

YWCA's 4th Annual

"Stand Against Racism"



April 29, 2011



The YWCA's *Stand Against Racism* initiative is a national movement that was initiated by the YWCA in 2008 in order to raise awareness that racism still exists in our communities and that it can no longer be ignored or tolerated. Our objective is to bring individuals, organizations, churches and houses of worship together, who believe like we do, that united we can eliminate racism.

Want to be involved? Here are a few ways that you can participate as well as some activities that the YWCA National Capital Area has planned for the Washington DC area:

Become a Participating Site

Deadline: Friday, April 22

Stand Against Racism Website | Online Sign Up Before April 22nd

We encourage community organizations, schools, churches, etc to join the cause and host their own Stand Against Racism activity. The deadline to sign up on the website is April 22nd. Interested individuals may visit www.standagainstracism.org to sign up and for more information.

Youth Art & Writing Challenge

Deadline: Friday, April 22

**YWCA NCA | email or snail mail
Deadline: April 22nd at 5:00pm**

District youth between the ages of 6 and 21 are invited to submit art and/or writing pieces that focus or reflect on our challenge theme: "Why Are we **STILL** talking about **this?** Working for Racial Justice in 2011." Submission topics should be centered around the five questions outlined in our submission guidelines. Three outstanding pieces will be highlighted during the Stand Against Racism Pep Rally on April 29th. Please see submission guidelines for more details at www.ywcanca.org.

Attend Networking Reception Tuesday, April 5

**YWCA NCA | 2nd Floor
6:00pm - 8:00pm**

April 4, 2011 will mark the 43rd Anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s assassination. In honor of Dr. King's legacy, the YWCA will host a Social Justice Networking Reception on April 5th to bring awareness to organizations that are doing work in the area of racial justice and diversity & inclusion. A selected number of organizations will be invited to table/exhibit and share information with attendees about the work they are doing in the community. There is no cost for organizations to exhibit at this networking event. Come and network with fellow advocates and community leaders in the field of Social Justice!

Attend our Stand Against Racism Pep Rally Friday, April 29

**Location TBD
1:00pm - 2:30pm**

As a way to close out our activities this year, we will host a pep rally on Friday, April 29th at a local DC school. Location to be announced soon. During this rally, we will have entertainment, guest speakers and will highlight and award three outstanding art/writing submissions from our Youth Art & Writing Challenge.



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