

Occasionally we are asked "what is the Anti-Racism Affinity Group of Greater Newburyport?" and "can I join?" We are a small group that has been meeting for years to support, discuss, and learn about systemic racism and intersectional issues generally, as well as mentor others beginning their journeys of anti-racism.

We support and challenge one another in our own education through books, movies, articles, podcasts, workshops, etc., and look at ways to share these ideas and information with the community, with individuals, and with others who wish to begin their own learning pods.

We stand in solidarity with all those working to end racism, inequality, war and imperialism, while also supporting efforts to build power in working class communities of color. Collective and individual liberation for all!

This is our Facebook page, [Anti-Racism Affinity Group of Greater Newburyport](#)

Please feel free to share this email, or give others my email address (mentalchatter@yahoo.com) so they can get on the (blind carbon copy) mailing list.

**YOUTH V. GOV**  
THE FILM

Please join us for this special viewing!  
APRIL 29, 7PM  
CENTRAL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

SPONSORED BY THE YOUTH GROUP AT CENTRAL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

21 young Americans  
**SUING THE WORLD'S MOST POWERFUL GOVERNMENT**

to protect their constitutional rights to a stable  
- CLIMATE -

Armed with a wealth of evidence, twenty-one courageous leaders file a ground-breaking lawsuit against the U.S. gov., asserting it has willfully acted over six decades to create the climate crisis, thus endangering their constitutional rights to life, liberty, and property. **If these young people are successful, they will not only make history, they will change the future.**

Central Congregational Church  
14 Titcomb St, Nopt

----- RSVP or Questions: Lauren Olsen-Sidford (lauren@centralnewburyport.org) -----

Please join the Central Congregational Church youth group on Friday, April 29 at 7:00 P.M. for this special presentation of the film YOUTH v. GOV, the true story of 21 young Americans suing the world's most powerful government to protect their constitutional rights to a stable climate. RSVP/questions please contact [Lauren@centralnewburyport.org](mailto:Lauren@centralnewburyport.org)

<https://www.firehouse.org/event/terezin/>

Anna Smulowitz & The Firehouse Center for the Arts  
present  
The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Production of

# TEREZIN



CHILDREN OF THE HOLOCAUST

MONDAY, MAY 2  
7:00 PM  
AT THE FIREHOUSE



-- WINNER --  
*American  
Children's  
Television Award*

Directed by  
Kathryn Lowell and  
Anna Smulowitz

Fewer than 150 of the 15,000 children survived Terezin. The play follows a day and night in the lives of six children imprisoned at Terezin during the Holocaust. This timeless lesson teaches about the consequences of hate and discrimination, the need for greater social responsibility, and the need to stand up to hate.

May 2, 2022 – 7 PM  
Firehouse Center for the Arts  
Newburyport, MA  
Tickets at [Firehouse.org](https://www.firehouse.org) or  
978-462-7336  
\$20/Adults & \$18/Students & Seniors



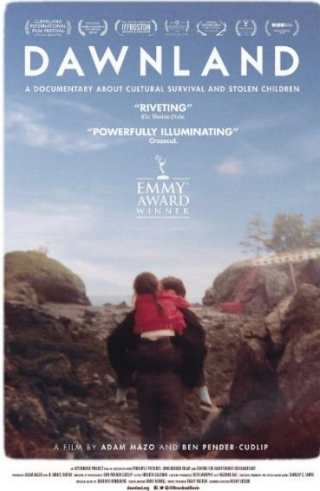
Tuesdays, May 3 - 31 | 6:30 PM | Online Workshop | \$150  
*White People Challenging Racism*

Join co-facilitators Anne Romney and Robert Sapiro as they lead this four-week antiracism workshop focusing on the role of white people in challenging and dismantling racism.

