

MLK Seattle Celebration Committee – Fight for your Rights in 2015!

Workshop Schedule, 9 am – 9:50 Garfield High School

1. Equal Protection Under Law, Police Shootings, How to Reduce Them

Rm:200
Library

The 4th and 14th Amendments provide for people to be secure in their persons and also due process of law. When someone is killed out of the barrel of a gun without a jury trial, which is a police officer acting as prosecutor, judge, jury, and executioner—a legal lynching.

Panel: Jenn Durkan / Former US Attorney
Lem Howell / Law Office of Lem Howell
Kathleen Taylor/ACLU
Donald Reay/Formal King County Medical Examiner

2. Fighting for the Rights of Minority Businesses in 2015

Rm:
201

This workshop will focus on opportunities for equity, inclusion and policies that encourage capacity building for construction businesses owned by people of color. We will talk about inclusive practices that we need to advocate for with private corporations, public agencies and non-profits so people of color can participate in construction opportunities in our community.

Panel: Dan Seydel, National Association of Minority Contractors
Luis Navarro, Port of Seattle
Leslie Jones, Sound Transit Diversity Programs Office
Bob Armstead, NAMC

3. Executive Order on Immigration

Rm:
202

The Obama Administration will usher in, under an executive order, over 4 million undocumented workers this coming year. What does this mean to those that qualify? What does this mean to workers who do not qualify for the Immigration program? How will workers develop their fight to defend their rights and what are the responsibilities of all workers in this fight?

Panel: Jorge Quiroga, El Comite
Diana Lopez Batista, Northwest Justice Project
Lourdes Fuentes, Law Office of Lourdes Fuentes
Juan Jose Bocanegra, El Comite

4. Youth Workshop: Promoting Justice Through Art

Rm:
204

This workshop is designed for youth who wish to gain introductory knowledge about the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Youth ages 5-14 will have the opportunity to color in pages with pictures and quotes from Dr. King. We will also have murals prompting youth to share in words or pictures what equality and justice mean to them. Youth under the age of 10 must be accompanied by an adult.

Panel: Madelaine Pyatt, Neighborhood House
Jena Yang, Neighborhood House

5. Democracy is for WE the People - Get BIG Money Out of Politics!

Rm:
205

How is BIG money in politics impacting our communities? Hear from community leaders about how the influence of money is undermining our democracy. Learn what YOU can do to fight for your rights and take power back for "We the People" locally, statewide, and throughout the country.

Panel: Cindy Black, WAmend
Michael Ramos, Church Council of Greater Seattle
Jonathan Tong, WAmend
Bill Moyer, The Backbone Campaign

6. Youth & Community Focus: An Open Dialogue on Race, Culture, Housing rights, Juvenile Justice, Voting Rights Act and Personal Safety Rights

Rm:
206

This roundtable format will include how to avoid Bullying, Sex Trafficking, Emotional and Physical Abuse. This workshop will focus on sharing tools to reduce exposure to racial issues and how to esteem yourself by standing firm on your rights. The panel will also be joined by key community leader and discussants that include: Linda Taylor Urban League Housing, Kia Franklin JD and Jahtahime Smith MS, Clinical Psychology Doctoral Candidate, and youth discussant Anesha Jackson, YA Leader Mt. Zion.

Panel: Michelle Mills Clement, Delta Sigma Theta
Dr. Caprice Hollins,psy,D
James Staples, BCDI
Toyia Taylor, DST
Rev Phyllis Beaumonte, NAACP Exec Board

7. Learning through Storytelling: A Practice in Building Trust to Learn in Public Rm: 211

As our communities strive to be healthy and successful, we have to learn how to navigate the many systems that our society is built on. Learning those systems, laws, regulations and even our rights can seem overwhelming. How do we actively listen and suspend judgment to allow new information in? How do we use our relationships as community to build spaces for learning? Our workshop today will act as a building block to that trust; by having the opportunity to share one's story and listen to others, we create an environment that allows the flow of knowledge. We seek to help participants understand the power of their voice and listening to others. This practice of telling and listening to story can be used as a tool to learn and understand our rights in various systems such as schools, workplace, government and community.

