Resources for Racial Justice
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Our occasional e-newsletter, usually published once or twice a month, with links to events, articles, videos, websites, & more relating to racism & racial justice.

Racial Justice Rising’s events:

Free monthly programs in Greenfield MA - please come!

Spoken Word, An Art With A History, featuring Tem Blessed
Saturday, March 4, 10:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Tem Blessed will lead us on a journey through the history of spoken word, using demonstration of the art as well as lecture.

Other western MA area spoken word artists will also join us, and there will be a short open mic opportunity for audience members.

The program is rated PG 13 for language and content.

Childcare by reservation.

For more information, click on image, see event page on Facebook, or email us.

View photos from our February program, The Evolving Face of Housing Discrimination

See video of our December program, Taste of Brazil: The Story of Capoeira Dance

VIGIL FOR RACIAL JUSTICE
Every Saturday morning 9-10 a.m.
Greenfield Town Common
~ Please join us ~

Co-sponsored by Racial Justice Rising and the Visioning B.E.A.R. Circle Intertribal Coalition

Other groups’ events:
Throughout the year, various locations: Interactive Racial Justice Trainings with Race Forward. Skills and strategies to address structural racism and advance racial equity, with emphasis on how to challenge and change institutional racial inequities.

All month, Amherst MA: Black History Month events with the NAACP and at UMass

Thursday, February 16, Amherst MA: Film and discussion of Actions Are Illegal, Never People, with Jose Antonio Vargas, followed by small group work on action projects, organized by Coming Together.

Friday, February 17, Amherst MA: Justice for Jeantel (and Trayvon): Fighting Dialect Prejudice in the Courtroom and Beyond

Saturday, February 18, Turners Falls MA: Full Snow Moon Gathering with speaker Drew Lopenzina on William Apess, Standing Rock, and the 1833 Mashpee Resistance

Wednesday, February 22, Northampton MA: We Need To Stop The Injustice, film of TED Talk by human rights lawyer and anti-death penalty activist Bryan Stevenson

Saturday, February 25, Greenfield MA: Welcome The Neighbors Candlelight Vigil, 6-7 p.m., Greenfield Common. The organizers say, "Standing for humane values, we celebrate the power we have to care. What do you care about? What do you hold dear? We will come together at the Vigil in celebration and song ~ with kindred spirit. COME WARM THE NIGHT WITH HEART AND LIGHT."

Friday, March 10, Washington DC: Rise With Standing Rock, Native Nations March On Washington

March 17-18, Palm Beach FL: Black Women Rise Conference, a 2-day multigenerational, multiracial gathering with keynote speaker Dr. Angela Davis

Saturday, March 25, Greenfield MA: Welcome The Neighbors Candlelight Vigil, 7-8 p.m., Greenfield Common. "This is an opportunity to stand for humane values in our interconnected world. Acceptance, Equality, Security, Understanding, Consideration and Trust are but some of what all human beings need. We want these for ourselves and for everyone. We will come together at the Vigil in welcome and song." For more info: Anne, 413-774-2644

Tuesday, April 4, Great Barrington MA: Patrice O'Neill, founder of Not in our Town, 7 PM at the Mahaiwe Theatre, organized by Multicultural BRIDGE. They also have classes, action groups and more, throughout the month in Berkshire County.

April 28-30, Kansas City MO: White Privilege Conference

Saturday, May 13, Greenfield MA: All Souls Unitarian Church's annual Antiracism Film Festival


Articles, websites, and other resources

Activism
- Free signs! Download beautiful protest signs and print them yourself. From Wes Sam-Bruce at TheCuriousLife
- #LoveArmy - from the Dream Corps
- U.S.12 Campaign with 7 Actions We Can Take Right Now
The members of Racial Justice Rising are ordinary people who are troubled by the persistent racism that plagues this country. Believing that the damage caused by racism must be repaired before our society can be whole, we work for just and respectful treatment for all. We share a vision of a multi-racial, multi-cultural, multi-lingual, and multi-faith community.

Our mission is to:

- Help build the movement for racial justice by contributing to a deeper understanding of systemic racism and racial justice.
- Engage in restorative activities that help to heal the racial divide and bring justice for people targeted by racism.
While much of our work is focused in our local area, Franklin County, MA, we reach out to and are connected with the broader movements in our region and the nation.

Thank you, readers who send us information for these newsletters! We welcome links to articles, videos, event listings, and other resources.

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