

***ongoing learning***

List compiled by YWCA of Greater Portland Social Change Program and Basic Rights Oregon

**Five things you can do for racial justice in Oregon**

* **Invest in learning**. If you don’t identify as a person of color, educate yourself on the varying histories and politics of communities of color. Examine political and interpersonal situations through the lens of interpersonal, cultural and institutional racism.
* **Create space and practices to hold people accountable**. Get comfortable letting those around you know when they’ve stepped over a line, and be receptive when others hold you accountable too. Prioritize impact over intention.
* **Be conscientious about the language you choose**. While there are similarities between racism, homophobia, sexism etc, it’s important to remember that there are differences too.
* **Educate yourself and others on ballot measures and other issues**.
* **Get involved with organizations working for racial justice**. See list on reverse.

**YWCA’s Social Change Program**

**customized workshops**

We provide customized curriculum for your group, on matters of oppression, race, gender, LGBTQ issues, domestic violence and other social justice subject matter. For a full description, see our website at <http://ywcapdx.org/what-we-do/training-for-social-change> or contact Choya Adkison-Stevens at training@ywcapdx.org, 503-294-7480

**advocacy training**

We offer one to two three-hour classes each week. Find our course list online at <https://ywcapdx.org/fresh-yw/upcoming-events/>

**recommended reading**

*Witnessing Whiteness: The Need to Talk About Race and How to Do It* by Shelly Tochluk

Damali Ayo’s innovative and practical advice, [www.fixracism.com](http://www.fixracism.com)

Colorlines blog, <http://colorlines.com/>

Understanding Prejudice website, <http://www.understandingprejudice.org/>

Men Can Stop Rape, <http://www.mencanstoprape.org/>

**recommended films**

Local Color – Oregon’s race history, available on pbs.org

**Race Talks**

A monthly presentation on race related issues, followed by small group discussion. Second Tuesday of every month, 7-9pm, McMenamin’s Kennedy School Gym, free

**Uniting to Understand Racism**

Six-week interracial dialogues; you can join a dialogue series, or bring the program to your work, church or other group. For more information, visit [www.understandracism.org](http://www.understandracism.org)

**Causa**

Oregon’s statewide grassroots immigrant rights coalition. [www.causaoregon.org](http://www.causaoregon.org)

**PCUN**

Organizes farmworkers, nursery and reforestation workers, and is Oregon’s largest Latino organization. [www.pcun.org](http://www.pcun.org)

**Oregon Action**

Takes pride in developing outstanding leaders from communities who are traditionally on the downside of power – people who are low income, women, people of color, immigrants, and those with felony backgrounds – building their skills and ability to strengthen their communities. [www.oregonaction.org](http://www.oregonaction.org)

**Western States Center**

Mission is to build a progressive movement for social, economic, racial and environmental justice in the eight Western states of Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Nevada, Utah and Alaska. [www.westernstatescenter.org](http://www.westernstatescenter.org)

**Center for Intercultural Organizing**

A diverse, grassroots organization working to build a multi-racial, multicultural movement for immigrant and refugee rights. [www.interculturalorganizing.org](http://www.interculturalorganizing.org)

**Partnership for Safety and Justice**

Formerly the Western Prison Project, unites people convicted of crime, survivors of crime, and the families of both to redirect policies away from an over-reliance on incarceration to effective strategies that reduce violence and increase safety. [www.safetyandjustice.org](http://www.safetyandjustice.org)