JUSTICE FOR WOMEN
Events held since 2011

2011
LATINAS CONNECTED FOR CHANGE CONFERENCES

Justice for Women: Latinas Connected for Change! Ten years of Justice Circles in 45 cities throughout Washington State led the Intercommunity Peace & Justice Center to organize Latinas Connected for Change, two conferences in Spanish:

March 5 – Sunnyside
Central Washington Conference
Sponsored by IPJC and Nuestra Casa

Sessions:
- Descubriendo nuestro poder como mujeres para el cambio social (Discovering our power as women for social change), facilitated by Jacque Larainzar
- Organizándonos para el cambio (Organizing for Change), facilitated by Guadalupe Guajardo, SNJM

November 5 – Seattle
Western Washington Conference
Sponsored by IPJC, the City of Seattle, the Seattle Center and The Children’s Museum.

Sessions:
- Descubriendo el misterio de nuestro poder interior (Discovering the mystery of our inner power), facilitated by Leticia Nieto
- Materializando nuestro poder como mujeres para el cambio (Materializing our power as women for change), facilitated by Jacque Larainzar

2012
INTERACTIVE WORKSHOP SERIES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF WOMEN LEADERS

Sponsored and organized by IRJC. This series was composed of five workshops in Spanish, three held in Western Washington and two in Central Washington. The series responded to the need of Spanish-language training of those who attended Latinas Connected for Change:

September 8 – Seattle
El Corazón de la Curandera: Explora tus Habilidades Curativas para la Liberación
The Heart of the Healer: Exploring your Healing Skills for Liberation
Facilitated by Jacque Larainzar

October 13 – Seattle
Mi Voz Merece ser Escuchada: Generando Conciencia Cívica y Participación Social
My Voice Deserves to be Heard: Generating Civic Engagement and Social Participation
Facilitated by Paulina López

November 10 – Seattle
Cómo Encontrar mi Luz Interior e Irradiar mi Esencia en Comunidad
How to Find My Inner Light and Radiate My Essence in Community
Facilitated by Giselle Cárcamo
2013

February 23 – Sunnyside
Mujeres Sin Fronteras: Construyendo Sueños y Futuros
Women without Borders Building Dreams and Futures
Facilitated by Laura Contreras, Directing Attorney of Northwest Immigration Rights Project (NWIRP) Granger

March 9 – Sunnyside
Sembrando y Cosechando Bienestar: Cómo Construir Relaciones Afectivas Saludables
Sowing & Harvesting Wellbeing; How to Build Healthy Affective Relationships
Facilitated by Michele Besso, Northwest Justice Project; Leticia García, Jovita Ayala and Rosalinda Álvarez, Lower Valley Crisis Clinic & Support Services

2014

March 21st – Seattle
Uniting Latino Leaders for Social Change! Conference

A statewide conference for organizations that serve or are connected to the Latino community. Designed with the input of over 60 organizations serving Latino communities across Washington State. Organized by IPJC in partnership with the UW Foster School of Business to discuss salient issues impacting the Latino community; network to strengthen collaboration and community engagement; and develop coordinated action plans to address social justice issues.

- Video presentations by: Verónica Quintero (young leader from Mattawa), Phyllis Gutiérrez-Kenney (former WA State representative) and Jorge Baron (NWIRP Executive Director)
- Keynote address by Justice Steven González

Three breakout Sessions:
- In & With the Community, facilitated by Rebecca Saldaña
- Advocacy & Community Mobilization, facilitated by Elsa Batres-Boni
- Empowering the Next Generation & Emerging Latino Leaders, facilitated by Jacque Larainzar

2015

March 23 – Seattle
Diálogo por la Paz y Desarrollo Sostenible
Dialogue for Peace & Sustainable Development

Comunidad la Paz y el Desarrollo Sostenible

Facilitated by José Inocencio “Chencho” Alas, former priest from El Salvador

COMMUNITY DIALOGUES

DIÁLOGO COMUNITARIO

IPJC, in collaboration with the Washington Latino Equity Network, organized Community Dialogues in five Washington State counties to create a safe space for dialogue. The wisdom of the community was used to name the issues that affect them, engage in decision making processes and brainstorm next steps for social change. Several of the ideas raised by community members prompted additional presentations and organizing efforts described below.

October 24 – Tacoma
Pierce County Community Dialogue

November 7 – Tukwila
King County Community Dialogue

November 18 – Everett
Snohomish County Community Dialogue

November 25 – Olympia
Thurston County Community Dialogue

January 8, 2016 – Sunnyside
Yakima County Community Dialogue
Legislative Community Forum

Organized by Washington State Family & Community Engagement Trust, Familias Unidas, and the Intercommunity Peace & Justice Center to respond to the community dialogue that was held in Snohomish County.

