

Culver City Equity and Human Relations Advisory Committee

Proposed Public Events for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Report for July 26, 2022 Meeting

Members of the Public Events Ad Hoc Subcommittee for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 are Samia Bano, Haifaa Moammar and Rebecca Rona.

Incorporating Courageous Conversations

Subcommittee members encourage those planning events to consider incorporating “Courageous Conversations into the event” when feasible and appropriate.

We envision Courageous Conversations as dialogue-focused events (or portions of events) where attendees will have the opportunity to:

1. Participate in facilitated dialogue about critical issues related to equity and human relations
2. Learn and practice the skills needed to use the Equity and Human Relations Advisory Committee’s recommended Civil Discourse Guidelines

Strengthening Civil Discourse Skills

Even when people agree in principle with the idea of engaging in civil discourse, they can struggle to actually implement the guidelines during high-stakes and/or already heated conversations. Therefore it would be valuable for the Committee to create safe/brave spaces where our community members can practice and strengthen their civil discourse skills.

Professional Trainer

During an event that incorporates Courageous Conversations, a professional trainer could assist the audience to practice a particular civil discourse skill, such as a specific deep listening technique, or a specific technique to respond to charged comments. Participants would practice in small groups or pairs by engaging in dialogue with each other. Participants would be provided a topic such as transgender rights, or disability justice, or preventing the abuse of seniors.

Organizations as resources

Organizations to assist the Committee hold a Courageous Conversation:

- NewGround (<https://mjnewground.org/>)
- Resetting The Table (<https://www.resettingthetable.org/>)
- The Center For Nonviolent Communication (<https://www.cnvc.org/>)
- Compassionate Integrity Training (<https://www.compassionateintegrity.org/>)

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Popular events of the past

We recommend that the Committee sponsor certain popular events, such as the Indigenous Peoples Day Celebration, and the Asian American Storytelling Program, not this fiscal year but possibly every other year to enable the Committee to schedule events in a given year that have not been sponsored in the past.

Other marginalized people

We recommend that in the coming year and in ensuing years, some of our events focus on such marginalized people as seniors, children, Muslims and Jews, people with mental health challenges, people with physical disabilities/ "challenges," and others.

Recommended Events and Schedule

Tuesday, 7/26/22 Committee meeting

Tuesday, 8/23/22 Committee meeting

Saturday, 9/17/22 Childhood Trauma and Equity Movie Screening

Saturday, 10/1/22 Latino Heritage Month Celebration

Tuesday, 10/25/22 Committee meeting

Sunday, 11/20/22 Transgender Day of Remembrance

December Nothing scheduled

Tuesday, 1/24 /23 Committee meeting

Tuesday, 1/31/23 Stories by formerly unhoused people during Poverty Awareness Month

Resources

Upward Bound House (<https://www.upwardboundhouse.org/>)

Repair (<http://www.repairconnect.org/>)

Tuesday, 2/28/23 Nonviolence workshop by Common Peace

Tuesday, 3/28/22 Understanding and responding to Autism (during Disability Awareness month)

Tuesday, 4/25 /23 Committee meeting

Tuesday, 5/23/23 Event focused on Seniors.

June Nothing scheduled

Tuesday, 7/25/23 Committee meeting