seconds in length**

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>> MASON GODDEN: My name is Mason Godden and I am a fourth year History student. I'm working with OPIRG Peterborough, which is the Ontario Public Interest Research Group; they are a social and environmental justice organization that's a student group on campus. I was chronicling their history from 1990 to the present day about 2015-2016. I'd say that it benefited the organization in one very important way and it's that it provided the institution with a sense of institutional memory. It was really important for them to get a sense of what had come before in order for them to plan what was going to come next. What I took away from this experience is that I learned how to be a Historian. For students getting involved in community research, I would say to them just to keep an open mind. Community based education is completely enriching so I would recommend that students get involved with it because it totally kind of immerses them and what it is that they're doing. It's different than being in a classroom and sharing your work with just your professor or maybe other students, you get to share what you've learned with the community and you're also benefiting the community as well.

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