

# NEWSLETTER

*Fairfield Equity Coalition's Weekly Newsletter*



*Fairfield Equity Coalition is a youth-led organization taking local action to reimagine Fairfield's definition of what constitutes a comprehensive education. Our goal is to push for equitable policy and curriculum changes within Fairfield Public Schools while raising awareness on injustices against marginalized populations within our community.*

Welcome to our **forty-sixth** newsletter! As a community newsletter, we encourage our readership to reach out with suggested items. Thank you for your continued interest in our coalition!

## COALITION UPDATE

We would like to congratulate everyone for making it to another academic and professional year - we know this year wasn't easy. Good luck with all of your endeavors this year; we hope all of your initiatives and new activities continue to support equity and bring forth new voices. It's important to remember that all of us can make a difference in our community this coming season, and though we are all-powerful individuals, we're better when we work together.

With this in mind, we would like to remind you of all the exciting new things that the FEC has in store for this coming year, and encourage you to get involved. Our coalition was founded originally with the goal of making Public Schools in Fairfield more equitable, and this goal is more critical every day as the school year starts and the many issues still existing in our school district again rear their ugly head.

The Coalition offers countless ways to not only get involved in helping to support our goals of equity but also ways to learn and get to know members of our own community better. We continue to work with influential decision-makers to further our goals, but it is critical that we have a strong collection of voices and support to make sure our influence doesn't diminish.

We hope you are still as invested in promoting Equity as we are, and continue to get involved. Remember that your voice makes a difference this year, and it's your choice on how to use it.

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### LOCAL HAPPENINGS

- **Saturday, September 11th 7:45, Cobble Hill Park NYC.** NYC for Abortion Rights is organizing a counterprotest against the Archdiocese's Witness for Life event, a protest with the goal of restricting abortion access for women in New York. Details [here](#).
- **Tuesday, September 7th, 12-4 PM online.** Sustainable CT is hosting a virtual equity training session online, teaching about racial equity, diversity, and inclusion as a general topic. Registration required, details [here](#).

### ACTION ITEM *a way to make a difference today*

Equity CT recently hosted what we all hope will become their annual Youth Equity Symposium, a weekend-long event dedicated to organizers and individuals currently working on any equity-based, organized effort. The goal of the event is to educate organizers on how to further their work and strengthen their organizations. The symposium was recorded, and copies of the recordings are up on EquityCT's website, available to view [here](#). We highly recommend taking a look, as the event was very informative

### THIS WEEK WE'RE...

*Reading about Governor [Ned Lamont's new appointee to the Connecticut Social Equity council](#).* Ginne-Rae Clay will be the interim director of the council, created this summer to make sure the new legalization of cannabis in Connecticut is equitable for all communities. The policing and enforcement of cannabis laws have targeted minority communities and have been disproportionately levied on people of color. The new council hopes to make sure that licenses to manufacture and sell cannabis are distributed evenly and with this history in mind.

Ginne-Rae Clay has over 30 years of experience when it comes to community organization and action, including time as a college professor, and her current role as president of the Greater Waterbury NAACP. We hope that this council will continue to work towards equity in this role-out and serve as a reminder of how pervasive racist acts can be in our society as a whole, creating collateral damage many of us may never even consider.

### GET INVOLVED

We are always seeking new members and leaders! If you are a current student or alumni of FPS and are interested in further involvement, please [fill out this survey](#). If you are a teacher, administrator, parent, or Fairfield resident, please email us at [fairfeldequitycoalition@gmail.com](mailto:fairfeldequitycoalition@gmail.com) to get involved.

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**Calling to all high school  
students, parents, and  
educators!**

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Join FEC in our goal to achieve  
educational equity for all!  
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