

Seattle JACL Seeking Community Partners

The Seattle Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League is seeking community partners for a series of workshops on Internalized Racism. In November 2008, we hosted the first of this series focusing on Asian/Pacific Islander Americans (APIAs) to discuss this vast topic. As we have dissected our own knowledge of race and identity, we begin to recognize that now- in times of deportation, racial profiling, ICE raids, and comprehensive immigration reform- it is more important than ever, that we work with the Chicano.a/Latina.o (Chic/Lat) community. In order to effectively work for change, we must start with the way we see ourselves and one another.

On June 27, 2009 we will present a second workshop specifically for the broad APIA and Chic/Lat communities which will discuss ways to identify and resist both internalized racism as we work within and without our respective communities. This event will take place at the Nobi Chan Education Center (South Seattle Community College) from 10:00am—5:00pm. In addition, we will organize the following workshops:

September, 2009 for the Black and APIA community;
January, 2010 for the Native American and APIA community;
April, 2010 for the Mixedrace Community (tentative)

The Chapter has received two grants from the Massena Foundation for this community building. The cost for participants is \$20 to cover costs and to provide scholarships for all who are interested. We see these workshops as opportunities to strengthen and deepen our common work for social justice.

Pervasive negative messages and stereotypes about people of color can destroy self-esteem and our collaborative work if not consciously surfaced and actively combated.

Your organization can support this work by:

- Endorsing a single workshop, adding your organization's name to the list of sponsors publicizing the workshops and give scholarships for 1 participant (\$20).
- Sponsoring a single workshop, doing all of the above plus donating \$60 to defray costs and giving scholarships for 3 participants.
- Co-Sponsoring the workshop series, doing all of the above plus donating \$120 to give scholarships to 6 participants.

As a community partner, we will have table space for literature about your organization and 2-3 minutes at the beginning of the workshop to introduce your organization to the 50 workshop participants.

Please contact Angela Taniguchi, antaniguchi@gmail.com, Seattle JACL Board Member, to add your name to the list of community-based organizations supporting this important work. Thank you!

Sincerely,
JACL Seattle Chapter
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