

January, 2024

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 since May, 2017 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. This newsletter began in Feb., 2021.

PLEASE SUBMIT ANY POTENTIAL ADDITIONS BY THE 25th of EACH MONTH



[AMERICA REFRAMED](#)

Season 12 Episode 1 | Video has closed captioning.

THE COST OF INHERITANCE, an America ReFramed special, explores the complex issue of reparations in the U.S. using a thoughtful approach to history, historical injustices, systemic inequities, and critical dialogue on racial conciliation. Through personal narratives, community inquiries, and scholarly insights, it aims to inspire understanding of the scope and rationale of the reparations debate.

Airing: 01/08/24 & 1/15/24

Rating: TV-PG

<https://www.pbs.org/video/america-reframed-the-cost-of-inheritance-preview/>



Our focus is on working with white people who are already in motion. While in many activist circles there can be a culture of shame and blame, we want to bring as many white people into taking action for racial justice as possible. We envision a society where we struggle together with love, for justice, human dignity, and a sustainable world.

SURJ Boston is also a program of **Community Change, Inc.**, a Boston organization that has been engaging white people in racial justice work since 1968.

Join or simply learn about SURJ Boston!!!

SURJ Boston is offering a 2-hour orientation workshop to introduce you to SURJ Boston (SURJB), how we work, and ways you can be active in anti-racism work right away.

During the two-hour workshop we will:

- Share information about SURJ as a national organization, SURJB as the Boston chapter, and what we fight for
- Have conversations together about your interests and motivations for engaging with anti-racism work
- Clarify how to you can get involved with SURJB and what's next going forward from this workshop

This Orientation is the first step to engaging with SURJB. Come get to know us, and if you want to become a member, you can still sign up to join a Base Group, which prepares you for the deeper and more consistent commitment of active membership. There are many ways you can engage with SURJB before you take that step!

We have two upcoming orientation sessions in 2024. If you are interested, please [register here](#) for one of the orientation workshop sessions below.

- **Tuesday January 9, 2024: 7-9pm**
- **Tuesday February 13, 2024: 7-9pm**

If you cannot make one of these dates and are still interested in a future orientation workshop, [please sign up on our orientation wait list at this link](#). I will send out two reminders, and if we don't hear from you, your name will be removed from the email list.



Thursday, January 11 | 6:30 PM | Eileen Dondero Foley Council Chambers

Housing 101 -- The City of Portsmouth has engaged Portsmouth Listens to facilitate a series of community participation events about *Places to Live* in the city, topic of historic concern to the BIPOC community since the city was founded. This effort is to inform and listen to the community about contemporary and future housing concerns. Events will be held between January and February of 2024 to discuss existing places to live, challenges in accessing them, ways to create more, and the impacts of doing so.

Participants will discuss our community's housing needs in depth, and brainstorm how we can meet those needs effectively and equitably.

Read more [here](#)

**DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR
COMMEMORATIVE BREAKFAST**

Monday, January 15, 2024




8:30 am

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Boston-Andover
123 Old River Rd., Andover, MA 01810


Ticket Cost \$45.00

Guest Speaker:

Guy Fish, MD
CEO GLFHC
Lawrence, MA



For further information contact:
Lisa Riddick: 508-451-3788 or
Samuel "Polo" Pierre: 978- 853-4666



**Join Winchester ABC & the Network
for Social Justice for**

MLK 2024

Winchester Day of Community Service

a *day* ON...not a day off!

SAVE THE DATE!

Monday, January 15, 2024

10AM-12PM

Winchester High School

**community
service
project
to
benefit**



Sponsored by:



**A BETTER
CHANCE
WINCHESTER**

**NETWORK
for SOCIAL JUSTICE**



<https://nfsj.org/events/mlk-winchester-day-of-service-2024/>

YOU'RE INVITED

Movie Screening &
Discussion

**YWCA
MARTIN LUTHER KING
COMMEMORATION**

**His Dream
Our Mission**

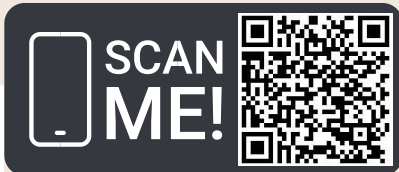
King in the Wilderness
MLK's Journey

In commemoration of MLK, Jr.'s birthday, YWCA Greater Newburyport presents a screening of *King in the Wilderness*. This film tells the story of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s final years through the personal stories of those who surrounded him.