Learn more about the workshop at [WPCR Workshops](#)  
Question or to register email [anneromney@gmail.com](mailto:anneromney@gmail.com)

*Registration is required. Scholarships are available.*

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**Free Screening of the Upstander Project Film, [Dawnland](#), a documentary about cultural survival and stolen children. WINNER of the EMMY® AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING RESEARCH.**

**Wed, May 4, 2022, 7 – 9:00 PM**

[https://www.eventbrite.com/e/dawnland-live-online-film-screening-and-qa-tickets-293380889137?utm\\_source=eventbrite&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_content=notification&utm\\_campaign=following\\_published\\_event&utm\\_term=Dawnland+Live+Online+Film+Screening+and+Q%26A&aff=ebemoffollowpublishemail](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/dawnland-live-online-film-screening-and-qa-tickets-293380889137?utm_source=eventbrite&utm_medium=email&utm_content=notification&utm_campaign=following_published_event&utm_term=Dawnland+Live+Online+Film+Screening+and+Q%26A&aff=ebemoffollowpublishemail)

The film will be followed by a live, online Q&A. The screening is free. Donations are encouraged to support the work of [Wabanaki REACH](#) and [Upstander Project](#).

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The film will be streamed on zoom webinar. Online preregistration required: [Register here](#). Limited in-person seating available at FRSUU, 26 Pleasant Street, Newburyport, by reservation: [cynthia.walsh@frsuu.org](mailto:cynthia.walsh@frsuu.org). For more information: [Imagine Studios](#) or [frsuu.org](http://frsuu.org), [kristine@imaginestudios.org](mailto:kristine@imaginestudios.org), 978-834-0367.

This screening has been made possible thanks to generous contributions from community sponsors: The First Religious Society, Unitarian Universalist; Congregation Ahavas Achim; Unity on the River; Theater in the Open.

**About *Dawnland***- For decades, child welfare authorities have been removing Native American children from their homes to save them from being Indian. In Maine, the first official “truth and reconciliation commission” in the United States begins a historic investigation. *DAWNLAND* goes behind-the-scenes as this historic body grapples with difficult truths, redefines reconciliation, and charts a new

course for state and tribal relations.

“My foster mother told me ... she would save me from being Penobscot.”

**About the Panelists-** Chris Newell (Passamaquoddy) senior advisor for *Dawnland*, is the Director of Education at the Akomawt Educational Initiative and author of the recent book “If You Lived During the Plimoth Thanksgiving”; Dawn Neptune Adams (Penobscot) a featured participant in *Dawnland* and the Maine Truth and Reconciliation Process, is co-director of the recent Upstander documentary *Bounty*, a journalist and environmental activist. Mishy Lesser, Ed.D. is an Emmy® award-winning researcher, learning director for the Upstander Project and Education Fellow at the Dodd Human Rights Impact at the University of Connecticut. She is co-director of the annual Upstander Academy.

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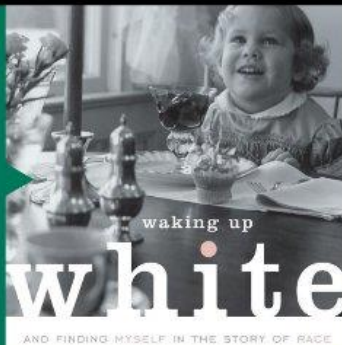
THE PARENTING  
YEARS SPEAKER  
SERIES AND  
NEWBURYPORT'S DEI  
ALLIANCE PRESENTS:

## Race, Racism, and Realization: A 3-Part Community Series

Debby Irving, March 31 at 7 PM  
Nock Middle School Auditorium

### SPEAKER

Author, speaker, and educator Debby Irving reflects on "waking up white," realizing that she had been oblivious to the unconscious racial bias impacting the way that she interacted in the world. Important for parents searching for ways to talk with their kids about race and racism. Q&A to follow. Sign-in at arrival required.



### RACE TO BE HUMAN

**RACE to be Human**  
Virtual viewing: April 27-May 4  
In-person screening: May 3, at 7 PM

### FILM

IndieFlix presents RACE to be Human, a documentary film that addresses the apprehension and confusion that many of us feel when talking about race and racism.

Sign up to view virtually, or join us in-person!

## DISCUSSION

Newburyport DEI Alliance Community Dialogue  
Gather virtually May 11, at 7 PM

Come together to process and discuss Debby Irving's presentation "I'm a Good Person- Isn't that Enough?" and IndieFlix's RACE to be Human film.



