

Want to connect with others and share your concerns or ideas for Cambridge?



JOIN A "PEACE NOW CIRCLE"

In an effort to help build community in Cambridge, the city's Peace Commission is organizing "circle conversations" to allow people of different ages and from different neighborhoods to come together.

A circle for peace is a conversation which takes place in a circle format so that every person is heard and everyone's voice matters. Each circle will have some time for people to introduce themselves in thoughtful ways, share their joys and concerns about living in Cambridge, and suggest ways to move forward. Each circle will have people from all ages and different parts of Cambridge and will be co-led by a young person and an elder. In order to make connections, participants choose one series and plan to be at all 3 conversations.

Each circle series is 3 sessions from 6:00-8:30 (with refreshments available at 6) beginning the end of January.

_____ **Monday night series is** January 28, February 11, and February 25 close to East Cambridge.

_____ **Tuesday night series is** January 29 February 12, and February 26 in North Cambridge.

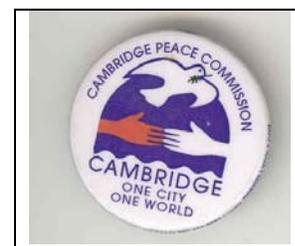
_____ **Wednesday night series is** January 30, February 13, and February 27 in Central Square.

I am interested in being in a circle. (Please mark your first and second choice above) and return by January 23rd.

Name _____

Address _____

Email/Phone _____



The circles are free of charge .

There are also small stipends to pay for youth who want to attend.

We need to have a sense of numbers in order to plan the circles so please send to peace@cambridgema.gov, Peace Commission, 51 Inman St. Cambridge, MA 02139, 617-349-4694 by January 17th. We will confirm with you by the end of the following week and let you know the locations.

Stipends for youth and those in need. Childcare provided with advance notice.

PEACE COMMISSION TO BEGIN “CAMBRIDGE CONVERSATIONS”

Following on the 25th anniversary of the Peace Commission and the declaration of Cambridge as a city of peace, the Peace Commission is helping to make this a reality through a series of “peace circles”.

Peace circles are conversations that give people in Cambridge a chance to make connections across age, across neighborhood, across points of view and share concerns for Cambridge. In the circle process, every participant has the chance to talk about their concerns and hear others. Being part of a “peace circle” also gives participants a tool to take to use at home, at work or anywhere to help make relationships more possible.

Each circle is being led by an inter-generational team and will meet for 3 times in the evening beginning at the end of January. For Peace Commissioner Ayanna Parris “having been a part of circle this summer with people in Cambridge of different ages, I already can see how powerful the circle is as a way to really hear what’s on peoples’ minds.”

“We are excited to host circles for people in Cambridge through the senior center” said Senior Center director Emma Watkins. “Some of the seniors here as well as staff are really looking forward to being in dialogue with young people and people from different neighborhoods about their concerns. I hope this idea takes off and continues.”

The circles will begin at the end of January with a Monday series, a Tuesday series and a Wednesday series. People who are interested in signing up for a circle can contact the Peace Commission for an application. Because the size of circles is limited, applications should be returned by January 21st.

For information, call the Peace Commission at 617-349-4694.