

COURAGEOUS conversations

Race, Equity, Justice, and Progress

Join IllinoisCivics.org and the [DuPage Regional Office of Education](https://www.dupage.edu) as we explore how to have courageous conversations about race, equity, justice, and progress in the classroom and the community. Experts will discuss ways to support and train students to become socially responsible, empathetic allies of minority and marginalized groups as they strengthen our constitutional republic into “a more perfect union.”

Free professional development credits are available through the DuPage Regional Office of Education for Illinois educators. See page 2 for more in-depth information on each of these offerings.

July 20, 6-7 pm

[Register](#)

How to Raise a Socially-Conscious, Anti-Racist Kid

A conversation with Amber Coleman-Mortley, Sonia Mathew, and Dr. Shawn Healy (for parents)

July 29, 2-3 pm

[Register](#)

A School-wide Approach to Centering the Lived Experiences of our Students

A conversation with Democracy Schools Network Administrators | Facilitated by Sonia Mathew (for admins)

Aug. 5, 9:30-10:30 am

[Register](#)

Culturally Responsive Teaching to Promote Anti-Racist Classrooms

A conversation with Amber Coleman-Mortley and Dr. Shawn Healy (for educators)

Aug. 12, 6-7 pm

[Register](#)

Courageous Conversations Book Club

White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk about Racism by Dr. Robin Diangelo | Facilitated by Dr. Shawn Healy (for everyone)



More Information

**JULY
20
6-7 PM**

Register

How to Raise a Socially-Conscious, Anti-Racist Kid

A conversation with Amber Coleman-Mortley, Sonia Mathew, and Dr. Shawn Healy

What does it mean to be anti-racist? How do you raise a socially conscious kid? These experts will discuss why parents need to better prepare children to tackle issues of racism, equity, and social justice; how parents can go on their own anti-racism journey; and what steps families can take to build stronger communities through anti-racist work.

Suggested pre-reading:

[How to Raise An Anti-Racist Kid](#)
[The Conscious Kid](#)

Suggested to Watch:

[How to Raise A Socially Conscious, Anti-Racist Child](#)

**JULY
29
2-3 PM**

Register

A School-wide Approach to Centering the Lived Experiences of our Students

A conversation with Democracy Schools Network Administrators | Facilitated by Sonia Mathew

What does it mean to center the lived experiences of our students and create conditions for our educators to do the transformative work that is necessary to ensure that our schools can be places that center relationships with students, families, and

communities? Administrators are invited to join us as we talk with Democracy School Network leaders and explore examples of school-wide strategies that support belonging and inclusion.

**AUG
5
9:30-10:30 AM**

Register

Culturally Responsive Teaching to Promote Anti-Racist Classrooms

A conversation with Amber Coleman-Mortley and Dr. Shawn Healy

What are the best practices that create an environment to engage students in courageous conversations around, race, justice, equity, and progress? Educators are invited to join us as we provide a brief literature review of culturally responsive

pedagogy and explore practical steps educators can take to help students be upstanders to promote anti-racism. Participants will walk away with a toolkit of free resources to enhance their classroom practice.

**AUG
12
6-7:00 PM**

Register

Courageous Conversations Book Club

[White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk about Racism](#) by Dr. Robin Diangelo

Facilitated by Dr. Shawn Healy

This book is an in-depth exploration of how white fragility develops, how it protects racial inequality, and what can be done to engage more constructively.

All are welcome to join Dr. Shawn Healy in a dialogue about what stakeholders (parents, educators,

community allies) can do to promote empathy and understanding and work together to strengthen our communities.

Participants will provide their own books. Prepare for the conversation by viewing this [webinar](#) featuring author Dr. Robin Diangelo.