

Organizations Involved in Racial Justice

Local, State and Area Organizations

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| <p>National Association for the Advancement of Colored People-Roanoke Branch NAACP www.facebook.com/RoanokebranchNAACP</p> | <p>The Roanoke Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) works locally to secure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights in order to eliminate race-based discrimination and ensure the health and well-being of all persons. To this end, a primary focus for the Branch is the development of a new generation of civil rights and community leaders. The Roanoke NAACP Youth Council provides the training and skills necessary for leadership and activism, and the Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics (ACT-SO) prepares, recognizes and rewards youth of African descent for exemplification of scholastic and artistic excellence.</p> |
| <p>The Harrison Museum of African American Culture Center in the Square Roanoke, VA 540-857-4395 info@harrisonmuseum.com</p> | <p>The Harrison Museum of African American Cultures Inc. (HMAAC) is a cultural and educational institution committed to advocating, showcasing, preserving, and celebrating the art and history of African Americans for Roanoke Valley citizens and visitors. Our purpose is to cultivate awareness and appreciation of the significant contributions of people of African descent.</p> |
| <p>The Humble Hustle Company https://www.thehumblehustle.org Email: THEHUMBLEHUSTLECO@gmail.com Facebook: THEHUMBLEHUSTLECO</p> | <p>A Roanoke based organization that aims to empower the world to use every given gift to help someone else. The programs, initiatives, and events challenge the status quo and expose the communities to new ways of thinking to foster a culture rooted in humility, family, giving, and love. They provide a variety of services in the community including Humble Hikes to show young adults alternative opportunities while teaching valuable life lessons that they can apply when making positive choices in their daily lives, the PRETTY Humble program to engage young ladies in financial literacy, entrepreneurship, fundraising, girls' empowerment, educational trips, and community service, Winter Coat Give Away, and Back to School Give Back.</p> |
| <p>Legacy International 1020 Legacy Drive Bedford VA 2452 Phone (540) 871-0882 https://www.globalyouthvillage.org/about-our-international-summer-camp/</p> | <p>The Global Youth Village for young people (ages 15-19) in Bedford, Virginia, hosts 60 youths and 25 staff from 15 or more countries each summer. They gather to create a living, working model of the global community. Participants establish deep friendships with people from cultures vastly different from their own. They gain practical skills and knowledge in the areas of leadership, cross-cultural relations, and conflict resolution and discover how they can make a difference both locally and globally.</p> |

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| <p>Dialogue on Race, Montgomery County, VA www.dialogueonrace.info www.facebook.com/DialogueonRace/</p> | <p>The Dialogue on Race’s mission is to create a forum that examines racial issues articulated by the African American community in Montgomery County, VA, and then develops and implements solutions. They have five issue groups: Law Enforcement, Jim Crow and White Privilege, Education, Employment & Income Gap, Limited Presence. The website has summaries of meetings and submits the group has completed on the issue groups</p> |
| <p>Apple Ridge Farm PO Box 13463 Roanoke, VA 24034 info@appleridge.org appleridgefarm.org (540) 982-1322</p> | <p>Apple Ridge Farm transforms the lives of our community’s underserved children and families in Roanoke and New River Valley through engagement in unparalleled educational, cultural and outdoor experiences. Programs also explore environmental sustainability and urban agriculture, leadership and success mentoring, and exposure to outdoor experiences. We believe that academic support and success are essential components in positively building self-esteem in youth. With stronger self-esteem, our children will believe in the possibility that they can reach their dreams. Our passion is to reach out to the youth in our communities, offering them a supportive academic environment while helping to close the achievement gap. Our job is to see them as the amazing seeds of potential that they are and nurture them until they can see that in themselves.</p> |
| <p>The Highlander Center 1959 Highlander Way New Market, TN 37820 865-933-3443 https://www.highlandercenter.org/</p> | <p>Highlander serves as a catalyst for grassroots organizing and movement building in Appalachia and the U.S. South. Through popular education, participatory research, and cultural work, we help to create spaces — at Highlander and in local communities — where people gain knowledge, hope and courage, expanding their ideas of what is possible. Highlander is a place where leaders, networks, and movement strands come together to interact, build friendships, craft joint strategy and develop the tools and mechanisms needed to advance a multi-racial, inter-generational movement for social and economic justice in our region.</p> |

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| <p>Roanoke College Center for Studying Structures of Race https://www.roanoke.edu/az/center_for_studying_structures_of_race</p> | <p>The Center for Studying Structures of Race, based in a renovated slave quarters that adjoins Roanoke College’s campus, invokes the historical significance of the slave quarters as a physical structure, while drawing comparisons to other structures at Roanoke College that are connected to the legacies of slavery and institutional racism.</p> <p>The center emphasizes the necessity of examining forms of structural racism in local, national, and international contexts. As such, the center will form a nationally distinctive and intellectually rigorous venue for teaching, research, and community engagement about structural racism.</p> <p>The Center will expand opportunities for student instruction, open up space for collaborative research projects between faculty and students, and further develop community connections in the Roanoke Valley and the state of Virginia.</p> |
| <p>Virginia Interfaith Power and Light P.O. Box 26059 Richmond, VA 23260 804/220-0078 https://vaipl.org</p> | <p>Virginia Interfaith Power & Light (VAIPL) is the state affiliate of a national organization, Interfaith Power & Light, which is dedicated to bringing together all faith communities to mobilize a religious response to climate change through energy conservation, energy efficiency, and renewable energy.</p> <p>VAIPL is a community responding to climate change by gathering, sharing, and advocating ecological wisdom through interfaith collaboration on behalf of current and future generations. VAIPL strives to empower all faith communities across the Commonwealth of Virginia to achieve sustainable living.</p> |
| <p>Roanoke’s chapter of Virginia Interfaith Power and Light https://vaipl.org/raise/</p> | <p>RAISE is a Roanoke-based chapter of Virginia Interfaith Power and Light, with the mission to create opportunities for local congregations to live out their callings to care for creation and enact environmental justice.</p> <p>Does your faith community need support for creation care and environmental justice? Contact RAISE at roanokeaise@gmail.com</p> |

Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy

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Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy (VICPP) is a non-partisan coalition of 25,000 members, which includes 750 houses of worship, 1,000 clergy of all faiths, and people of goodwill, ten chapters (and growing!), many partner and affiliate organizations, most of the judicatory leaders in the state, and activists in every House and Senate district in Virginia, all working for a more just society. The website has information on racial equity, justice reform, economic justice, health equity, and immigrant justice.

National Organizations

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| <p>National Association for the Advancement of Colored People NAACP www.naacp.org</p> | <p>Founded in 1909 in response to the ongoing violence against Black people around the country, the NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People) is the largest and most pre-eminent civil rights organization in the nation. Our mission is to secure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights in order to eliminate race-based discrimination and ensure the health and well-being of all persons.</p> |
| <p>Southern Christian Leadership Conference SCLC www.nationalsclc.org Email: info@nationalsclc.org</p> | <p>The very beginnings of the SCLC can be traced back to the Montgomery Bus Boycott. The Montgomery Bus Boycott began on December 5, 1955 after Rosa Parks was arrested for refusing to give up her seat to a white man on the bus. The boycott lasted for 381 days and ended on December 21, 1956, with the desegregation of the Montgomery bus system. SCLC is a nationwide organization made up of chapters and affiliates with programs that affect the lives of all Americans: north, south, east and west. Its sphere of influence and interests has become international in scope because of the human rights movement transcends national boundaries</p> |
| <p>Black Lives Matter BLM www.blacklivesmatter.com</p> | <p>Black Lives Matter was founded in 2013 in response to the acquittal of Trayvon Martin's murder in Florida. Black Lives Matter Foundation, Inc. is a global organization in the US, UK and Canada, whose mission is to eradicate white supremacy and build local power to intervene in violence inflicted on Black communities by the state and vigilantes. By combating and countering acts of violence, creating space for Black imagination and innovation, centering Black joy, we are winning immediate improvements in our lives.</p> |
| <p>Equal Justice Initiative EJI www.eji.org contact: us@ej.org</p> | <p>EJI is committed to ending mass incarceration and excessive punishment in the United States, challenging racial and economic injustice, and protecting basic human rights for the most vulnerable people in American society. Founded in 1989 by Bryan Stevenson, a widely acclaimed public interest lawyer and bestselling author of Just Mercy, EJI provides legal representation to people who have been illegally convicted, unfairly sentenced, or abused in jails and prisons. EJI challenges the death penalty and excessive punishment and provides re-entry assistance to formerly incarcerated people.</p> |

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| <p>Southern Poverty Law Center SPLC www.splcenter.org</p> | <p>The SPLC is a catalyst for racial justice in the South and beyond, working in partnership with communities to dismantle white supremacy, strengthen intersectional movements, and advance the human rights of all people. Issues include Hate & Extremism, Children’s Rights, Immigrant Rights, LGBTQ Rights, Economic Justice, Criminal Justice Reform, and Voting Rights.</p> |
| <p>The Living Legacy Project https://www.livinglegacypilgrimage.org/ They can be contacted at: info@livinglegacypilgrimage.org Their webinars and other virtual learning opportunities can be found on their YouTube channel: https://www.youtube.com/c/LivingLegacyProject</p> | <p>The Living Legacy Project grew out of the Reverend Gordon Gibson's and his wife Judy's passion for sharing the Civil Rights Movement story. Recognizing the importance of not only capturing this story, and our Unitarian Universalist role in it, but of understanding what this story teaches us about the continued work that still needs to be done, the late Reverend Hope Johnson, Janice Marie Johnson, and Annette Marquis formed a partnership with Gordon and Judy, to establish the Living Legacy Project. In November of 2013, the founding members, along with singer/songwriter Reggie Harris, formed the Living Legacy Project Board, with a goal of developing long-range sustainability in service of our mission.</p> <p>They offer the Living Legacy Pilgrimage and other experiential learning opportunities to deepen understanding of the Civil Rights Movement by visiting the sites where it happened and talking with the people who lived it.</p> |
| <p>The Who We Are Project https://thewhoweareproject.org/ They also provide a podcast on: https://thewhoweareproject.org/podcast</p> | <p>The Who We Are Project was founded by attorney and racial justice activist Jeffery Robinson. The organization is an outgrowth of a talk that Robinson has been giving for the past 10 years on the history of anti-Black racism and the myth of white supremacy in the United States. The Who We Are Project works to challenge the dominant narrative of our nation’s founding, demonstrating how slavery’s legacy has led to persistent and abiding racial inequality, and promoting education, discourse, and change.</p> |