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2016 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration in Boulder

The life and teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. will be celebrated in Boulder through a Youth Day of Service on Saturday, Jan. 16, 2016 with a variety of community-led events on Monday, Jan. 18, 2016.

The Youth Opportunities Advisory Board (YOAB) has organized a Day of Service for youth ages 14-18 to volunteer at local community agencies from 12:30 to 4 p.m. Youth can visit www.yoab.org to sign up to volunteer.

Monday's schedule includes art exhibits, interactive workshops, lectures and spoken word, music, video and poetry.

- 2 - 4 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church (1419 Pine St.): The Boulder Chapter of Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ) and Nii Armah Sowah of the 1000-Voices Project will present an engaging and challenging workshop. Participants will consider contemporary racial justice work. The event will feature African singing as well as discussion.
- 4 - 6 p.m. at the Alfalfa's Community Room (1651 Broadway): Peers Building Justice will present on race and racial justice in Boulder. Attendees will explore themes of racial justice and learn about students' experiences of race through arts based projects and community engagement. This event is targeted for youth and adults.
- 5 - 7 p.m. at Boulder's YWCA's classroom (2222 14th St.): Toward Right Relationship with Native People Project will conduct a participatory workshop tracing the historic and ongoing impacts of the Doctrine of Discovery, the 15th Century justification for European colonization.
- 7 - 9 p.m. at Museum of Boulder (2205 Broadway): Motus Theater will welcome Dr. Modupe Labode, a former lead historian for the Colorado Historical Society and African American history scholar, to deliver a speech on Dr. Martin Luther King's legacy and its links to Colorado. The evening will also include a poetry/hip hop performance.
- 7:30 - 9 p.m. at Laughing Goat Café (1709 Pearl St.): Voices for MLK, a group of Boulder High School youth will host an open mic and poetry night. Youth and adults are welcome to share their written and visual poetry inspired by Martin Luther King.

This day of celebration is coordinated by community organizations and the City of Boulder and is sponsored by the city's Human Relations Commission and Youth Opportunities Advisory Board.

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