

Conversations Around Race

Tacoma Civil Rights Project Video

This video examines racism in Tacoma in the 20th century, through the eyes of elders in the Tacoma civil rights movement, with a focus on housing and employment discrimination. Although the video is about historic events, its stories connect closely with current events. We used this 50-minute video with our youth as part of the Loyal to the Local youth service and education week, and it generated a lot of interest and discussion among our young people.

Questions:

1. Have you experienced or seen the types of racial discrimination described in the video? Did you learn anything new?
2. How is structural racism affecting housing availability today?
3. What connections do you see between the historic civil rights struggles in Tacoma, and the Black Lives Matter movement today?