

Addendum

This addendum expands on the commitment to counter hate and extremism by offering an ongoing public lecture series on anti-bias and anti-racism strategies. It is meant to be a starting point for thinking about ways to implement this commitment effectively and sustainably.

Partnership

Potential partners for this public lecture series include the local library system, local colleges and universities, and local nonprofits. If working with the library, an ongoing book club could be arranged in addition to but not in place of the speaker series.

Speakers

Speakers for the series should possess expertise in their subject area and reflect the communities affected by racism, antisemitism, misogyny, Islamophobia, anti-LGBTQ+ hate, ableism, and other forms of discrimination.

Format

Events in the series could take on a variety of formats and change over time. Examples include author talks, practical discussions about how to implement anti-racist practices in our everyday lives, and lectures by experts in the field. Events could be in-person (post-pandemic), hosted online via webinar, or a combination. In-person events in the series could also be concurrently livestreamed and subsequently made available online.

Topics

The public lecture series should cover a wide range of topics. Possible topics include: anti-bias education; anti-racism and ways to put it into practice; what is extremism; white supremacy and structural racism; advocacy and activism; and anti-bias parenting.

Audience

Events in the series should target a range of age groups. For example, one event could be a children's book read along (with families and children) followed by an age-appropriate discussion about the book.

Accessibility

The events should be free, well advertised, open to the public, and held in a space that is ADA compliant. A sign language interpreter should be provided.