Students: Free

Adults: \$11.50 *

* In honor of MLK, Jr.'s
birthday: 1/15

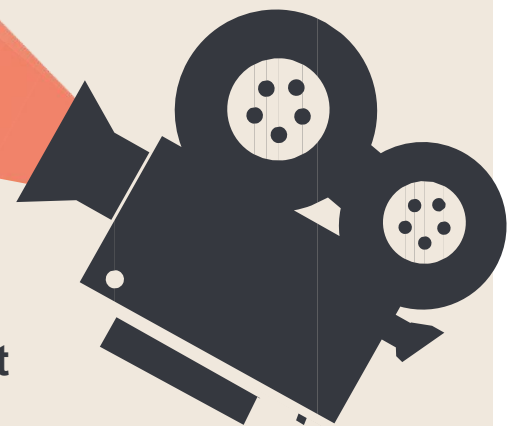


To Support
This Event

January 15, 2024 @ 12:30 PM
Firehouse Center for the Arts
1 Market Square, Newburyport

Purchase Tickets:
www.firehouse.org

Learn More:
ywcanewburyport.org



**YWCA
IS ON A
MISSION**

eliminating racism
empowering women

ywca


Greater Newburyport



NEW time!

TRANSFORMATIONAL CONVERSATIONS

LIVE VIRTUAL LEARNING AND PRACTICE WORKSHOP

Many of us raised in dominant white culture have not developed the skill to broach and navigate differences of perspective and opinion. Learn to: 

- identify what's keeping you from speaking up
- move forward even when you're afraid to speak
- trade in winning for learning and connecting



Wednesday, January 17th
12-2pm EST
\$50

workday/Euro-friendly hours

Please join using REGISTRATION LINK bit.ly/DebyTC117

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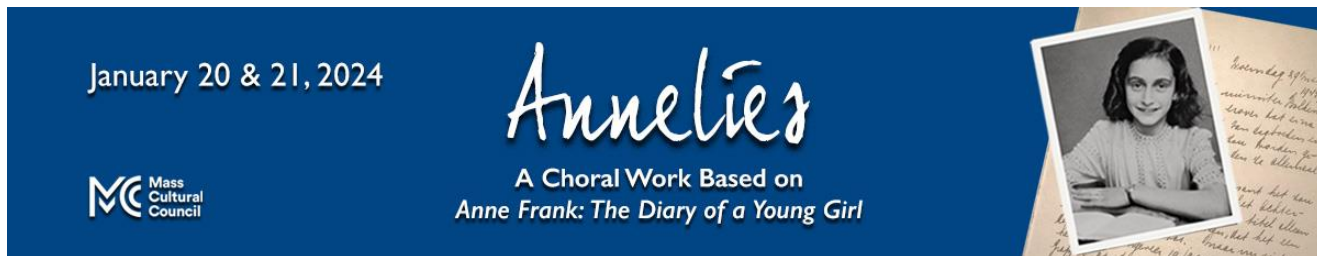
We hope you can attend the next **Gr. Newburyport Housing Choice Coalition** Mtg.!

This is an initiative of the YWCA of Gr. Newburyport and the Municipal Engagement Initiative of CHAPA (Citizens Housing and Planning Assoc.). It encompasses the cities and towns of Amesbury, Newbury, Newburyport, Salisbury, and West Newbury.

Our next mtg. will be on **Th., 1/18/24** (3rd Thursdays), **6 pm**. Location to be determined. For more info., go to <https://www.ywcanewburyport.org/news-events/>

CANTEMUS

SMALL CHORUS. GRAND SOUND.



January 20 & 21, 2024

Annelies

A Choral Work Based on
Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl

Mass Cultural Council

“At times haunting, frightening, humorous and hopeful, Annelies goes straight to the heart, and Anne’s hope in the face of her circumstances is inspiring.”

—Jason Iannuzzi, Artistic Director

Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl remains one of the best known books to come out of World War II. In 75 years, it has sold more than 30 million copies in 70 languages, and been read by adults and young students around the world. It is a remarkable portrait of eight Jews hiding from the Nazis for two years in a 'secret annex' — as told by a remarkably mature and perceptive girl who was only 13 when she began the diary.

In 2005, British composer James Whitbourn, working with librettist Melanie Challenger, completed turning excerpts from the famous diary into *Annelies*, a choral work of haunting beauty. (Annelies was Anne's full first name.) Its 14 movements cover the two years between the family's decision to go into hiding and their eventual capture. Throughout, chilling dramatic passages are balanced by soaring melodies and expressions of hope.

