

The Civil Rights Roundtable

Each year the *Rhode Island Civil Rights Roundtable* (RICRR) celebrates the birthday and honors the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. with an educational forum on current civil rights issues. The public is welcome to attend!

The *RICRR* was co-founded January 15, 1998 by NCCJ RI (now RICJ) and the NAACP. The *RICRR* is open to any group seeking to further civil rights. More than 40 groups participate in this volunteer organization, administratively organized and sponsored by Rhode Island for Community & Justice.

Our work has helped lead to the passage of laws dealing with hate crimes, traffic stop statistics and racial profiling prevention, and polling access. We conduct Congressional and Gubernatorial forums and other events to educate the public, and we support each other in our important work. Coming up in 2010 will be more *RICRR* forums on topics such as immigration, marriage equality and access to health care.

Please join the Roundtable!

It is open to anyone interested in civil rights issues.

Our meetings are held the last Thursday of each month at 8:30am.

For more information contact 467-1717 x 102 or RICJ@cox.net

Co-Facilitators of the Roundtable are:

Joseph T. Fowlkes, Co-Founder and

Toby Ayers, Ph.D., Executive Director, RICJ



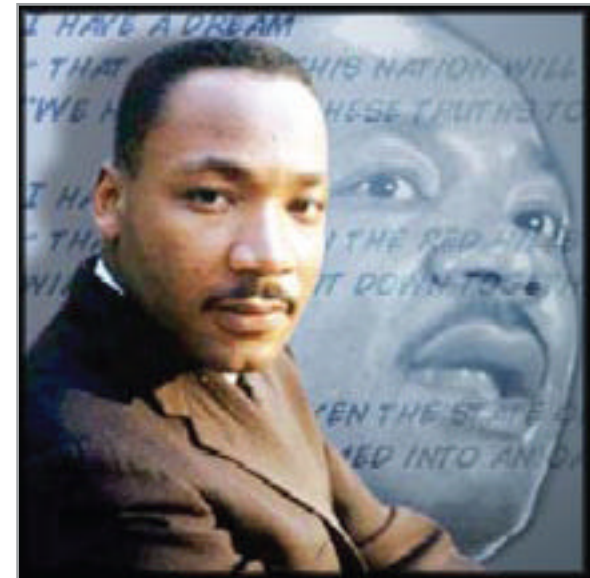
RI Civil Rights Roundtable

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The RHODE ISLAND CIVIL RIGHTS ROUNDTABLE

Celebrates the birthday of



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

and

The 12th Anniversary of the founding of the Roundtable



Paff Auditorium, URI Providence Feinstein Campus

Sunday, January 17, 2010

4:00pm

2010 Program :

Racial and Ethnic Disparities in RI Education

4:00pm **Registration & Socializing**

4:15pm **Welcome from URI**

Dr. Kat Quina, Associate Dean, URI Providence Campus

Welcome from the Civil Rights Roundtable

*Dr. Toby Ayers, RI for Community & Justice
Joseph Fowlkes, Jr., Co-Founder*

Brief Legislative Updates

*The Honorable Anastasia Williams, RI Representative
Chair, Rhode Island Minority Legislative Caucus
Community Advocates including
Kenneth Amoriggi, Esq., RICJ Juvenile Justice Program
Michael DiLauro, Esq., Public Defender's Office
Dr. Jodi Glass, Commission on Prejudice and Bias
Other Community Advocates TBA*

A Day In The Life... A Photo Essay from Youth
Jim Albert, RICJ Youth Action Council

RI Education and Financing

The Honorable David Cicilline, Mayor of Providence

Data Overview on RI Educational Disparities

Elaine Budish, KidsCount RI

Panel on Racial Disparities in RI Schools

*Moderator: Jennifer Wood, Office of the Lt. Governor
David Abbott, Deputy Commissioner, RIDE
Monica Teixeira De Sousa, Southern NE School of Law
Dr. Kenneth Wong, Brown University
Resource: Elaine Budish, KidsCount RI*

Q&A with the Audience: *Astrid Meijer, Facilitator*

Closing

Music by the Prism of Praise Community Gospel Choir

6:30pm **Reception**

Dr. King Birthday Cake, Refreshments & Socializing

Thank You



To our Co-Sponsor and Host

University of Rhode Island, Feinstein Providence Campus

To the Speakers

For sharing their expertise and for their commitment to civil rights

To the Donors of Food & Refreshments



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To the Singers and Musicians

Prism of Praise Community Gospel Choir & Director Michael Evora

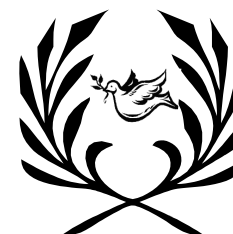
To the MLK Planning Committee

*Astrid Meijer, Chair of the Committee
Toby Ayers, Rhode Island for Community & Justice
Michael Evora, Esq., Rhode Island Commission for Human Rights
Janette Thomas, Providence Human Relations Commission
Liz Tobin Tyler, Roger Williams University School of Law*

THANK YOU

to all the participants in the RI Civil Rights Roundtable for your continued support and efforts on behalf of social justice.

"This is a 5-alarm fire and we should be rushing to the scene... Getting a quality education shouldn't be determined by what zip code you are born in". Angus Davis



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"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience but where he stands at times of challenge." Dr. King