For more information or to sign-up for the virtual film or community dialogue, please visit:  
[newburyportyouthservices.com](https://newburyportyouthservices.com)



To sign up -- [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd\\_rNw6opuWVgH-qfgp6il6FXy-iJ9SyUly0u4-311XG6EJlw/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd_rNw6opuWVgH-qfgp6il6FXy-iJ9SyUly0u4-311XG6EJlw/viewform)



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NEWBURYPORT YOUTH SERVICES

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NORTH SHORE ALLIANCE OF GLBTQ YOUTH

PRESENTS

Over the

**Rainbow**

**\$5**  
AT THE DOOR

HOSTED BY  
**MIZ**  **WIGFALL**

FREE  
DESSERT BAR

WHO: GRADES 9-12,  
ALL ARE WELCOME

FRIDAY MAY 13TH, 8-10 PM

NEWBURYPORT MASONIC LODGE  
LOCATED AT 31 GREEN ST. NEWBURYPORT, MA

This Queer-friendly event is already garnering resistance from people who support “Don’t Say Gay” (new FL law), so things like location may change. It will be age-appropriate, open to youth from all cities and towns, and is a way for youth to celebrate whoever they are. For questions, please contact Andi Egmont at Newburyport Youth Services. [aegmont@cityofnewburyport.com](mailto:aegmont@cityofnewburyport.com)

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# Massachusetts Poor People's Campaign

A NATIONAL CALL for MORAL REVIVAL



WELCOME TO THE STATEWIDE OPEN HOUSE

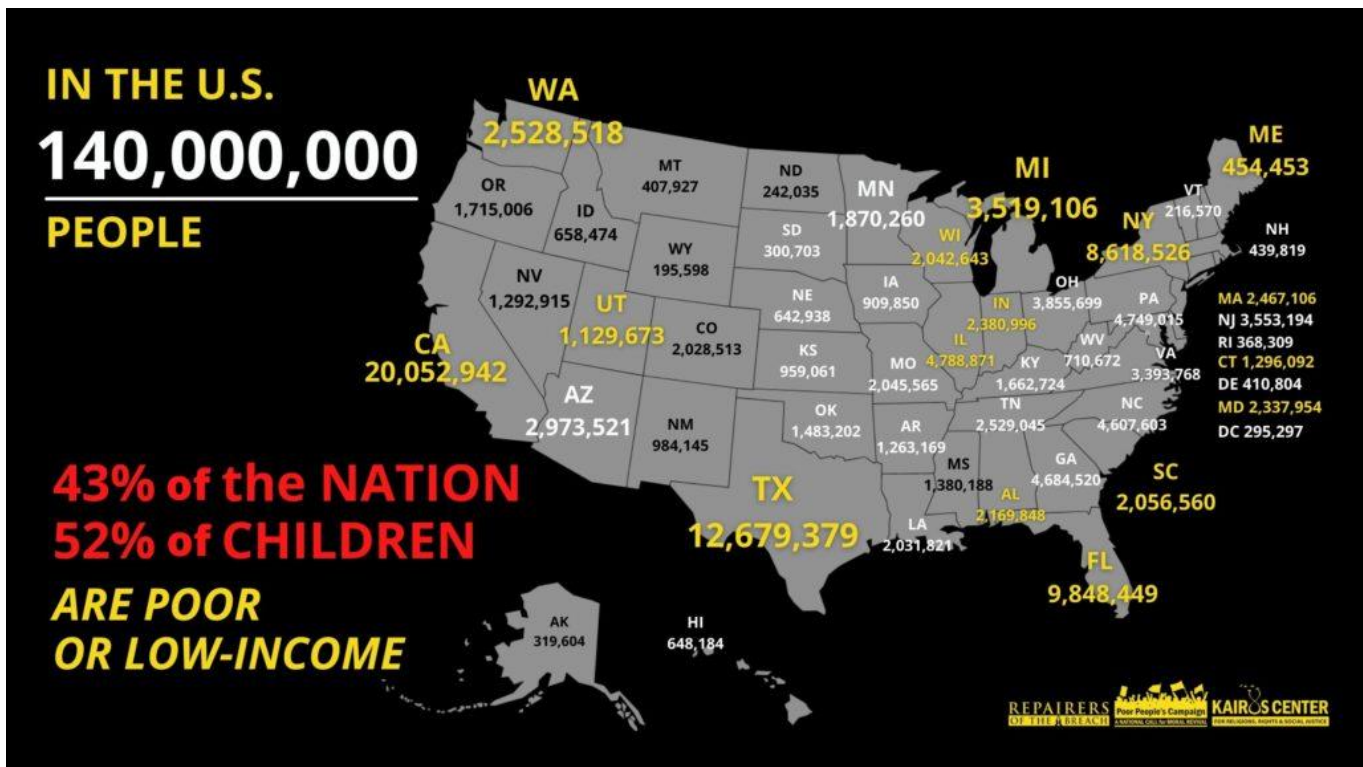
I am writing to invite you to an exciting opportunity to join with us as we prepare for the [Poor People's and Low-Wage Workers Assembly and Moral March on Washington and to the Polls](#). As our work is a continuation of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s call for a revolution of values, all roads will lead us to the **March on Washington on June 18, 2022**.

