

### 1. Every Knee Will Bow; Poetry, Politics, and People.

Five spoken word artists will “lift their voices” sharing two to three pieces each designed to address kneeling, athletes, politics, Trump’s response, the flag, and other areas that cradle the cap of injustice. Poets will use their eyes on the prize of poetry and prose to corral these sensitive, controversial, and meaningful topics that have the power to bring us to our knees. Participants will be invited to write and share their idea of what is needed to rise from our knees in triumph and unity.

**Presenters:** Jacqueline Ware, Contemporary Poet & Spoken Word Artist; Kathya Alexander, Actress & Storyteller; Dr. Georgia McDade, Historic Author, Poet, & Spoken Word Artist; Colin Corpe, Hip Hop Poet from North Carolina.

### 2. Bystander Intervention Experimentation.

Harassment and hate speech are on the rise across the country. Effective intervention is difficult and risky. In this interactive, immersive workshop, participants practice intervention strategies and learn what works and what doesn't. We will use role playing, interactive games and follow-up discussion to begin to reprogram our automatic 'fight/flight/freeze' reactions and learn to safely, respectfully de-escalate tense situations.

**Presenters:** Rev. Andrew Conley-Holcom, Admiral UCC is a trained violence prevention educator, DV/SA survivor advocate. He holds an MA with a concentration in genocide studies, and an Mdiv with a concentration in ethics in social movements. Jane Westergaard-Nimocks, Anti-Hate Alaska Junction, Susan Oatis, Anti-Hate Alaska Junction.

### 3. Lessons from Defectors of the Hate Movement.

This workshop explores the catalysts that caused formerly violent people to abandon the hate movement with personal stories from former neo-Nazi skinheads, white supremacists, and other radical extremists profiled in the presenter’s forthcoming book, *Defectors From Hate*. Attendees explore the catalysts and emotional events that caused former convicted hate criminals to abandon the hate movement and embrace inclusive, non-racist behaviors. This workshop covers: ● What caused the change of heart? ● What do these stories tell us about how to transform hate to love? ● What do we do to prevent whites-only rallies from hurting innocent people? ● How do these personal accounts relate to hate groups in Seattle and Washington State?

**Presenter:** Former civil rights reporter Lonnie Lusardo is now owner of and Principal Consultant for The Diversity Collaborative, a veteran-owned business that specializes in Cultural Competency Training and Strategic Diversity Management for governments and corporations. He works closely with the Southern Poverty Law Center staff to track the most current evolution in the movement.

### 4. Seattle, Get Ready for the Launch of the Coalition of Anti-Racist Students.

Seattle Public Schools is home to some of the worst racial disparities in the country. While many Seattle schools have student groups that challenge racism, the Coalition of Anti-Racist Students unites many of these groups into one body, backed by the NAACP. Too often, the district omits the youth from the decision-making table. The Coalition aims to change that reality. At this workshop, meet the youth leading this movement and learn more about the Coalition’s platform and initiatives.

**Presenters: Students:** *Ballard:* Aliyah Akers, Skala Leake, Aneesa Roidad; *Center:* Ha’aeo Auwae-Dekker, Layla Mohamud; *Chief Sealth:* Khaim Vassar-Fontenot; *Franklin:* Azucena Orozco McCormick, Hazel Ostrowski; *Garfield:* Chardonnay Beaver, Janelle Gary; *Rainier Beach:* Elijah Lewis; *West Seattle:* Makhari Dysart.

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