We have timed these concerts to commemorate International Holocaust Remembrance Day (January 27).

Renowned soprano [Lynn Eustis](#), who sang the title role at the work's U.S. premiere in 2007, will be accompanied by piano, violin, cello, clarinet and the 34 singers of Cantemus.

[Read more about the program here.](#) We hope you'll join us!

<p>Saturday, January 20 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Sunday, January 21 4:00 p.m. Congregation Shirat Hayam</p>
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St. Paul's Episcopal Church
166 High Street, Newburyport
[Map & Directions](#)

[Buy Tickets](#)

55 Atlantic Avenue, Swampscott
[Map & Directions](#)

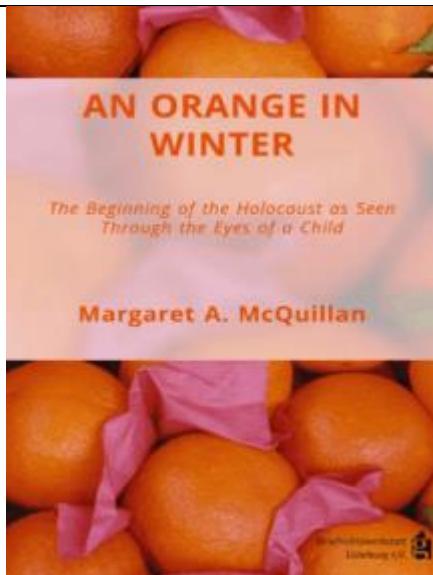
[Buy Tickets](#)

Cantemus gratefully acknowledges the support of the Massachusetts Cultural Council and Local Cultural Councils in Groveland, Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport, Rowley, and Salisbury.



In commemoration of **International Holocaust Remembrance Day**

Join us for a discussion with Margaret McQuillan, educator and author of *An Orange in Winter: the Beginning of the Holocaust as Seen Through the Eyes of a Child*.



Featuring:

Margaret sharing her father's story
Q and A from Newburyport Middle School students
Original poetry from Newburyport High School students.

Thursday, January 25, 6:30 PM

Nock School Auditorium, 70 Low St., Newburyport, MA

Check out the story

at: <http://tinyurl.com/orangeinwinter>

<https://www.ushmm.org/>



The **Town of Newbury** will be holding a meeting, facilitated by Merrimack Valley Planning Commission staff, for our next discussion on our Housing Production Plan (5-year update) on **Mon., 1/29/24, at 6:30pm** in the Newbury Town Library, 0 Lunt St, Byfield.

To check updated info., please go to

<https://www.townofnewbury.org/planning-board/pages/housing-production-plan-update-2023>

or contact Kristen Grubbs, Newbury Assistant Planner., assist.planner@townofnewbury.org

978-465-0862, ext. 336

**TOGETHER
WE CAN!**

Raising Culturally
Competent Anti-Racist
Kids

JOIN US ON ZOOM!

Jan. 31, Feb. 7 & Feb. 21 | 7 - 8:30 PM

Register at
cityofportsmouth.com/library

FACILITATED BY:
Anne Romney

**PPL for
parents**

Wednesday, January 31 | 7:00 PM | A Zoom Program
Raising Culturally Competent, Anti-Racist Kids

Do you want to learn how to identify what, where, and how racism exists in our society? Do you want to know what the best practices and resources are for active, antiracist parenting? As parents and caregivers, we have both the opportunity and responsibility to foster the skills and compassion our children need to thrive in a diverse world. Consider undertaking this racial awareness journey facilitated by Anne Romney.

Registration is required. Each session will be 90 minutes and there will be some reading, viewing, and doing assignments before the first session and in-between. A commitment to all three sessions is requested.

Read more and register [here](#)



February - April | Statewide Tea Talks | Portsmouth, Keene, Nashua
A New Deal for a Great Society

Looking at the social and civic environment in New Hampshire, the 2024 annual **Elinor William Hooker Tea Talks** will explore how two federal programs geared toward building a more just

society -- Franklin D. Roosevelt's "New Deal" and Lyndon B. Johnson's "Great Society" -- played out in New Hampshire.

We will ask what impact these programs had on our state and what happens now when changing demographics meet programs designed during the New Deal and Great Society. February talks will be held in Portsmouth, the March talk in Keene, and the April talk in Nashua.

