

# Local Social Justice Events & Opportunities

*as of Thu Oct 25, 2018*

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## Love Resists

**Invites Public Comments on Administration Proposals**

**Indefinite Asylum Detention (until Tue Nov 6)**

**Discriminatory Immigration Evaluations (until Mon Dec 10)**

Public comments matter. They can influence policy. They also become public record and can be used in upcoming legal challenges to the proposed rules. To share your personal and professional perspective as comments on the public record against the indefinite detention of the children of asylum seekers (by Tue Nov 6) visit [uusc.org/initiatives/act-now-oppose-indefinite-detention-of-asylum-seekers](https://uusc.org/initiatives/act-now-oppose-indefinite-detention-of-asylum-seekers), and against the "public charge" proposal that would discriminate against legal immigrants based on income and class (by Mon Dec 10) visit [protectingimmigrantfamilies.org/#take-action](https://protectingimmigrantfamilies.org/#take-action). Each comment needs to be individual (not a "form letter") so speak from the heart. [uua.org/loveresists](https://uua.org/loveresists).

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## League of Women Voters of Westchester

**"Know Your Government: Getting Ready for the Midterm Elections"**

**Mount Kisco Library, Thu Oct 25, 6:00-7:30 PM**

**North Castle Library (Armonk), Sat Oct 27, 1:00-2:30 PM**

**Warner Public Library (Tarrytown), Mon Oct 29, 7:00-9:00 PM**

**New Rochelle Library, Tue Oct 30, 5:30-7:30 PM**

**Katonah Library, Thu Nov 1, 6:30-8:00 PM**

**Bronxville Library, Fri Nov 2, 3:30-5:00 PM**

The purpose of these free introductory civics workshops is to educate the public on the ABCs of local, county, state, and federal governments. Together we discuss why voting matters; how to register and vote; why we must be informed in every election; and how to engage in our democracy. All ages/all levels of knowledge welcome. Presented by the Warner Library, the Westchester Library System, and League of Women Voters of Westchester. Funding provided by Westchester Community Foundation

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## **SURJ Indigenous Solidarity Working Group**

**Networking Conference Call**

**Tue Oct 30, 7:00 PM**

The Indigenous Solidarity working group is a group of white settlers who work in various capacities with [SURJ \(Showing Up For Racial Justice\)](https://surj.org) and also have a deep commitment to anti-colonial work and indigenous solidarity. They are reaching out to connect with more

white folks doing this work with other white people and in multiracial spaces, within and outside of SURJ. **To connect with others also engaged in this work, [Register here.](https://zoom.us/meeting/register/d146863542285387c5b9141539e44ee6)**  
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## **Election Information**

General Elections are Tue Nov 6 - Are you ready? The League of Women Voters' [Vote411](http://Vote411.org) website provides you with all the election information you need to make an educated choice: The races, the candidates and where they stand on issues, polling locations, and more. Go to [VOTE411.org](http://VOTE411.org) and enter your address for information tailored to you.

Check the Gun Sense Candidate Lookup Tool for candidates that support common-sense gun violence prevention: [gunsensevoter.org](http://gunsensevoter.org).

Make sure you are registered to vote and that your registration is up to date.  
[voterlookup.elections.state.ny.us/votersearch.aspx](http://voterlookup.elections.state.ny.us/votersearch.aspx)

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## **Sign Up to Text Voters**

If you have a hard time knocking doors or talking on the phone, then TEXTING is an easy way to engage with voters. You don't have to be tech savvy to learn the ropes and can do it from the comfort of home. Red2Blue (<https://red2blue.org/texting/>) is one platform. Sign up at [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdbwTapkIW9Pv6YctGN3lpNBBbez62pstSsnfFUjNMtJR\\_3yA/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdbwTapkIW9Pv6YctGN3lpNBBbez62pstSsnfFUjNMtJR_3yA/viewform) to learn how and get started today.

