

## Needham Diversity Initiative Events

### 2011

Martin Luther King Day – January 2011  
(Organized by an MLK Committee)

### 2012

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1<sup>st</sup> Annual Needham Diversity Summit (NDS 1.0) October 13, 2012  
(Organized by the team that grew out of *30 Actions*)

### 2013

2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Needham Diversity Summit (NDS 2.0) October 19, 2013

### 2014

3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Needham Diversity Summit (NDS 3.0) October 18, 2014  
“Join the Conversation”  
Video by Amara and Nathan: “I am Needham”

### 2015

Martin Luther King Day – January 19, 2015

*Waking Up White* by Debby Irving March 26, 2015

*The Forgotten Four* – April 8, 2015

*Janice Allen – Storyteller* – May 17, 2015

4<sup>th</sup> Annual Needham Diversity Summit (NDS 4.0) October 17, 2015  
“*The Time is Now*”  
Announcement: We are now a 501(c)3!!

## **2016**

Martin Luther King Day – January 18, 2016

Colin Stokes – parenting and difficult conversations – March 22, 2016  
Co-Sponsored by the *World of Wellesley*

Desserts and Diversity at the Concert at Memorial Park – July 21, 2016

*The Other Wes Moore* – book discussion – October 26, 2016  
Parallel to the NHS Day

5<sup>th</sup> Annual Needham Diversity Summit (NDS 5.0) November 19, 2016  
“We Are Stronger Together”

## **2017**

Martin Luther King Day – January 16, 2017

Gender Equity – March 28, 2017  
Co-Sponsored by the *Needham Free Public Library*

1<sup>st</sup> Annual Needham & Wellesley Race Amity Day Celebration June 11,  
2017  
Co-sponsored by the *World of Wellesley*

Desserts and Diversity at the Concert at Memorial Park – July 20, 2017

Book Discussion: *The Country That I Love* August 28, 2017  
Co-Sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library

6<sup>th</sup> Annual Needham Diversity Summit (NDS 6.0) November 18, 2017  
“*Building Bridges to Understanding*”

## **2018**

Martin Luther King Day – January 15, 2018

Inter-racial Potluck Supper – January 28<sup>th</sup> at the First Parish Church in Needham (NDI was a co-sponsor)

Raising Global Citizens – Talking With Kids About Diversity and Race – March 5, 2018

Led by Michelle Chalmers and Dawn Shearer-Coren

Race, Sports, and Protest – A Community Conversation - April 9, 2018

Jim Hirsch, Bill Littlefield, and William (Smitty) Smith

Inter-racial Potluck Supper – May 6<sup>th</sup> at the First Parish Church in Needham (NDI is a co-sponsor)

Book Discussion: *The Hate U Give* – May 24, 2018

Co-Sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library and the NHRC

Book Discussion: *Underground Railroad* – June 21, 2018

Co-Sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library and the NHRC

Led by Gretchen Cook-Anderson and Annie Ballinger

Desserts and Diversity at the Concert at Memorial Park – July 19, 2018

Summer Book read – *Life, Animated: A Story of Sidekicks, Heroes, and Autism* – by Ron Suskind

Sponsored by the Needham Free Public Library (Date TBD)

*Refugee* – book discussion – Fall 2018 (Date TBA – aligned with the Pollard Day)

7<sup>th</sup> Annual Needham Diversity Summit (NDS 7.0) November 17, 2018

***What Can We Do? A Focus on Taking Action***

**2019**

Martin Luther King Day – January 21, 2019