Feb 4 - **New Deal or Raw Deal: Why It Matters**

Feb 11 - **Home Sick: Attaining the American Dream**

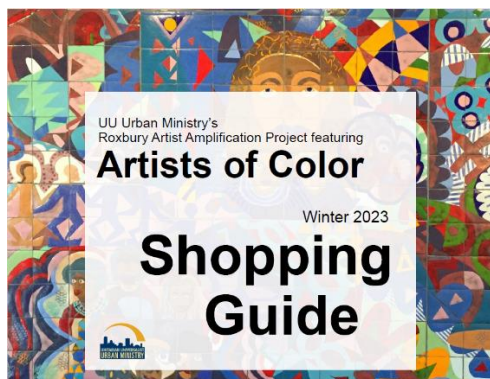
Feb 18 - **A Question of Access and Quality: Health Care in NH**

Feb 25 - **Close to the Edge: Policing and Criminal Justice in NH**

Mar 17 - **Equity and Adequacy: Public Education in NH**

Apr 21 - **Envisioning the Future**

Read more [here](#)



The Latest Artists of Color Holiday Shopping Guide

We are excited to share the latest holiday shopping guide - featuring the works of 15 independent local artists of color.

This artist directory is the fifth edition through the Artist Amplification Project of the UU Urban Ministry. We hope this directory will be a resource for artists and people who would like to support their art practices.

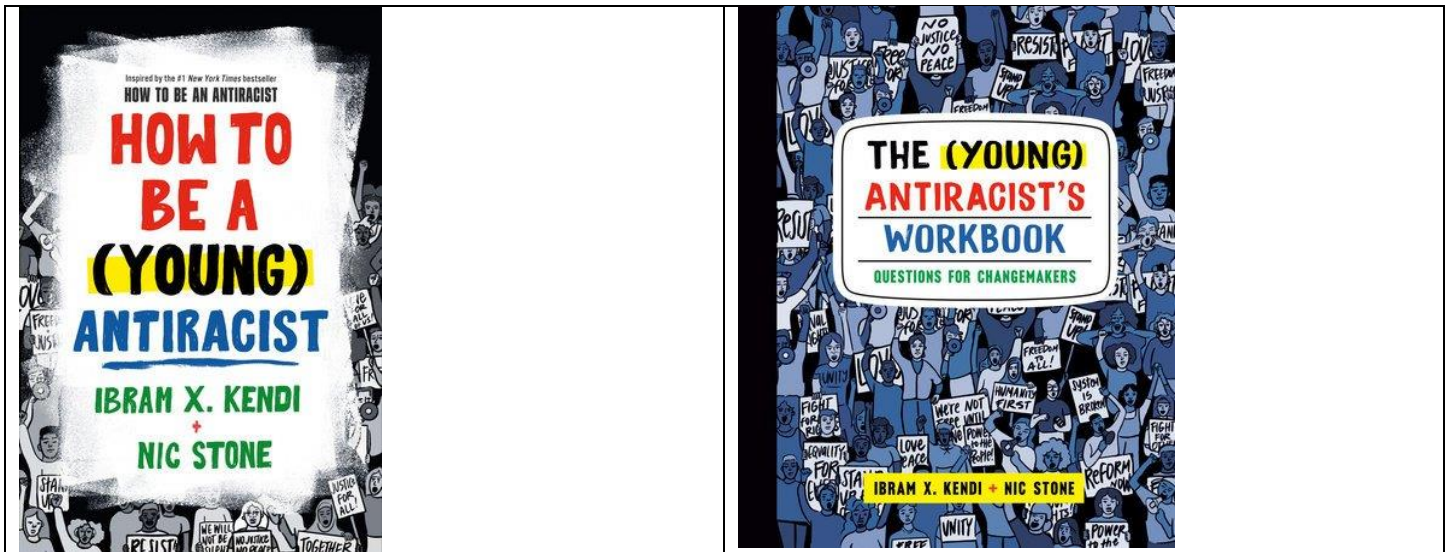
As you finish your holiday shopping [or in the new year] take a look at what these talented local artists have to offer.

I highly recommend exploring this website –



<https://reparations4slavery.com/>

You don't have to be young to benefit from this discussion.



'How to Be a (Young) Antiracist': A conversation with Nic Stone

Join this event with '[How to Be a \(Young\) Antiracist](#)' co-author Nic Stone and Globe moderator Kara Baskin. Kara will also be joined by a young co-moderator to ask Nic about best ways to be a young antiracist.

<https://howtobeayoungantiracist.splashthat.com/>



Another campus; another bloodbath—When do we do something?

December 11, 2023 by Shay

<https://blackgirlinmaine.com/current-events/another-campus-another-bloodbath-when-do-we-do-something/>