



Diversity & Inclusion Committee Update for February 2020 WC Newsletter

It was wonderful seeing some of you at our recent second Annual MLK Jr. Day 2020 community celebration. It was a very special day that got us all together. We are grateful to all our attendees, volunteers- youth and adults, community partners Central MA Connections in Faith, Westborough Interfaith Clergy, Westborough Public Schools and our sponsors for making this event a success! As an effort to make our programs accessible to all, we provided language interpretation services at our event. We were amazed by the diverse volunteer participation this year and truly appreciate all your time and dedication to this work. We had a Grounded Visioning session for D&I committee, dt. October 29, 2019 led by Chrisitne Guthery, Founder of SPARK Kindness. We have shared the report for the same with our Board and will soon share the same with our D&I members. Please let feel free to reach out to us if you have any questions or if you need further information. We also wanted to share that Suzanne Kenny our Westborough Connects Diversity and Inclusion Committee Co-Chair has resigned. As some of you may know, Suzanne was the interim co-chair. We are very grateful to her for all her help and time ever since the early years of Westborough Connects. As a part of our efforts to make our programs accessible to all, we are happy to share that we have been working towards providing much needed additional support for childcare, interpretation and translation services, and transportation at our events with help from our wonderful community partners. We are grateful to Westborough Youth and Family services, Westborough Public Schools and Westborough Council on Aging for their support and help. We welcome new members and embrace all forms of Diversity. Our Diversity is our Strength. If you have any questions about this committee or our work at Westborough Connects and/ or wish to be added on to the mailing list of Diversity and Inclusion Committee, please e-mail us at westboroughconnects@gmail.com or email Heena Surawala-heena.ankurs@gmail.com

Thank you,

Your Diversity and Inclusion Committee Co-Chairs,

Heena Surawala and Kate Storm