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Justice Summit 2015

Sunday October 11, 2015 11:30 AM — 6:00 PM Oakton Community College

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What is the Justice Project?

The Justice Project: The March Continues is an initiative of Open Communities, a north suburban housing, economic and social justice service and advocacy organization. Our grass-roots social justice movement inspires the communities in the northern suburbs of Chicago and beyond to be welcoming, inclusive and diverse, and to offer them a framework (developed by over 30 volunteers) for doing so in the form of 19 Principles of the Welcoming Community. The Principles act as a guide by which communities can evaluate themselves in order to become more accessible, safe and engaged. Residents can also act as agents of change by holding their communities accountable.



A special thank you to the Justice Project Committee for making this event possible.

Justice Summit Agenda

11:30am Registration & Lunch (Outside of Rooms P103 & P104)

12:15pm Plenary: What Makes a Healthy Community? (Rooms P103/P104)

- State Representative Robyn Gabel
- Michael Anthony, Chief Diversity Officer, Oakton Community College
- Maria Hadden, Project Manager, The Participatory Budgeting Project

1:45pm Break-out Session #1

The Safe Community: Promoting Respect, Reducing Violence (Room P256)

- Lee Goodman, Founder, Peaceful Communities
- Denyse Stoneback, Founder, People for a Safer Society

Open to All: Housing and Economic Justice (Room C140)

- Neda Brisport, Director of Fair Housing, Open Communities
- Meghan A. VanLeuwen, Farmworker & Landscaper Advocacy Project
- Spencer Cowan, Senior Vice President of Research, Woodstock Institute

Inclusive Schools and Education Equity (Room P238)

- Joaquin Stephenson, Students Organized Against Racism (District 219)
- Dan Lawler and Spiro Bolos, New Trier's Metropolitan Community Project
- Steve Bogira, The Chicago Reader
- Kourtney Cockrell, Student Enrichment Services, Northwestern University

Visioning Together for the Sustainable, Welcoming Community (Room C114)

- Eleanor Revelle, President, Citizens' Greener Evanston
- Sara Schastok, President and CEO, Evanston Community Foundation

Strengthening Communities: Creative Conflict Resolution (Room C133)

- Patrick Keenan-Devlin, Deputy Director, Moran Center for Youth Advocacy
- Maya Diment Lenz, Equal Justice Works Fellow, Moran Center

Supportive Housing in the Welcoming Community (Room P155)

- Jessica Hotaling, Asst Director, Housing Opportunity Development Corp.
- Sue Shimon, Executive Director, New Foundation Center
- **3:00pm** Break-out Session #2 (Same options as break out session 1)

4:00pm Suburban Team Tables (Acorn Room)

Participants will group together by the suburb in which they live (or work)

- 5:00pm Community Reports/Action Plans (Acorn Room)
- **5:20pm** Reception (Art critique lobby)