The Massachusetts campaign will be holding **Online Open Houses 4 - 6 p.m.** on the following dates. Just click the date you prefer to RSVP.

## [Sunday, May 15](#)

At the open house, you'll connect with others who know how wrong it is for close to 50% of people in the richest country on the planet to live in poverty or low income. Our work is to build a just and sustainable future. To do that we **MUST confront and eradicate these five evils:**

1. **Poverty**
2. **Racism**
3. **Ecological devastation**
4. **Militarism and the war economy**
5. **The false moral narrative of Christian nationalism**



We know it is possible if we all raise our voices and work together shoulder-to-shoulder. Join us to hear an overview of the Poor People’s Campaign and learn how you can participate. Here are some of the things you can do right away!

- Register for an [Open House](#) (See links above.)
- Register for the March on Washington on June 18, 2022 [here](#).
- If you cannot make it to an Open House and would like to be involved, please complete our Interest Form [here](#).
- [Donate](#). Even if you are unable to join us in Washington, you or your organization can offer much-needed support for poor and low-wage workers from Massachusetts to get on the bus.

Looking forward to seeing you on Zoom! You will receive the link once you have registered.

For any questions, email us. [MAPPC.2021@gmail.com](mailto:MAPPC.2021@gmail.com)

Forward Together, Not One Step Back!

MA PPC Tri-chairs and Coordinating Committee



- ▶ **SAVE THE DATE**
- ▶ **Sun., May 15, 2–5 p.m.**

## **I'M A GOOD PERSON!** **ISN'T THAT ENOUGH?**



**Race & Racism Workshop**  
*featuring Debby Irving,  
racial justice educator & writer;  
author of “Waking Up White”*

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Workshop designed to support white people in making a key paradigm shift: from trying to “fix” and “help” those of other races, to acknowledging internalized views of white superiority and understanding how such views perpetuate racism at all levels.

