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**Newton Community Pride Announces
Black History Month Events**

January 23, 2023/NEWTON, MA – Newton Community Pride (NCP) announces a month-long series of programming to celebrate Black History Month during February. Five events are scheduled throughout the month to celebrate the spirit, history, and culture of black America. All events are free and accessible to all. “On behalf of Newton Community Pride, we are excited to announce programming to bring the culture, arts, music and history of the black experience to Newton,” said Phil Dawes, NCP Board Member. “We are delighted to offer the community several events for both children and adults including film, arts & crafts, an author reading, music and performances and commentary by Reverend Devlin Scott of NewCity Church and noted social justice advocate and Harvard law professor Ron Sullivan Jr.” Dawes added.

NCP will offer in partnership with local businesses and churches in Newton opportunities for residents to explore black art with New Art Center’s Community Cultural Day, Slam Theater and This is America art exhibit at the Nearby Gallery, an exploration of black lives, contributions, and culture with New City Church at the First Unitarian Universalist Church of Newton (FUUSN), author reading and book signing at Newtonville Books and a free showing of the film “Till” at Showcase SuperLux in Chestnut Hill.

“NCP is committed to bringing new city-wide free programming to the city of Newton and grateful through the support of our donors to offer five free and accessible events celebrating Black History Month” stated Gloria Gavris, Chair of the Board of Directors of Newton Community Pride.

Newton Community Pride is a 501c3 nonprofit whose mission is to build community through free and accessible arts and culture programming, public art, beautification, and service projects. For more information, see <https://newtoncommunitypride.org>

February Events for Black History Month. All events are free and accessible to all.

- February 8, 2023, 6:00 PM – Free showing of the film “TILL” with guest speaker Harvard law professor and social justice advocate, Ron Sullivan, Jr. In partnership with Showcase SuperLux Chestnut Hill. Limited seating and registration required <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/free-showing-of-the-movie-till-with-special-guest-attny-ron-sullivan-jr-tickets-518997424267>
- February 11, 2023, 2:00 PM – Author and Guggenheim Fellowship winner Jabari Asim reads “A Child’s Introduction to Jazz” In partnership with Newtonville Books.
- February 12, 2023, 12-4:00 PM – Cultural Community Day, an afternoon drop-in free celebration for children with artmaking, snacks, and the opening of an exhibit created by New Art Center’s Martin

Luther King vacation program students in collaboration with artist Jamaal Eversley. In partnership with New Art Center. Registration suggested: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/black-art-celebration-community-cultural-day-tickets-508034604177>

- February 17, 2023, 7:30 PM – An Evening of Blacknificence, an exploration of black lives, contributions, and culture. Guest speakers Reverend Devlin Scott of the NewCity Church and Reverend Alicia Johnson of the Myrtle First Baptist Church. In partnership with First Universalist Unitarian Church of Newton (FUUSN). Registration suggested: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/an-evening-of-blacknificence-tickets-522205168717>
- February 25, 2023, 6:30 PM – Slam Theater, Poetry and closing reception of This is American by artist Jamaal Eversley. In partnership with Nearby Gallery, Newton Centre.