Panel: Regent Brown, Compassionate Seattle
Keiko Ozeki, Center for Ethical Leadership
Kate Thompson

8. Fight for your Right to Affordable Housing Now! How to build a movement to stop rent hikes, win rent control, and massively expand affordable housing in Seattle Rm: 213

Housing and social justice activists will talk about different aspects of the affordable housing struggle. We will have presenters talking about 1) the successful struggle to defeat the Seattle Housing Authority plan to raise rents for low-income tenants, 2) the fight for rent control in Seattle, 3) a proposal for the City of Seattle to build thousands of quality, publicly owned affordable housing units paid for with a public bond sale, progressive taxes, and below market rate rents.

Panel: Seattle City Councilmember Kshama Sawant
Jess Spear, Rent Control activist and Socialist
Alternative State Representative Candidate
Ubah Warsame, East African Community Activist
and Housing Justice Advocate

9. Black Family LIVES Matter! Rm: 215

This workshop will be designed to address this topic using the "Community Village Voice" approach to dialogue. We will embrace the intergenerational perspectives of how the legacy of strong bonds and survival mode has worked over the years to strengthen family life. We will carefully look into the current day issues like: education, health, housing, jobs, prison complex, negative media images, past historical role models and what we need to take the NEXT STEPS for renewing ourselves and our communities to make and better represent the case that "BLACK FAMILY LIVES MATTER." We will have representatives of all ages including a youth discussant, Ola Jackson GHS, Mt. Zion Youth Leader.

Panel: Winona Hollins-Hauge MSW, LICSW
Dr. Janine Jones, PhD Univ. of Washington
Janet Jones Preston, SPS Family Educator
Mary Diggs Hobson, Af. American Reach & Teach
William Jackson, Educator and Elder

10. Education 101: The LAW and YOU, your rights as a YOUTH! Rm: 216

This workshop will be an interactive discussion between lawyers, Black Law Enforcement officials, Youth Advocates, Middle School, High School, UW University students, graduates, AO/UW Delta Sigma Theta, AKA, LINKS, The NAACP, 4C-Coalition families and representatives from mentoring programs facilitated by M. Michelle Mattox, Educator on site at Garfield High School. The representatives from these organizations will use a youth program curriculum and the RESPECT brochure to discuss key information with our youth and parents that will be helpful for safe engagement when stopped by the police. This workshop will also look at some psychological tips to build esteem and how to create a mutually respectful communication exchange between officers and community members.

Panel: Faye Chess, JD, Loren Miller Bar Asso., DST
Fae Brooks, Retired Officer SPD
Bonnie Glenn JD, Juvenile Justice Rehab Admin
Sergeant Adrian Diaz, Seattle Police Dept.

11. Reform or Revolution: How do you Fight for our Rights in 2015 Rm: 221

Traditionally communities of color have been disenfranchised. One of Dr. Martin Luther King's many struggles was for the right to vote. He knew that the right to vote was a way to improve black lives and enrich our democracy.

In 2015 how do we renew this fight? Is it through reform of the electoral process or through revolution? Come to this workshop to discuss this major question.

Panel: Nicholas Russ, Bellevue College/
CommunityinCrisis/Urban League
Chelsea Adams Speak Up/ Delta Sigma Theta
Natasha Rivers/ Urban League
Emile Pitre / University of Washington / Phi Beta

12. Putting the Movement Back Into Civil Rights Teaching! Civil Rights 101 Rm: 223

This workshop will present an introduction to the civil rights movement and in particular, engage **teen & youth** participants to learn more about the historic Civil Rights Act of 1964. This workshop will include an analysis of the U.S. Constitutional Amendments and their relation to the much later established Civil Rights Act. We will provide a basic framework for what the laws say and compare/contrast that with movements (both historic and in present day) that organized to put into practice the laws in place for civil rights. This will include popular organizing efforts held here in Seattle to actualize civil rights in our own city. Workshop will be interactive and will include media, PowerPoint, music, meaningful discussion and reflection. **It is oriented towards teens, but anyone who wants to learn more about the Civil Rights Movement is welcome.**

