

YWCA of Lancaster - Racial Justice Initiatives

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Anti-Bias Curriculum

Breaks the cycle of prejudice by teaching children at their most impressionable age the value of celebrating our ethnic and cultural differences.

Customized Trainings

These are available to address racism in our schools, businesses and community organizations.

Racial Justice Institute in June

A 3-day workshop that examines the subtle ways racism permeates our society and provides practical guidance as to what can be done to counteract them. See below for details...

Day of Commitment in November

Groups of three people from diverse backgrounds, who've never met before, commit to getting to know one another over a meal.



The YWCA of Lancaster's commitment to eliminating racism is probably best recognized in its Race Against Racism which began in 1999 and is now the longest running YW event of its kind in the world. The race attracts almost 3,000 runners and walkers each April, and serves as an important fundraiser for the YWCA's racial justice initiatives within our community.

Study Circles

Guided discussion groups that share concerns about issues related to racism and explore ways of making things better. See below for details...

Join us for our Racial Justice Institute in June

This is a highly intense 3-day workshop we've been putting on in June for over 10 years. We use national trainers, the top in their field, to examine the subtle ways racism permeates our society and look at what can be done to counteract them through a series of anti-racism skill building exercises.



There are up to 35 participants.

We encourage businesses, community groups and government agencies to send along teams of two or more people because we find that's the most effective way of changing the way their organizations operate. But many individuals come on their own.

For further information and dates call the YWCA at 393-1735 x 228 or e-mail devans@ywcalancaster.org.

Join one of our Study Circles on racism

We hold Study Circle discussion groups on "Facing Racism in a Diverse Nation" several times during the year.

In a Study Circle, participants try to understand each other's views but they do not have to agree.

The idea is to explore concerns about racism and look for ways to make things better. A trained facilitator helps the group focus on different aspects of the issue and ensures all voices are heard and options explored.



Our Study Circles are made up of 8 to 12 people from different backgrounds and viewpoints who meet 6 times in two-hour sessions.

If you're interested in participating, you can register with the YWCA Racial Justice and Advocacy Coordinator by calling 393-1735 x 269.

For more information about any of these initiatives, please call 717-393-1735 x 228.