

White anti-racist group starting in New Jersey

Next meeting
Tuesday, March 25
7:00 PM - 9:30 PM

The White Anti-racist Community Action Network (WACAN) is starting a group for white people who are concerned about racism, white privilege and white supremacy. The group will meet monthly in the North/Central Jersey area.

Meetings take place at the Plainfield (NJ) Quaker Meetinghouse
225 Watchung Avenue
Corner of Watchung Av. & E. 3rd St.
Plainfield, NJ 07060
(908) 757-5736
For directions, see
www.PlainfieldQuakers.org

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“Whites who are sincere don't accomplish anything by joining Negro organizations and making them integrated. Whites who are sincere should organize among themselves and figure out some strategy to break down the prejudice that exists in white communities. This is where they can function more intelligently and more effectively, in the white community itself, and this has never been done.”

Malcolm X, 1965

And today

White anti-racist groups currently exist in New York City, Boston, Baltimore, New Orleans, Los Angeles, San Francisco and Seattle, plus various college campuses.

Articles, books and websites that discuss the idea of white anti-racism, if not commonly known, are nonetheless widely available. The term “white privilege” has entered the public mainstream. An annual “White Privilege Conference” attracts 1,000 educators and activists. This year it meets in Springfield, MA, in early April. Join with kindred spirits in New Jersey and take part in a growing movement.

For more information, contact Jeff Hitchcock at (908) 241-5439, or jeffhitchcock@euroamerican.org

For information about WACAN, see www.wacan.org. WACAN is a project of the Center for the Study of White American Culture, Inc., a New Jersey nonprofit founded in 1995. For information on the Center, see www.euroamerican.org

Focus of the group

We will address these four topics on an ongoing basis:

Education: What can we learn through reading, videos, and discussion that deepens our knowledge of whiteness?

Personal growth: How can we understand and heal the damage of being implicated in a system of white supremacy?

Community: How do we create a group that shares our values and supports our journey and work to undo white supremacy?

Action: What concrete ways can we, as individuals and a group, work in alliance and solidarity with people of color and join in the empowerment of a local, regional and global movement for racial justice?