

The Edwardsville Round Table for Equality and Race Relations extends an invitation to all residents and interested parties of the City of Edwardsville to participate in Public Listening Meetings.

Seeking ideas for action to establish a better climate for our city and for race relations.

First Listening Meeting: Wednesday July 1, 2020, 6:30 p.m. at the Wildey Theater, 252 North Main Street, Edwardsville.

Second Listening Meeting: Wednesday July 8, 2020, 6:30 p.m. Location to be decided.

Third Listening Meeting: Tuesday July 21 2020, 4:00 p.m. Location to be decided.

We are looking to hear your experience(s) with racism to help us understand where inequity and racism are happening in government, business, school and public spaces. We would like to hear your stories about all levels of and types of inequality, prejudice and racism. No experience "too small" and no experience too large. We additionally are wishing to hear from anyone who has specific ideas on ways to address and reduce racism in our City.

Because of the need for social distancing our first meeting we will be at the Wildey Theater which will allow up to 50 people to participate with enough room for social distancing. There will be no strict limits on speaking time as we want to make sure that each individual is able to fully share their experiences and recommendations. We do ask that each speaker be aware of how many others may also be wanting to speak. The information shared and any discussion during these Public Listening Meetings will be audio recorded and will be used, along with the information which we are collecting from the Race Relations and Equality Survey, to develop recommendations which will be shared with the Edwardsville Aldermen and other city leaders and groups.

Please consider attending and participating in at least one of our Public Listening Meetings.

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