

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Bias and Racism Workshop hosted by Indivisible Ferndale, Saturday, May 18

Ferndale, CA, May 2 - Indivisible Ferndale (IF) is pleased to announce that we are hosting an all day workshop on implicit bias and the four dimensions of racism on Saturday, May 18 at the Community Center.

The all day workshop, with interactive learning sessions, will be led by Meridith Oram, Community Development Specialist at HSU and Cori Jara, Family Strengthening Program Coordinator at McKinleyville Family Resource Center. Meridith lives in Ferndale and is a member of IF. The workshop starts at 9 AM.

The workshop experience will provide information on the dimensions of racism which include internalized, interpersonal, institutional and systemic racism. The concept of implicit bias will be explored, and participants will learn skills to actively work against racism. There will be large group presentations, and discussions in pairs and small groups.

"During educational sessions," Meridith says, "many folks like an opportunity to think about what they have experienced or learned about bias, race, and racism. Workshop participants comment they are grateful to be working toward using a shared language that helps normalize conversations about bias, race, and racism." She goes on to say, "Our goals, and the goals of people who participate, include improving fairness in housing, and better outcomes in health, education, and employment for all members of our community. This workshop offers definitions of bias and racism that challenge our usual perceptions, and it offers strategies to help dismantle systems of oppression."

The IF sponsored workshop, open to 50 people, is free to participants and made possible in part by a grant from the McLean Foundation. Call Jackie Cory at 786-4619 for more information or to register, or email jackiecory49@gmail.com by May 12.

Indivisible Ferndale began in 2017 as a member of the larger Indivisible community with a goal to model the values of inclusion, respect and fairness. IF is a 501(c)(4) organization.

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