

Environmental and Social Justice Opportunities

as of Thu Apr 18, 2019

Virtual Town Hall: The Equality Act Mon Apr 22, 8:00pm

The LGBTQ community deserves nothing more and nothing less than full equality nationwide.

While great strides have been made towards this, there are still too many states without protections and no federal law to insure that no matter where you live, work, or travel, every LGBTQ person receives the same rights. Join the national call-in meeting about the Equality Act, the proposed Federal law to provide nondiscrimination protections to LGBTQ people across America. Have your questions answered, and learn ways to be involved in its success. Hosted by the National Equality Action Team (NEAT). Sign up at theneat.org/equalityact.

***Hope on the Hudson: Jon Bowermaster's River Stories* Mon Apr 29, 7:00 PM Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Rd, Pleasantville**

An evening of short films hosted by filmmaker and environmentalist Jon Bowermaster, who will share stories of hope, success, and the many positive efforts to preserve the Hudson River and this beautiful region we call home. Q&A follows with the filmmaker along with Safe Energy Rights Group co-founder Courtney M. Williams, Scenic Hudson President Ned Sullivan, and Riverkeeper's Water Quality Program Director Dan Shapley. Tickets at burnsfilmcenter.org/booking/hope-on-the-hudson-jon-bowermasters-river-stories. Info-line: 914-747-5555.

League of Women Voters–Westchester “Fact or Fake – The Role of Media in Politics” Workshops April – May, Local Venues

NPR recently reported that all Ukrainian students are being taught to [identify fake news](#). Can you? “Fact or Fake” will teach you how, and invite you 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.

**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**

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.

Vision and Justice Creative Convening
Live Stream Thu Apr 25 and Fri Apr 26
Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study

What is the role of the arts for justice? How have narratives created by culture—the arts, performances, and images—both limited and liberated our definition of national belonging? *Vision & Justice* will explore the role of the arts in constructions of citizenship, race, and justice. The program features leaders in music, photography, film, and social justice, including Ava DuVernay, Wynton Marsalis, Bryan Stevenson, and Carrie Mae Weems. Learn more at radcliffe.harvard.edu/event/2019-vision-and-justice-convening. To view the live stream, go to radcliffe.harvard.edu and look for the link to "WATCH LIVE WEBCAST." After the event, the video will be posted radcliffe.harvard.edu/video-and-audio.

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

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

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

Or choose one of the many other Riverkeeper Sweep locations in Westchester. Check the list at riverkeeper.org/news-events/events/rvk-events/8th-annual-riverkeeper-sweep.

“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.

Film Screening & Discussion for Teens: *The Hate U Give*
Thu May 5, 5:15pm
Jacob Burns Media Arts Center, 405 Manville Road, Pleasantville

Teens from across Westchester are invited to a free screening of *The Hate U Give*. The 2018 film follows the fallout after a high school student witnesses a police shooting. After the film we will have a conversation about racism, gun violence, and teen community activism. Hosted by *Take the Wheel*, a new initiative for Westchester youth aged 12–18, focusing on hands-on activities and promoting democracy and social advocacy. RSVP by Fri May 10 at docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdgbKcWMDZm9G6Xi1NdL9z49MWdja3uBNC55ma0pCzhcg4Zhw/viewform?usp=sf_link. Contact Howard Rodstein (harodstein@gmail.com).

**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

**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