



SOUTH COUNTY
SOCIAL JUSTICE COALITION
RHODE ISLAND



Dear Friends,

The South County Social Justice Coalition is open to all faith groups, individuals, and helping organizations who address issues of equity, diversity, cultural responsiveness, access and support at any level in South County.

In a few weeks, our newsletter is moving to a new platform. I will still be the editor, but the newsletter will now be sent from the email address scsjcoalition@gmail.com. Please send Social Justice Events to me at either this address or at joanne@haynesrandj.com by Wednesday each week.

Our website is https://bit.ly/scsjc_website. Please share with others.

Joanne

April 28, 2024 at 2:30 p.m.

Peace Dale Congregational Church

Racial Justice & Equity Workshop

The main focus of this gathering will be a workshop on Racial Justice & Equity led by Rev. Noah Brewin-Wallin.

This workshop will provide opportunity for participants to explore such concepts as microaggression and interpersonal racism, while utilizing personal reflection and group discussion as we learn how to take action against racism in various ministry settings.

REGISTER BY CLICKING HERE: [RI Association Spring Gathering](#)

News from [Empowering the Future: Youth Led Innovation](#) presentation.

Kirsten Sundell and 3 other students, all passionate students from URI about social justice and sustainability, participated in a presentation and discussion on April 23. They shared their passion regarding diminishing the rise of CO2 emissions, recycling and composting. Kirsten told us that the key to change requires effort in 3 areas which she and others are pursuing: education, policy and communication. The head of the Students for Increasing Sustainability responded to a challenge from Don Hermes, Peace Dale Congregational Church Green Team leader, to join the effort to create a Green Amendment for Rhode Island. The passion and professional delivery of their presentation was impressive and gave assurance that our future is in good hands. We pledged to them to help with the communication part by listing pertinent information in our newsletters. Look for more news from the students on this subject in the future.

"Be proactive on gun safety legislation:"

April 27

Narrow River Cleanup, 9 am

Meet at Sprague Bridge, 298 Boston Neck Road, Narragansett

Hosted by ORCA

Sign up [Here](#)

<https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=442436778446172&set=pcb.442436845112832>

April 28 12 to 2 pm

Misquamicut Cleanup

Misquamicut, 89 Atlantic Ave, Westerly, RI

Hosted by ORCA

Sign up [Here](#)

<https://www.facebook.com/photo?fbid=442436771779506&set=pcb.442436845112832>

May 5, 9 am

Great Island Cleanup

Meet on Basin Road, Parking Available on State Street and Great Island Road

Register [Here](#)

Hosted by Ocean Recovery Community Alliance-ORCA

<https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=449782404378276&set=a.254603640562821>

Monday, April 29, 2024, 7 PM on [Zoom](#).

The UUCSC Antiracism Group will host the author Julie Kabat. All are welcome to drop in - [a story that provides a truly unique perspective of the Civil Rights movement of the 1960's while addressing ongoing issues of civil rights and racial inequality facing the nation today.](#)

Scientific and Spiritual Dimensions of Climate Change – an Interfaith Study Course – On-line

The topic of climate change is huge, and most people are overwhelmed by too much information, some of which may not even be accurate. The course aims to provide the necessary knowledge that every citizen of the world needs to build a society in harmony with nature.

The course is freely available on the website of the International Environment Forum: <https://iefworld.org/ssdcc0.html#Introduction>

May 1, 7 pm

North Kingstown Free Library

Environmental Justice is Social Justice

Thursday, May 2nd, at 4pm

Willett Free Library, Saunderstown, RI

Love Letter from Pig: My Brother's Story of Freedom Summer by Julie Kabat
Read more and register here.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeqOOSlonkeEzDbHL8SP2GBsAob-IWHIOpKSmO38Y49HymHYg/viewform>

May 3, 7 pm

First Unitarian Church, Providence

Holly Near performs with Emma's Revolution, Sally Rogers and Claudia Schmidt.

They're amazing performers and long-time peace activists, feminists, storytellers, and songwriters.

Tickets can be purchased online at

<https://emmasrevolution.com/every-day-is-mothers-day>

May 10, 6:30 pm

Peace Dale Congregational Church

Screening of Common Ground

Westerly Anti Racism Coalition (ARC) continues their peaceful protest every Sunday on the steps of the Westerly Post Office in downtown Westerly. 11AM-1PM. Please join us. All are welcome.

Drop In Community Sewing Space in the Oneto Room of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of South County **2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 2:30 –**

7:30 PM. Bring your own project and experienced sewers will help you hem, sew on a button, repair a rip, upcycle a piece of clothing, put the finishing touches on a garment you have started.

[More details.](#)

[Tabitha's Closet](#) – Every Saturday morning from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm, Peace Dale Congregational Church, 261 Columbia St., Peace Dale, RI

Clothing for Spring is now being accepted.

For more information and to volunteer contact Suzanne Faucher, gsfaucher@gmail.com. or Galen McGovern at galenmcgovern1@gmail.com