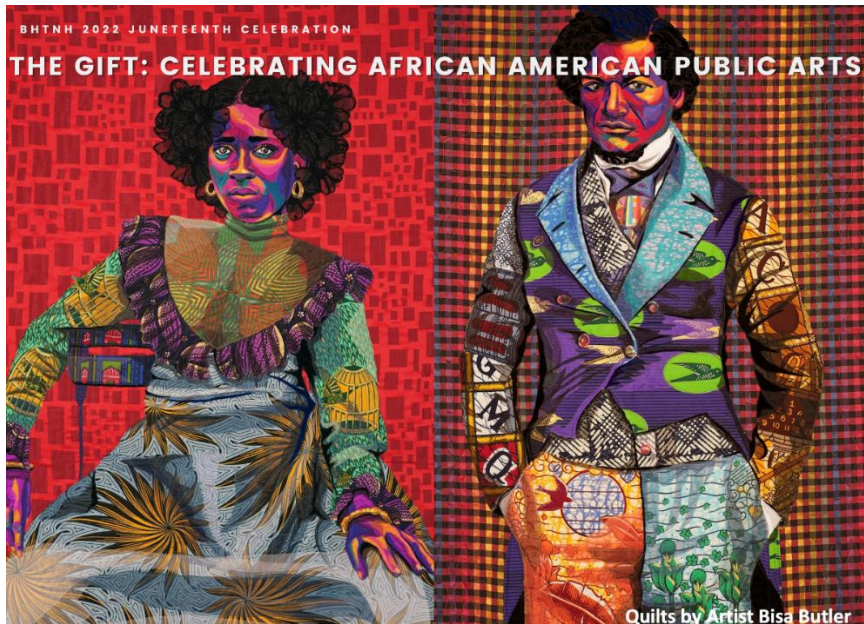
MORE DETAILS, INCLUDING REGISTRATION INFORMATION,  
WILL BE AVAILABLE SOON

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

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*Presented by*  
Beloved Community Team  
St. Stephen’s Church, Lynn & Church of St. Andrew, Marblehead

*Location of workshop:* Church of St. Andrew  
135 Lafayette Street (Rte. 114), Marblehead



**June 11, 17, 18, 19, & 20 | BHTNH 2022 Juneteenth Celebration**

***The Gift: Celebrating African American Public Art***

This year's Juneteenth events honor the collective endeavor of the Black artists who are creating the most compelling art of our time. These programs offer a provocative intersection of history, media, performance, and ideas that deepen our understanding of our nation's history and center the Black experience.

#### **Event Schedule**

**Saturday, June 11 | Bus Tour | Saint-Gaudens National Historical Park | Cornish, NH**

**AFRICAN AMERICANS & THE 54TH REGIMENT MEMORIAL**

**Friday, June 17 | Time TBD | Artist Panel Discussion | Manchester, NH**

**BEARING WITNESS: BLACK ART IN PUBLIC SPACES**

**Saturday, June 18 | 4:00 PM | Music Hall, Portsmouth, NH | Cost TBD**

**LET IT SHINE: THE HOWARD GOSPEL CHOIR SINGS THE GOSPEL**

**Sunday, June 19 | 2:00 PM | Live Streamed at the African Burying Ground Memorial**

**UPROAR: A CELEBRATION OF AFRICAN AMERICAN CREATIVITY**

**Monday, June 20 | 3S Artspace | Workshop & Community Street Art Project**

**THE ART OF ERASURE: GONE BUT NEVER FORGOTTEN**

**<https://blackheritagetrailnh.org/juneteenth-celebration-2022/>**

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### White People Challenging Racism:

White People Challenging Racism (WPCR) is a 10-hour workshop set over the course of 5 weeks designed to deepen participants' understanding of systemic racism and to give them the skills and support necessary to confront racism in their own spheres of influence. The course culminates in each participant designing an action plan and sharing it with their peers to ensure accountability. [You can read more about the workshops here.](#) Registration is currently open for an upcoming workshop and a new, WPCR Part 2 course for those who completed an initial WPCR workshop. [Sign up here for these classes.](#) (Note: the workshops are virtual and you do not need to be in the specified town to participate.)

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### Allyship for the Future: Growing our Power for Cross-Community Collaboration | June 13 & 16 | 7-9PM | Virtual Program

This June, honor Pride month and Juneteenth by attending our newest signature workshop! with an all new NFSJ training! This two-part series, co-led by Rob Jones and NFSJ Executive Director Liora Norwich, is designed as a closer look at allyship, both the theory and the everyday application. Together we will explore allyship through scrutinizing our own identities, discussing terminology and core concepts, and looking at promising practices and grounded scenarios. More info will be coming soon!

