Environmental and Social Justice Opportunities

as of Thu Apr 11, 2019

League of Women Voters–Westchester
"Fact or Fake – The Role of Media in Politics" Workshops
Local Venues, Thu Apr 11 – Wed May 8

NPR recently reported that all Ukrainian students are being taught to identify fake news. Can you? "Fact or Fake" will teach you how, and offer an opportunity for you to learn how to get involved in civics and political activity. No need to reserve in advance – just come and engage! Presented by the League of Women Voters in collaboration with the Westchester Library System, as part of their "Know Your Government" series.

Thu April 11, 7:00 PM, Warner Library, 121 North Broadway, Tarrytown
Fri Apr 12, 10:00 AM, Bedford Village Library, 32 Village Green, Bedford
Thu Apr 25, 7:00 PM, Somers Library, 82 Primrose Street, Katonah
Sat Apr 27, 11:00 AM, Dobbs Ferry Library, 55 Main Street, Dobbs Ferry
Tue Apr 30, 10:00 AM, Katonah Library, 26 Bedford Road, Katonah
Wed May 8, 7:00 PM, New Castle Town Hall, 200 S Greeley Ave, Chappaqua

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International Women's Convocation
Panel Discussion on Global Gender Equity
Sat Apr 13, 3:00 – 5:00 PM
Community Church, Worship Hall, 40 East 35 Street, NYC

Panel including representatives from Romania, India, and the Philippines highlight U*U women's work for global women's empowerment and the importance of engaging UUs from the U.S. in this important work. Funded in part by the Fund for Unitarian Universalism. Free for UU-UNO Seminar participants. $20 for others at door.

Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ) Meeting
Mon Apr 15, 7:00 - 9:00 PM
South Presbyterian Church, 343 Broadway, Dobbs Ferry

At this month's meeting we focus on whiteness, white privilege, and white fragility, and explore some of Dr. Robin DiAngelo's work. Learn more in her video "Deconstructing White Privilege" at youtube.com/watch?v=DwIx3KQer54. All are welcome. Meetings are child friendly and there will be snacks. Contact: surjwestchester@gmail.com.

MLK Institute for Nonviolence
Beloved Community Potluck Dinner
Mon Apr 22, 5:30 PM Arrival, 6:00 PM Welcome and Dinner
Memorial United Methodist Church, 250 Bryant Ave, White Plains

The MLK Institute invites you to our monthly Beloved Community potluck dinner where we'll share fellowship and food with participants in Coming Home, the welcoming program for women very recently released from incarceration. Our theme this month: “The Impact of Systemic Racism on Our Daily Lives,” with Cyndi Carneghi of the Anti-Racist Alliance. Please let us know what you’ll bring. If you can’t bring food (or even if you can), please plan to donate $10. RSVP: connect@mlkwestchester.org, 914-949-6555.

One Stride: Chosen Family
Film Screening, Discussion, and Concert
Fri May 3, 7:00 PM
ArtsWestchester, 31 Mamaroneck Ave, White Plains

This program explores the history and significance of chosen family to LGBTQ communities. The evening features a talk about queer kinship by Dr. Mary A. Porter, a screening of Stephen Winter’s documentary *One Stride: Chosen Family*, a talkback with Winter, and a performance by the LOFT’s Pride Chorus, an LGBTQ family of choice. $10 admission. Tickets and info at artsw.org/onestride

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The 8th Annual Riverkeeper Sweep
Sat May 4, 2:00 – 5:00 PM
Annsville Circle, US 202 & US 9, Peekskill, NY

Join us as we clean up the shoreline and park at Annsville Circle in Peekskill. UCHV Croton is proud to be one of the site leaders at the event and look forward to seeing lots of friends on Sweep Day! Sign up at eventbrite.com/e/peekskill-annsville-preserve-park-cleanup-by-land-registration-59173982976. More info at facebook.com/events/406955173423633. Contact Marjie Kemper (marjiekemper@gmail.com)

“Performing Families: The Art of Runway and Step”
Sat May 4, 7:30 PM
ArtsWestchester, 31 Mamaroneck Ave, White Plains

Join us for an evening of dance and conversation with two award-winning families of choice. The Legendary House of Comme des Garçons will demonstrate the art of runway walking and discuss the house system’s importance to Black and Latinx LGBTQ youth. Prestige, a competitive step team from New Rochelle will perform and discuss the bonds of step, a form of percussive dance that combines foot-stomps and handclaps with spoken word. Moderated by Dr. Shanté Paradigm Smalls. $10 admission. Tickets and info at artsw.org/perffamilies2.

GLSEN Hudson Valley
Youth & Adult Leadership Awards
Thu May 16, 6:00 – 8:00 PM
Pepsico, 700 Anderson Hill Road, Purchase, NY

Keynote speaker Adrian Shanker, executive director of the Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Community Center. Free for students; $15 for adults. RSVP tiny.cc/GHVLA19 or email peg@glsenhudsonvalley.org by Fri May 3. Pre-registration and ID at door required to attend

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The Slave Dwelling Project
Sat Jun 9, 2:00 PM
Jay Estate, 210 Boston Post Rd, Rye

Save the Date! The Slave Dwelling Project has visited over 90 sites in 18 states where its founder, Joseph McGill, gives presentations to the public and sleeps in historical slave quarters to highlight the experiences of his enslaved ancestors. Join us for a free panel discussion about the preservation of extant slave buildings from Mr. McGill and guest speakers from around New York State. The program is part of Westchester County's 2019 Celebration of African American History. *John Jay was known for his abolitionist efforts beginning in 1777. In 1785, he founded the NY Society for the Manumission of Slaves, and in 1799, as Governor of New York, he signed the Gradual Emancipation Act. However, John Jay also grew up with enslaved men and women in his home and owned slaves himself thus making the history of the Jay Estate as it pertains to slave ownership and abolition contradictory and complex. The narrative of this National Historic Landmark site invites us to look closer at available evidence to puzzle together a more complete vision of the evolution of our social justice system*.

Petition: The Department of Justice must immediately drop all charges against UU Volunteer and respect the right of volunteers to freely practice their faith by caring for migrants on the border.

The administration is pursuing felony criminal charges against Scott Warren, a volunteer with the "No More Deaths" ministry of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Tucson, which provides water, food, socks, blankets, and emergency first-aid to migrants along the US-Mexico border. Learn more at theguardian.com/global/2018/jan/26/scott-warren-no-more-death-arrested-migrants-water). Find the petition at act.faithfulamerica.org/sign/scott_warren?referring_akid=.558144.6xwLrq&source=taf