

Local Social Justice Events

as of Wed Aug 8, 2018

Film Screening: [*Reinventing Power: America's Renewable Energy Boom*](#)

**Wed Aug 8, 7:00 – 8:30 PM,
Ossining Public Library, Ossining**

Meet people from 8 states whose lives were changed by the renewable energy industry. Their stories prove that Americans do not need to sacrifice jobs for a clean environment.

Moderated discussion follows. Co-sponsored by Sierra Club and Green Ossining
<https://www.sierraclub.org/atlantic/lower-hudson/events-0>

Limited Run Film Showing: [*The Miseducation of Cameron Post*](#)

Fri Aug 10 – Sun Aug 12, [various showtimes](#)

Alamo Drafthouse Yonkers, 2548 Central Park Ave, Yonkers, 914-226-3082

The Miseducation of Cameron Post follows a gay teenage girl forced into conversion therapy by her conservative family. Different than a documentary, *Miseducation* is a heartfelt coming-of-age story that won the Grand Jury Prize at the 2018 Sundance Film Festival. Visit bornperfect.com to learn about the National Center for Lesbian Rights' campaign to end conversion therapy in all 50 states.

"I Believe You": A Response to Intimate Partner Violence

Sat Aug 11, 10:00 AM – 12:00 Noon

Mount Olivet Baptist Church, 11 Rev. G. Franklin Wiggins Plaza, Peekskill

Learn how to change perspectives on victims' circumstances and safety, and improve community responses to intimate partner abuse. Facilitator Rev. Kymberly McNair, from "[My Sisters' Place](#)," is a recipient of the Harriet Tubman Legacy Award. Co-sponsored by the Peekskill NAACP and Mount Olivet Baptist Church.

Riverkeeper Event: Turning the Tides: Discussion on Local Seaways

Sun Aug 12, 2:00 PM

National Geographic Encounter: Ocean Odyssey, 226 W 44th Street, NYC

A timely panel discussion on the current state of our local seaways, what is being done, and what part we can ALL play in protecting and sustaining them. Moderated by Ira Flatow, host of public radio's "Science Friday." \$50 – tickets include admission to Ocean Odyssey.

eventbrite.com/e/turning-the-tides-moderated-by-ira-flatow-tickets-47713774183

Breakfast Run

Sun Aug 19, 7:00 AM

First Unitarian Society, 25 Old Jackson Ave, Hastings-on-Hudson

Come help us prepare food, pack clothes, and distribute and interact with the homeless in NYC. Breakfast Runs are the perfect time to introduce kids and youth to the practice of service to others, so we encourage families to join us. You can also support us with donations of clothing and food. Contact: Art Lowenstein (arthur.lowenstein@gmail.com, 914-844-4189), Annie Patton (annie.k.patton@gmail.com, 914-588-4782).

Film Screening & Discussion: 13th

Sun Aug 19, 6:00 – 9:00 PM

WESPAC, 77 Tarrytown Rd, 2W, White Plains

The academy-award-nominated documentary *13th* explores the intersection of race, justice, and mass incarceration in the United States. The title refers to the 13th Amendment, which prohibited slavery except as punishment for a crime. Free. Sponsored by WESPAC Foundation and others. facebook.com/events/1736077743175334

Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ) Westchester meeting

Mon Aug 20, 7:00 – 9:00 PM

South Presbyterian Church, 343 Broadway, Dobbs Ferry

Everyone welcome; accessible, child-friendly meetings. *We meet the third Monday of the month. Next meeting: Katonah United Methodist, Katonah.* Learn more at showingupforracialjustice.org and facebook.com/SURJWestchester. Contact: SURJWestchester@gmail.com, 914-295-2527.

From [Riverkeeper](#): Protect the Hudson from Harmful Storm Surge Barriers Public Comments Invited through Mon Aug 20

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is considering construction of in-water barriers that could critically harm the Hudson River Estuary. The Corps has opened a public comment period through Mon Aug 20, to consider issues to include in its environmental review. Riverkeeper invites you to visit their Actions Page to [become informed](#) and [get involved](#).

From [Riverkeeper](#): Support the New York State Bring Your Own Bag Act

Reducing the use of single-use plastic bags is one of the most meaningful steps that New York can take to reduce pollution from single-use plastic. The NYS BYOBag Act (S7760/A9953), modeled on California's successful law, would ban single-use plastic bags and place a 10-cent fee on paper. The fee would help fund state parks, environmental programs, and free reusable bags for low- and fixed-income New Yorkers. Visit the [Riverkeepers Actions Page](#) to become informed and get involved.

UUSC Initiative: Fund Human Rights and Asylum

The Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) advances human rights through grassroots collaborations. Join their latest initiative to send letters to Congress urging legislators to withhold funding for immigration detention, deportation, and border militarization, and increase accountability and oversight of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and Customs and Border Protection. Learn more at uuscs.org/initiatives/fund-asylum-not-abuse/

The Climate Reality Project now has a Westchester Chapter

Led by former US Vice President Al Gore, the Climate Reality Project empowers everyday people to become activists, equipped with the tools, training, and network to fight for solutions and drive change planet-wide. Visit climaterealityproject.org to learn more and climaterealityproject.org/chapters to sign up.