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### [InterFaith Service](#)

June 23 @ 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

[Find out more »](#)

### [North Shore Pride Parade and Festival and After Party](#)

June 25 @ 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Interested in being a vendor or participant? [Click Here](#)

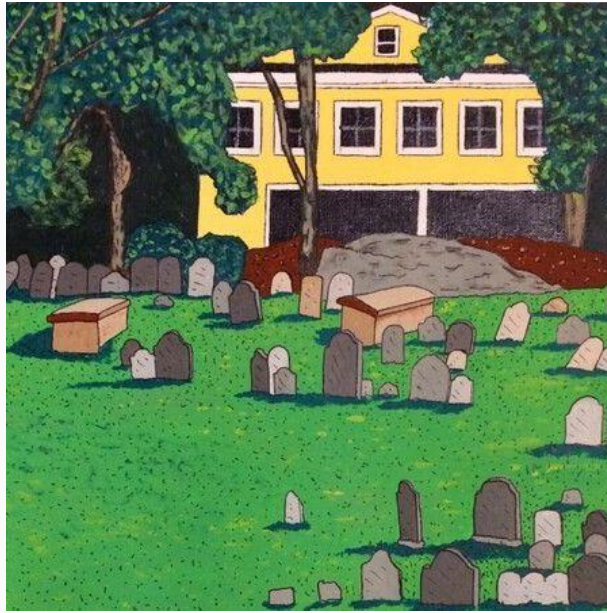
[Find out more »](#)

### [North Shore Pride Drag Brunch](#)

June 26 @ 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

[Find out more »](#)

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### Bringing the Past to Life Series

MRJT's Inclusive History Project presents Marblehead historical video vignettes which bring to life experiences of persons of color and events that impacted them. One video chronicles the lives of Joseph and Lucretia Brown, respected residents and owners of Joe's Tavern, a hub of community activity. Joseph was a Revolutionary War veteran and Lucretia, a respected businessperson. Watch the [video](#) which has eclipsed 1000 views! Two additional videos are out and more content is almost ready for release, so watch for emails and the next issue of this newsletter.

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Black Girl in Maine – Shay Stewart-Bouley

<https://blackgirlinmaine.com/current-events/the-hope-embodied-in-our-new-black-justice/>

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I started subscribing to this site in Feb., and really like their brief daily newsletters. Please check it out.



[https://the-ard.com/?utm\\_campaign=No%20campaign&utm\\_source=hs\\_email&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_content=210235316&hsenc=p2ANqtz-8leW-KdliFAgbtiRhk5iYzRhkV0F24RO2xLP-yUnjUgkwllCtt3G6kViPWzIEI1IJwdy6fMVD61UXd-aiLEaDAiISA](https://the-ard.com/?utm_campaign=No%20campaign&utm_source=hs_email&utm_medium=email&utm_content=210235316&hsenc=p2ANqtz-8leW-KdliFAgbtiRhk5iYzRhkV0F24RO2xLP-yUnjUgkwllCtt3G6kViPWzIEI1IJwdy6fMVD61UXd-aiLEaDAiISA)

Good examples – [Unpack Loaded Language](#) --

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[Unlearn Ableism -- https://the-ard.com/2022/04/26/disability-justice-and-the-importance-of-care/?utm\\_medium=email&\\_hsmi=211087406&\\_hsenc=p2ANqtz-IfWytezl2uSSu8YqakqRTN-Vr4uhsqIXagolmNz6tmlffBXNBMAglu43V3JYEnRe6aZDc6g5eAN0SB80-SZUMxhViQw&utm\\_content=211087406&utm\\_source=hs\\_email](https://the-ard.com/2022/04/26/disability-justice-and-the-importance-of-care/?utm_medium=email&_hsmi=211087406&_hsenc=p2ANqtz-IfWytezl2uSSu8YqakqRTN-Vr4uhsqIXagolmNz6tmlffBXNBMAglu43V3JYEnRe6aZDc6g5eAN0SB80-SZUMxhViQw&utm_content=211087406&utm_source=hs_email)

