

OPEIU LOCAL 8's Race, Equity, and Social Justice (RESJ) Committee

IN ACTION!

Work completed and/or in progress in 2021:

- Engaged in ongoing and in-depth conversations re: Voting Rights, Oppression, Pronouns, Police Reform, Juneteenth and Watch Night, Critical Race Theory, Anti-Trans Legislation, Anti-Asian violence, disparate effects of the pandemic on BIPOC and low income folk, etc.
- Watched and discussed film: 1,000 Black Men Named George
- Sent a letter in support of the Duwamish Tribe and their efforts to restore federal recognition
- Started the Laptop Loaner Pilot at Local 8
- Read and discussed George Takei's book: They Called Us Enemy
- Read and discussed Ben Danielson's Op-Ed about institutional racism at Seattle Children's Hospital
- Produced a LGBTQIA+ Awareness Training
- Pushed to rename the "White-Collar" publication – suggestions sent to the International Office
- Revised the RESJ Committee's Mission Statement
- Invited Indigenous speakers to talk about the importance of acknowledging Indigenous land and honoring treaties
- Endorsed the OWLS campaign "Root Out Racism"

Projects currently underway:

- Undergoing a professional DEI assessment
- Translating four OPEIU contracts into Spanish
- Providing a training on Robert's Rules of Order (scheduled for September 18th)
- Holding a RESJ Potluck (scheduled for October 9th)
- Creating a RESJ Cookbook
- Setting up meeting with leaders within the Duwamish Tribe

