



SNOHOMISH COUNTY HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

Invites you to join us in celebrating

Our 3rd Annual

The World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development

Sunday, May 20th, 2018

1:00pm – 3:00pm

Light appetizers and beverages will be provided.

Edmonds Senior Center - 220 Railroad Avenue Edmonds, Washington 98020

Snohomish County Human Rights Commission is committed to the full implementation of the human rights and fundamental freedoms proclaimed in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the Universal Declaration on Cultural Diversity, which works towards the prospect of a more open, creative and democratic world.

To that end, we invite our communities to engage in learning more about other cultures through public speakers and opportunity to connect with others through conversation, in support of World Day on Cultural Diversity.

The UNESCO **Universal Declaration on Cultural Diversity** was adopted in 2001 affirming the conviction that intercultural dialogue is the best guarantee of peace and to reject outright the theory of the inevitable clash of cultures and civilizations. The Declaration aims both to preserve cultural diversity as a living, and thus renewable treasure, that must not be perceived as being unchanging heritage but as

a process guaranteeing the survival of humanity; and to prevent segregation which, in the name of cultural differences, would sanctify those differences and so counter the message of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Snohomish County's diversity is simply explained here, but in reality, there are more cultures than are tracked by the government. **14.5% of us are born in other countries; almost 30% of us are people of color: 10.2 are Asian; 9.7 are Hispanic or Latino, 4.4 are two of more races; 3.1 are African Americans; 2.1 are Native Americans or Pacific islanders.** The City of Lynnwood has become a city in which the majority of residents are people of color.

For more information, please join us on May 20th, or look up the links below:

1. UNESCO Declaration of 21 October, 2005
 - a. <http://www.unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0014/001429/142919e.pdf>
2. World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development
<http://www.un.org/en/events/culturaldiversityday/background.shtml>

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