[The Roots of Sexual Violence as a Tool for Oppression -- https://the-ard.com/2022/04/28/how-sexual-violence-became-a-tool-for-oppression/?utm\\_medium=email&\\_hsmi=211346250&\\_hsenc=p2ANqtz-\\_PZWWskpZeorBMtdvIwW2PyK-GzYPT53tk-a\\_bffcsxKKvbRsrAODBka51z8LjCxVzN2TAWs2rTv2i7IIMJM5tGedu2Q&utm\\_content=211346250&utm\\_source=hs\\_email](https://the-ard.com/2022/04/28/how-sexual-violence-became-a-tool-for-oppression/?utm_medium=email&_hsmi=211346250&_hsenc=p2ANqtz-_PZWWskpZeorBMtdvIwW2PyK-GzYPT53tk-a_bffcsxKKvbRsrAODBka51z8LjCxVzN2TAWs2rTv2i7IIMJM5tGedu2Q&utm_content=211346250&utm_source=hs_email)

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Lots of surprises for me in this webinar. I encourage you to listen, [Jewish Voice for Peace](#)

The Anti-Defamation League has—since its inception—undermined racial and social justice movements and communities, and how we can participate in [#DroptheADL](#) organizing in our schools and communities. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ny0cpPDdI9Y>

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Or this for workplaces -- **STUDY HALL**

I work at a nonprofit and over the last few months we have been intentional in centering the experiences of people of color. We have also been actively working towards being anti-oppression, anti-racist. So much so that when people apply for any of our open positions, we discuss and ask questions in the interviews centered around anti-racism, decentering whiteness, etc. I have heard from others that they prefer this option as it removes the stress or the discomfort of trying to figure out how to ask organizations during interviews about their own anti-racism journey work. Two of the positions in my department are open and we are starting to interview applications. My question is: what are one or two questions that would be ideal to ask candidates early on that are centered in anti-racism, anti-oppression?

Great question, and I'd love to hear other examples from our readers. I'll compile them into a future newsletter! Reply to this email with yours.

Here are a few that I think can be helpful.

- How would you advocate for DEI at the office with colleagues that don't see it as important?
- What does inclusivity mean to you? How do you hope to see that work unfold?
- How has your perception of racism and oppression changed since the racial reckoning of 2020, if at all?
- Tell me about a time you were involved in, or witnessed, a racist experience at the workplace. How did you respond?
- What's your philosophy and approach to managing conflict?

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Creation of a Public Bank -- The online letter (link at the very end of this email) is very clear about how this bill will benefit those who need it the most, and only takes a few minutes to submit to your State Representatives. Please consider helping out in this small but significant way!

What does this bill do?

Establishes a **Public Bank** wholly owned by Commonwealth

Requires the public bank to use its resources to fill pressing and unmet capital gaps in:

- Underserved communities;
- Women- and minority-owned small businesses and farms;
- Municipalities experiencing underinvestment;
- Housing and worker cooperatives;
- Community-scale climate investments.

Great news: MA Public Banking Coalition

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received word this morning that the Joint Committee on Financial Services has extended the Public Bank bills to \*May 31.\*

We have until May 31 to enroll community members and legislators! Help us build community power by sending a letter, or sharing on social media today.

If you want to make sure you are properly informed, check out our Fact Sheet

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to get more information on the MA state bank.

\*Email Legislators\*

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\*MA Public Bank Overview

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**LAST BUT NOT LEAST HERE IS THE LINK TO THE ONLINE LETTER:**

[https://actionnetwork.org/letters/support-of-legislation-to-create-a-massachusetts-public-bank?source=direct\\_link&](https://actionnetwork.org/letters/support-of-legislation-to-create-a-massachusetts-public-bank?source=direct_link&)

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Really good article about the harmful power of police unions from BLM Boston –

<https://mailchi.mp/5868f5077c4e/introducing-our-youth-program-and-taking-action-15344096?e=084dd51215>

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Great essay on ableism, differences, and assumptions – Imani Perry

<https://newsletters.theatlantic.com/unsettled-territory/625019f0c42c79002116d89e/invisible-disability-alopecia-jada-pinkett-smith/>

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Chilling, illuminating, likely that this is replicated in most states – **A new report tracks the history of state control over the Wabanaki tribes**

<https://www.mainepublic.org/maine/2022-04-28/a-new-report-tracks-the-history-of-state-control-over-the-wabanaki-tribes>