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BOSTON CITY COUNCILOR AT LARGE

INVITES YOU TO JOIN US

SATURDAY APRIL 26, 2014

CABRAL CENTER AT NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY
BOSTON’S SECOND ANNUAL

RAISE YOUR VOICE

DAY OF EMPOWERMENT
FOR SURVIVORS OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE AND OUR ALLIES

Last year over 100 Boston residents turned out to celebrate survivors, learn intervention and prevention strategies, and work together to ensure that our city is safe for everyone and that no one has to remain silent about sexual violence. This year we’re offering more workshops and expanding focus to include issues specific to men, LGBTQ survivors, high school and middle school aged students, and service providers.

REGISTRATION BEGINS @ 9AM. SUMMIT FROM 9:30AM-12:30PM

JOIN COUNCILOR PRESSLEY AND PARTNERS FROM

Northeastern University
barcc
StartStrong
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hollaback! boston
CASA
Boston Police
Girls’ LEAP
HELIX

THIS SUMMIT IS FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

Register by April 23rd. Email raiseyourvoiceboston@gmail.com for registration materials.
For more information contact Councilor Pressley’s Office at 617-635-4217
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IN ADDITION TO A WELCOME BREAKFAST AND KEYNOTE PROVIDED BY COUNCILOR
AYANNA PRESSLEY, SUMMIT PARTICIPANTS CAN CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING WORKSHOPS:

A. Survivor Speakers: The BARCC Survivor Speakers Bureau is a volunteer group of survivors (or families/friends of survivors) who speak to many audiences. The mission of the Survivor Speakers Bureau is to challenge beliefs about how sexual assault and abuse happen, provide hope for recovery from sexual assault and abuse, advice others on helpful responses to disclosures of sexual violence, and create an opportunity to ask questions about sexual violence. No participant restrictions apply.

B. Personal Safety and Rape Aggression Defense System Teaser: This is a 2-part workshop. The first part, 'Reducing Your Odds, Streets Smarts Seminar' will focus on awareness tips for greater safety at home, work, and in public. Participants will learn how an assailant chooses a victim and when and where an attack is likely to occur in order to gain a sense of their own abilities and understand the options available to them in case of an assault, including how to use their voice as an effective weapon. The second part will provide a history and overview of the R.A.D. program. Participants will also be able to sign-up for upcoming R.A.D. classes in Boston. Participants must be 16 yrs or older.

C. Domestic Violence Overview: This workshop will focus on the dynamics of domestic or intimate partner violence, including forms of abuse, the cycle of violence, obstacles to leaving, and ways to access services for survivors. Participants will learn how to identify signs of a domestic violence relationship and become better equipped to provide appropriate resources and referrals to clients in domestic violence situations. It is an interactive workshop where participants will engage in activities and a group discussion. No participant restrictions apply.

D. Hook-up Culture: Defining Boundaries and Increasing Safety: This workshop is for members of LGB/T communities and allies to talk about the dynamics of hooking up. The workshop will facilitate activities about the ways that communities define hooking up and ways of recognizing your boundaries during hook-ups. In addition, the workshop will talk about tools for increasing safety and access to support if a hook-up felt unsafe. Participants must be 18 yrs or older.

E. Self Defense Mother-Daughter Workshop: Participants will learn introductory physical self-defense techniques including body awareness skills and how to escape from a basic grab. We will also be doing an activity around boundary-setting. The workshop is for girl identified participants ages 8-18 years, and their mothers or woman identified mentors and is an opportunity to connect across generations of women. It is recommended that there is 1 woman identified adult to 1-3 girls if possible.

F. Hollaback! 101: Hollaback! Boston will start from scratch: defining street harassment, examining what it looks like, discussing why it is problematic and establishing the regularity with which it occurs. We'll talk about the Hollaback! movement, the importance of sharing stories, our work in Boston, the ways in which women, people of color and LGB/T folks might experience harassment differently, and will provide opportunity to share and think through experiences of street harassment. Attendees will leave with resources and next steps to learn more and change the way we interact with strangers in public. No participant restrictions apply.

G. MPs: Male Bystanders Changing the Culture of Violence: This interactive awareness raising training provides attendees with an understanding of healthy relationships and strategies for confronting abusive behavior. The goals of the training are to raise awareness and help male participants understand the issues of gender violence that they and their peers face in our culture; challenge thinking and counter mainstream messages that male participants receive about gender violence; and inspire leadership to empower men with concrete options to confront and interrupt situations of gender violence. Participants must be 16 yrs or older and man identified.

H. Understanding Commercial Sexual Exploitation: This workshop will begin with a discussion of the Myths and Facts of the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of children, which will focus on getting girls/young women to talk about what they know about the sex industry. Participants will then learn to recognize predators and recruitment tactics in order to help keep themselves safe and will discuss local resources available for survivors. Participants must be 12-18 years old and girl/woman identified.

I. The Halls: Challenging Unhealthy Masculinity: “The Halls,” an eight episode web-based series created by Start Strong at the Boston Public Health Commission, tells the stories of three young men in Boston, and their struggles sitting through relationships, trauma, masculinity, and their own identities. Tension starts building in their worlds when rumors swirl around the school about an accused rape of a student. This workshop will invite participants to view episodes of The Halls, using the series as a jumping off place for discussing media, gender roles, healthy relationships, and joining our movement to end gendered violence. Participants must be 14-18 yrs.
REGISTRATION FORM

PLEASE FILL OUT ALL CONTACT/DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION BELOW AND INDICATE WHICH ACTIVITIES YOU PLAN TO PARTICIPATE IN. BE ADVISED: SOME WORKSHOPS HAVE AGE/GENDER IDENTITY RESTRICTIONS

First Name: ______________________       Last Name: ______________________

Phone Number: ______________________       Email Address: ______________________

Physical Address: __________________________________________________________________  Street       Neighborhood

Gender Identity: ______________________       Age:  8-13 yrs_______       14-17 yrs_______

                                   18-22 yrs_______       23-30 yrs_______

                                   31-50 yrs_______       51-70 yrs_______

                                   70+ yrs_______

How did you hear about Raise Your Voice: _________________________________

Affiliation (School/Professional): _________________________________

I WILL ATTEND:

____  9:30AM Welcome Session with
     Keynote by Councilor Ayanna Pressley

____  10AM-12PM Workshop Session

      _____ Letter corresponding to Workshop I will attend
          (A,B, C, D, E, F, G, H, or I)

____  12PM Closing Session

Register by April 23rd. Workshop space is limited. Email enclosed registration details to: raiseyourvoiceboston@gmail.com