

OAS Skill Module: Invitation to Social Activism

This campus is full of social activist groups looking for more people to care about their chosen issue. If you didn't know that already, you've never been to the West Mall. So here's your chance to stop staring at your feet or your phone as if there's something really important looking back at you and engage in the action around you. Just because we avoid the West Mall like the plague doesn't mean that those half-page handouts have nothing good to say.

- Go to <http://deanofstudents.utexas.edu/sald/studentorgs/vieworgs.php> to look up a type of activism to which you *wouldn't normally gravitate*. It's about seeing new things and hearing new ideas, not visiting a meeting you were going to anyway. You can type things like "feminism," "AIDS," or "support troops," all of which lead you to interesting groups that will be happy to have you at a meeting. You could also just make somebody's day and actually take a flyer. Your choice.
 - Attend a meeting and get some information about the group. Engage, ask questions, share your ideas and make your presence known. Remember that stepping out of your comfort zone a little is part of the exercise.
 - Write a short (1-2 pages double-spaced) account of your experience. What happened at the meeting? Did you agree with the ideas shared? Will you be going back? Make it interesting. I'll be reading a lot of these.
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Feel free to email me at maggie.cheu@gmail.com with any questions, or if you'd like to come with me to a Texas Feminist meeting!

With finished products, please email to the address above and place "OAS Social Activism" in the subject line.