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## **Postcards to Voters**

[Postcards to Voters](http://Postcards to Voters) are friendly, handwritten reminders from volunteers to targeted voters. What started on March 11, 2017 with sharing 5 addresses apiece to 5 volunteers on Facebook now consists of over 20,000+ volunteers in every state who have written close to 3 million postcards to voters in over 100+ key, close elections. [postcardstovoters.org](http://postcardstovoters.org)

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**MLK Institute for Nonviolence & Interfaith Connection**  
**“Building Justice Together in Our Communities: The Role of Faith”**  
**Thu Nov 8, 7:00 PM**  
**Memorial United Methodist Church, 250 Bryant Ave, White Plains**

Speakers are Imam Ibrahim Atasoy of the Manhattan Turkish Mosque, Rev. E. Lee Trollinger, Sr. Pastor Calvary Baptist Church White Plains, Br. Luis E. Hernandez Rivas OSF, St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church White Plains. Moderator: Rev. Michelle Lewis, Sr. Pastor, New Rochelle United Methodist Church. Presented by Interfaith Connection and Peace Islands Institute New York. For information, contact the MLK Institute, [connect@mlkwestchester.org](mailto:connect@mlkwestchester.org), 914-949-6555.

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**Compassion & Choices NY**  
**"Choices & Conversations at Life's End"**  
**Thu Nov 8, 7:00-8:30 PM**  
**JCC of Mid-Westchester, 999 Wilmot Rd, Scarsdale**

Presenters share viewpoints on end-of-life issues and engage in discussion prompted by questions from the audience. Co-hosted by NY Civil Liberties, League of Women Voters of Westchester, WESPAC, and others. Contact: [ny@compassionandchoices.org](mailto:ny@compassionandchoices.org).

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***Black Citizenship in the Age of Jim Crow Exhibit***  
**Through Sat Mar 3, 2019**  
**New-York Historical Society, 170 Central Park West, (77th St), NYC**

Opening to mark the 150th anniversary of the ratification of the Fourteenth Amendment, the exhibition is organized chronologically from the end of the Civil War to the end of World War I and highlights the central role played by African Americans in advocating for their rights. It also examines the depth and breadth of opposition to black advancement. Art, artifacts, photographs, and media will help visitors explore these transformative decades in American history, and understand their continuing relevance today. [nyhistory.org/exhibitions/black-citizenship-age-jim-crow](http://nyhistory.org/exhibitions/black-citizenship-age-jim-crow)

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**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 BYO Bag Act 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 [Riverkeeper Actions Page](#) to become informed and get involved.

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**Be an LGBTQ Mentor**  
**[Big Brothers Big Sisters of Family Services of Westchester](#)**  
**Throughout Westchester**

Make a difference in a child's life; become a mentor in one of our LGBTQ site-based programs. Being a Big Brother/Big Sister is one of the most fulfilling and enjoyable things you will ever do. We provide a thorough orientation and training in building mentor relationships and working constructively with youth. On-going support by dedicated staff is provided to the mentor, mentee, and mentee's family. Become a Big and help to start something big in a child's life. Sign up at [volunteernewyork.org/opportunity/a075A00000dKqA1](http://volunteernewyork.org/opportunity/a075A00000dKqA1)

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### **Feeding Westchester** **Volunteers Needed**

Feeding Westchester relies on volunteers to help plant, weed, and care for vegetables at their farm sites; to sort and pack produce and goods at their warehouse; and to help at special events, in the office, or at Mobile Food Pantry distributions. Volunteer opportunities are 2–3 hours and they welcome one-time or on-going commitment at any time convenient for you – weekdays, evenings, and weekends. [feedingwestchester.org/take-action/volunteer](http://feedingwestchester.org/take-action/volunteer).

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### **Family-to-Family** **Sponsor a Family Program**

Sponsor a family in need with a monthly box of groceries. Family-to-Family, Inc., is a grassroots nonprofit hunger and poverty relief organization in Hastings dedicated to providing food, personal hygiene products, and other basic essentials to American families struggling with the challenges of poverty. By connecting donors one to one with specific families in need, Family-to-Family's mission is to bring the large and seemingly intractable problem of poverty into personal focus, one family at a time. [family-to-family.org/sponsor-a-family](http://family-to-family.org/sponsor-a-family).

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