Panel: Xilen Ramirez, El Centro de la Raza
Alex Bautista, El Centro de la Raza

13. A Community Conversation about Forming an African American Political Action Committee Rm: 224

People who attend this workshop will collaborate and brainstorm steps to form an African American Political Action Committee. This workshop will engage participants to organize on a grassroots level by discussing strategies to obtain 501c4, outreach to the broader community, formulate an African American community & legislative agenda and how best to hold the elected officials accountable. Expect lots of discussion and Q&A. We will walk out with some clear next steps to mobilize before the 2016 elections.

Panel: Charlie James, Comm. Coalition for Contracts and Jobs
Rev. Harriett Walden, Mothers for Police Accountability
Hayward Evans, African Political Action Committee

14. Fighting for Justice from Ferguson to Guerrero, Mexico: The Case of Nestora Salgado Rm: 226

Nestora Salgado a U.S. Citizen and a Mexican Citizen is a political prisoner in the Mexican State of Guerrero. The workshop will have a brief history of Nestora's community work in her native town, in which she helped to organize against the government backed cartels. A basic human right is to live in a crime free community. Although she has been cleared of all charges by the Mexican Federal Government she is still being held in a Federal Prison. The workshop will, after a brief history, lead a discussion about the military and police forces that are being used to suppress communities of color and progressive communities both in this country and in Mexico.

Panelists: Sue Docekal
Grisel Rodriguez/ daughter of Nestora Salgado
Patrick Burns Carpenters Local 30
Jacquie Jones-Walsh, CBTU

15. The Right to be Healthy: How Community Involvement Improves Health Outcomes Rm: 227

In honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., this workshop will engage in conversations around his famous words, “Of all the forms of inequality, injustice in health care is the most shocking and inhuman.” There are models of care that are working to expose the inequality and injustice that exist in healthcare; and we will explore how health-oriented organizations can use these models to restore the right to better health and a higher quality of life.

The panelists will begin by sharing a personal perspective on the current state of health injustice in King County. Drawing from their experiences working with patients who are affected by health injustice on a daily basis, they will explore how their organizations are partnering with their communities to end health inequity. The workshop will then focus on a case study of partner organizations that are finding unique ways to serve their patients using innovative models that break down barriers to healthcare. The workshop will conclude with a community conversation on how these successful models can be replicated and expanded. While this workshop focuses on healthcare models, we encourage anyone interested in community building to participate in the conversation.

Panel: Sarah Bargman, Health Point

Jefferson Rose: Within Reach, Community Partnership Associate

Ken West: Metropolitan Seattle Sickle Cell Taskforce

Elizabeth Frazier: HealthPoint, Patient Navigator

Melissa Arias: HealthPoint, Community Outreach Specialist

16. Conflict Resolution – How to Prepare to “Fight for Your Rights” Rm: 105

This workshop will discuss the importance of mastering communication skills to improve a person’s image and expand their influence among others. Often times the inability to navigate through difficult situations, build consensus, and manage change can impede a person’s ability to create powerful results for themselves, their family, and their workplace along with other social and professional organizations.

In this workshop we will enable those present to understand their strengths and weakness in order to help establish more effective communication to reduce conflict in their personal and professional lives.

Various quick assessments will be available to help attendees find out if their skill-set is at a level to effectively be able to resolve conflict among others.

Panelists: DeCharlene Williams Central Area Chamber of Commerce (CACC)

Linda Johnson Rural and Urban Development League Community Development, LLC

Ramadan Felix Ngoussou Community Capital Development

Thank you for attending! We hope you enjoy the rest of the activities today:

10 – 11am Rally – Garfield High School (GHS) Gym

11:15-12pm Pre-March Speakers – Parking circle in front of GHS

12pm – March departs from Garfield

1:15 – Lunch service begins in the GHS Commons