A dialogue with representatives from Washington’s 21st Legislative District: Marko Liias, State Senator, Lilian Ortiz-Self and Strom Peterson, State Representatives.

October 29 – Seattle
Hacia una Vivienda Digna & Saludable

Towards a Dignified and Healthy House, an interactive Spanish workshop was directed at immigrant Latino families. The idea arose from the Community Dialogues series. IPJC partnered with tenant rights counselors and King County Public Health community health workers to facilitate it. Topics discussed were: what are tenant rights and responsibilities; what constitutes a healthy home (free of mold, hazardous chemicals, dust mites, etc.); and the benefits of green cleaning and how to advocate for better living conditions.

Presentations:
- Derechos y responsabilidades como inquilinos (Rights and Responsibilities as Tenants) facilitated by José Carracho, Tenants’ rights specialist
- Los siete pasos para una vivienda saludable (The Seven Steps to a Healthy Home) facilitated by Maria Rodriguez and Michelle Di Misco, King County Community Health Workers

2016

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS WORKSHOPS

¡Conoce Tus Derechos!

One common theme that emerged from the Community Dialogues was immigration education. The Intercommunity Peace & Justice Center, with the help of two community leaders (Jacque Larrainzar and Paulina López), organized Know Your Rights interactive workshops named Conoce Tus Derechos to address fear of deportation, provide skills for navigating ICE encounters and raids, and encourage long range planning for care of families and communities.

January 30 – South Park Resource & Information Center, Seattle
Conoce tus Derechos

Presentations:
- Del Miedo al Poder (From Fear to Power) by Jacque Larrainzar
- Conozca sus Derechos (Know your Rights) by immigration lawyer Sandy Restrepo
- Proteja a sus Familia (Protect your Family) by family law attorney Norma Linda Ureña
- Comencemos a preparar nuestro plan familiar (Let’s Start Preparing our Family Plan) by Paulina Lopez

March 4 – Granger
Sowing & Harvesting Wellbeing Forum

IPJC collaborated with farmworker attorneys, therapists, government offices and advocates for sexual assault survivors to organize Semblando y Cosechando Bienestar, a Spanish-speaking forum for immigrant farmworker women and community leaders who reside in the lower Yakima Valley region.

IPJC partnered with Northwest Justice Project in Yakima and Radio KDNA in Granger. Speakers from seven organizations including Comprehensive Healthcare (Yakima), Lower Valley Crisis and Support Services (Sunnyside), Northwest Justice Project (Yakima), Northwest Immigrant Rights Project (Granger), Washington Human Rights Commission, The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and Seattle Financial Project were invited to discuss the issue.

March 19, 2017 – St. Mary’s Church, Seattle
Conoce tus Derechos

Presentations:
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- Conozca sus Derechos (Know your Rights) by immigration lawyer Sandy Restrepo
- Proteja a sus Familia (Protect your Family) by family law attorney Norma Linda Ureña
IPJC, in partnership with Everett Community College, organized an event in which immigration attorneys from Colectiva Legal del Pueblo and NWIRP completed and filed applications to renew DACA permits that expired between September 5, 2017 and March 5, 2018. At the Q&A, leaders from Colectiva, the WA Dream Coalition and attorneys gave updates and resources so the community could make educated choices.

2018 – 2019

June 2 – Seattle
December 1 – Lynnwood
June 29, 2019 – Belfair

Protege a tu Familia

IPJC and Ureña Law Office organized Protege a tu Familia to respond to a specific community need: to delve into the topic of family preparedness so Latino families learn to prepare emergency plans that will allow them to protect their minor children in case of an emergency, detention and/or deportation.

The workshop was two-fold: an interactive workshop in Spanish with presentations by attorneys Sandy Restrepo (immigration attorney from Colectiva Legal del Pueblo) and Norma Linda Ureña (family law attorney from Ureña Law Office) and a free Family Law Legal Clinic for individual consultations in Spanish.

Leadership Development Cohorts were created by IRUC in the summer of 2015. They advance Latina leadership in civic engagement and public action by fostering leaders to serve as facilitators between the grassroots communities and groups of influence.

The Leadership Development Cohort training sessions and processes are proving to be strong community builders, strengthening the participants’ influence in the public arena and cultivating sustainable community leaders.

Cohorts took place in five Washington State counties:

Fall 2015 – Connell
Franklin County Leadership Development Cohort

Summer 2016 – Cashmere
Chelan County Leadership Development Cohort

Fall 2016 – Sunnyside
Yakima County Leadership Development Cohort

Winter 2017 – Bothell
King County Leadership Development Cohort

Fall 2017 – Mattawa
Grant County Leadership Development Cohort