

TOWARDS A MORE PERFECT
UNION: Next Phase Meeting

Agenda

- Welcome and introductions
- What we have accomplished
- New Identity
- Mission and Vision
- What's next: Calendar for 2018
- How you can help
- Next steps

What we accomplished in 2017

- Identified a growing need within our community
- Enlisted a group of people willing to build our organization
- Developed a curriculum to educate and address the concerns identified
- Secured Political Science Professor Michael Krasner to lead an exciting, informative 6-week civics series, “Toward a More Perfect Union: MAKING YOUR VOICE HEARD
- Held an Advocacy Fair

New Identity

“It’s Who We Are”

(IWWA)

HAS EVOLVED INTO...



www.LetsTalkDemocracy.org

Our Mission

Let's Talk Democracy is a grass roots, non-partisan organization dedicated to educating people about our government, encouraging dialogue about the basic foundations of our democracy, and empowering citizens of Forest Hills, Queens and beyond to make their voices heard.

We provide classes, seminars, and discussion forums in the belief that informed knowledgeable residents emerge energized to actively participate in the democratic process.



Our Vision

Let's Talk Democracy will be a local resource where individuals and grass roots groups can:

- learn about issues affecting their lives and how to engage with government to address them
- forge alliances with partners
- be catalysts for change

What's next...

- Collaboration with CERRU – The Center for Ethnic, Religious and Racial Understanding
- Monthly *Let's Talk* Forums
- A follow-up civic series

2018 Calendar: Queens

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
Thursday, January 25, 2018 6-7:30pm	Next Phase Meeting: Update on Let's Talk Democracy, Sheldon Teicher, Moderator	Forest Hills Library, 2 nd Floor
Thursday, February 15, 2019 6-7:30pm	Let's Talk Forum: Discussion of the book "Daring Democracy" written by Frances Moore Lappé , Adam Eichen .	Forest Hills Library, 2 nd Floor
Wednesday March 28	Let's Talk Forum: Professor Krasner Encore – A talk about national events that have arisen in last few months + open discussion on how people have become engaged in our democracy since the last class.	Forest Hills Library, 2 nd Floor
Thursday, April 2018 6-7:30pm DATE: TBD	Let's Talk Forum: Frances Moore Lappe and Adam Eichen, authors of "Daring Democracy," lead a discussion about their book how we can "create solutions together."	Forest Hills Library, 2 nd Floor
Thursday, May 2018 6-7:30pm DATE: TBD	Let's Talk Forum: Panel discussion on the situation of the subways with New York Times reporters and representatives from the Riders Alliance.	Forest Hills Library, 2 nd Floor
Thursday, June 6, 2018 6-7:30pm	Let's Talk Forum: PENDING - Public Advocate Tish James leads a discussion on New York City politics and how to get involved.	Forest Hills Library, 2 nd Floor
Thursday, September 6, 2018 6-7:30	Let's Talk Forum: Presentation and discussion of issues and candidates in anticipation of the primary.	Forest Hills Library, 2 nd Floor
October - November	Let's Talk Democracy 7-Wk Workshop Series: <i>Encouraging Dialogue Across Differences</i> . Understanding immigration, criminal justice, voting rights, and progress made. In conjunction with CERRU. Ends with Advocacy Fair.	Forest Hills Library, 2 nd Floor

2018 Calendar: Manhattan

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
Wednesdays, March 14 – May 9, 2018	Let's Talk Democracy 6-Wk Workshop Series: <i>Structure of Federal, NY State and City Government and Citizenship</i> , covering a variety of civics topics.	Harlem/East Harlem (TBD)
Wednesdays, Sep 13 – Nov 8, 2018	Let's Talk Democracy 6-Wk Workshop Series: <i>Structure of Federal, NY State and City Government and Citizenship</i> , covering a variety of civics topics.	Tompkins Square Library – Lower East Side

How you can help

1. Volunteers are needed to help with:

- Fundraising
- Marketing / Promotion / Social Media
- Community Outreach
- Event Coordination

2. Donations

- Contributions will help fund our activities and keep events FREE

3. Spread the word!

- Tell family and friends...forward our emails

Open Discussion

- Q & A
- Discussion: Impact of the workshop
 - Better understanding of political happenings?
 - Any differences in your communication with others on political topics?
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Next Steps

1. Sign up to our mailing list to receive invitations and announcements
2. RSVP for February **Let's Talk Forum** with Professor Krasner
3. Make a donation at the front table

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