



The Town of Wethersfield and Wethersfield Public Schools  
invite you to join the



# Wethersfield Social Justice Coalition

The Social Justice Steering Committee invites you to a series of online, interactive discussions about the Social Justice Coalition (SJC) and topics related to equity, diversity, race and cultural responsiveness. The first meeting is an informational meeting. Those who wish to join the SJC will be asked to attend all the workshops listed along with the commitment of attending at least one meeting each month and the obligation of being an active and long term member of the SJC.

In order to create significant and sustainable change, it is important that the SJC has a collective commitment to learning, sharing perspectives, and working collaboratively to bring forward meaningful change to Wethersfield.

Membership in the Social Justice Coalition is open to Wethersfield residents (including students) and business representatives.

## Social Justice Coalition Members Will Attend All Meetings

### Wethersfield Social Justice Coalition Information Session: How Do I Get Involved? Option 1

Wednesday, 9/30/20 5:30-6:30pm

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

### Wethersfield Social Justice Coalition Information Session: How Do I Get Involved? Option 2

Wednesday, 10/14/20 8:30-9:30am

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For registration questions, please contact  
Jennifer LeBrun at [lebrun@ctserc.org](mailto:lebrun@ctserc.org).

### Setting the Stage: Let's Have a Courageous Conversation

Monday, 10/26/20 5:30-6:30pm

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### Our Town, Our Commitment: Setting Priorities

Monday, 11/30/20 5:30-6:30pm

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### Our Collective Responsibility: Social Justice in Wethersfield

Tuesday, 1/5/20 5:00-6:00

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Press Release

September 11, 2020  
Wethersfield, Connecticut

The Wethersfield Social Justice Steering Committee invites you to a series of online presentations about the Coalition and topics related to equity, diversity, race and cultural responsiveness. The first meeting is an informational meeting and those who wish to join the Social Justice Coalition (SJC) will be asked to attend the other workshops listed along with attending at least one monthly meeting with the commitment of being an active and long term member of the SJC. **The Wethersfield Coalition for Social Justice Steering Committee will hold an initial meeting open to all community members interested in being part of the SJC on Wednesday, September 30, 2020. This meeting will be held virtually from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.**

In order to create significant and sustainable change, it is important that the coalition has a collective commitment to learning, sharing perspectives and working collaboratively to bring forward meaningful change for Wethersfield. Membership in the SJC will consist of diverse representatives who are Wethersfield residents and business representatives. The Coalition hopes to have representatives consisting of community agencies, elected officials, students, parents, town staff, BOE staff, and residents who represent the diverse backgrounds including different religions, experiences, race, ethnicity, age, gender, sexual orientation, role in the community or other status.

The Town of Wethersfield and the Board of Education has engaged in a multi-year partnership with the State Education Resource Center (SERC), the agency that will facilitate the work of the Coalition. In general, the focus of the Coalition will be to engage in professional learning that advances cultural responsiveness and racial equity as leverage points for action driven outcomes through community engagement and support. Coalition members will engage in intentional and actionable professional learning that will guide and support equitable reflection, problem solving and decision-making. (SERC, 2019)

Reports of the activities of the Steering Committee and the Coalition will be provided to the Town by the Town Manager and Board of Education by the Superintendent. For additional information regarding the Wethersfield Coalition for Social Justice, please contact any of the Steering Committee Members:

Name	Role
Kim Bobin	Family and Early Childhood Coordinator WECC Steering Committee
Ingrid Canady, Facilitator	Executive Director, SERC <a href="https://ctserc.org/about/serc/staff/ingrid-canady">https://ctserc.org/about/serc/staff/ingrid-canady</a>
Sally Dastoli	Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction
Doris Duggins	Wethersfield High School Social Studies Teacher Advisor to Brothers and Sisters United (BSU)
Michael Emmett	Superintendent
Gary Evans	Town Manager
Norberto "Junito" Mendez	Detective, Wethersfield Police Department
Iran Nazario	Founder, Peace Center of Connecticut <a href="https://peacecenterofct.org/">https://peacecenterofct.org/</a>
Pam Jones	Grade 1 Teacher Emerson-Williams Elementary School Member of the EW Courageous Conversation Committee
Erica Texeira	Assistant Director of Social and Youth Services

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