

TRANSFORM

“THE ARC OF THE MORAL UNIVERSE IS LONG, BUT IT BENDS TOWARD JUSTICE”

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4-Week Anti-Racism Challenge (ARC)

WEEK 4: July 23 - 29, 2021

Thank you for staying with us through this challenge!

Complete at least 3 activities this week. Choose from any of the following. Use the ARC Tracking tool below to monitor your progress.

- ❖ **LEARN:** In the summer of 2020, amid great racial conflict following Breonna Taylor’s killing, Black leaders in Louisville created “A Path Forward,” an extensive, forward-looking document for bringing racial equity to Louisville. This six-week experience will help you engage more deeply – in learning and in action – with the racial equity issues facing Louisville and our nation.

BEGINS 09/07/2021. Offered at no cost. In person, but with a zoom option also available.

<https://www.earthandspiritcenter.org/class/listen-learn-act-finding-a-path-forward-in-west-louisville>

- ❖ **LEARN / SUPPORT:** West End School is a tuition-free, independent boarding school serving boys in pre-K - 8th grade. Their mission is to provide a safe, structured environment in which academic rigor, character development, and responsible action establish the foundation for a purposeful life. Check out ways you can support through a donation or volunteering: <https://westendschool.org/>
- ❖ **LISTEN / READ:** Legal scholar Kimberle Crenshaw, who was among those who developed “Critical Race Theory” in the 1970’s, discusses why it is receiving so much attention now.

“The Predictable Backlash to Critical Race Theory”

<https://www.thenation.com/article/politics/critical-race-kimberle-crenshaw/?fbclid=IwAR3ejMjn5duTelANO1kOID23bcZ6eGp0cHot79hdbwKWowfZvyBCxMAvK6U>

- ❖ **LEARN:** What is all the fuss about the filibuster? Why is this a racism issue? In the United States Senate, a *filibuster* is a tactic employed by opponents (usually the Senate minority) of a proposed law to prevent the measure's final passage by delaying or postponing the vote. This rule permits senators to speak for as long as they wish, and on any topic they choose until there are 60 votes required to end debate.
Why is this a racism issue? The procedural maneuver, long used to block civil rights legislation, is now poised to stop democracy reforms (such as partisan gerrymandering and the Voting Rights Act) supported by broad majorities.
Read more here:
<https://www.brennancenter.org/our-work/research-reports/case-against-filibuster>

- ❖ **SUPPORT:** Sponsor 4 Success “S4S” is a not-for-profit that crowdfunds for students, young adults, seniors and other organizations. It strives to improve the living and economic conditions in poor and under-served communities by sponsoring (i) the children and young adults of financially challenged parents and helping them to defer the cost of educational, athletic and vocational programs, (ii) disadvantaged senior citizens’ cost of minor home repairs, and (iii) the programs of schools, churches, and other nonprofit organizations and more.
Learn more here: <https://www.sponsor4success.com/>

- ❖ **READ:** To Honor the Spirit of Their Ancestors, They Rode 1,100 Miles on the Underground Railroad For these five Black and LatinX riders, the journey from Alabama to D.C. was about legacy.
<https://www.bicycling.com/rides/a36489574/underground-railroad-ride/>

- ❖ **REFLECT / SHARE:** Reflect on one or all of the following: doing this challenge, what you see as your next efforts in anti-racism, and what gives you hope at this point.

- ❖ **LEARN / SUPPORT:** Meet Stachelle Bussey. With a heart for music and an even deeper passion for social justice, Stachelle uses her people-centered mindset in her work at **The Hope Buss**, a Louisville-based nonprofit she founded in 2019. She works to connect people in the community with resources they need, whether it's a ride to the grocery store for someone in a food desert, a hot meal for someone living on the street, a ride to vote, or school supplies for a child whose guardian can't afford them.

To learn more about this creative and wonderful organization, please visit them at <https://www.thehopebuss.org/>

- ❖ **WATCH / LISTEN:** As Lillian Anthony speaks out on “what needs to be done” about racism and poverty then calls for a commitment:
https://www.inforum.com/community/history/6851506-This-woman-appeared-on-a-Fargo-talk-show-in-1969-but-she-sounded-very-2020?fbclid=IwAR3M6gMnRY04FQ6jhZTF26Old5EUb761ymtCz_vws-FcvPN5nlWv6_pYG74
- ❖ **CREATE:** your own anti-racism activity. If you like, please share it with us so we can pass the idea on to others.

Use the link below to copy or download the ARC Tracking Tool:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Ur2ZYTx51MVmZQZN_dUc21wl9xxkwjEy/edit#gid=446847735