



MEDIA ALERT

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Peninsula-Area High School Students Gather Virtually to “Break the Cycle” of Prejudice at 12th Annual Diversity Dialogue Day

What: 12th Annual Peninsula Diversity Dialogue Day

When: Thursday, November 11, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Where: Online

Who: Approximately 70 high school students and educators from Peninsula-area public and private high schools in Gloucester, Hampton, Newport News, and Poquoson will participate in discussions and activities around diversity, discrimination, and respect.

How: Students will view “Break the Cycle: Be the Change,” a presentation that examines the concept of prejudice. They will then meet in intentionally diverse breakout groups to build connections, learn from peers their age, and develop strategies to stand up to prejudice within their schools.

Web Information: <https://inclusiveVA.org/diversitydialogueday>

Supporters: The Summit is conducted by the Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities, with financial support from Dominion Energy. Coalition partners Hampton Roads Community Action Program (HRCAP), People to People, and the YMCA of Virginia Peninsulas help to create this opportunity for Peninsula-area high school students.

Interview Opportunities: Members of the press are invited to visit the Prejudice Awareness Summit anytime between the hours of 1:00pm-2:00pm. Parents/guardians have granted permission to photograph and interview students. Educators are also available for interviews. Please contact Jessica Hawthorne by email at jhawthorne@inclusiveVA.org, office phone at (804) 515-7950, or cell phone at (804) 495-1580.