

Cambridge Commission on the Status of Women

April 6, 2016

Commission Meeting

Upcoming Events

March 3, Women and Words!, 344 Broadway

7-8:30pm

March 8, International Women's Day Breakfast, Simmons College

7:30am – 9am

April 25, Women in Cambridge, Salt & Olive on Mass Ave

6pm – 8pm

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May 4, CCSW meeting

Yonder App, A Women's History Walking Tour of Cambridge

Available now

May 26, WorkSmart Workshop, City Hall Annex

6pm – 8pm

Unslut, a documentary screening

TBD

June 2, Women and Words! City Hall Annex

7pm - 8:30pm

June 2, 5th Grade Girls' Sports Day, Danehy Park

8:30am – 1pm

Minutes

Proposed CCSW meeting change

It was unanimously voted to change our CCSW monthly meeting date from the first Wednesday of the month to the second Wednesday of the month to better accommodate people's schedules. Beginning in May, we will adopt the second Wednesday going forward. The time of the meetings, 6pm to 8pm, will remain the same.

Youth engagement & *Promtacular*

Kimberly is chairing the youth engagement sub committee for the Domestic and Gender-Based Violence Prevention Initiative. The committee is hoping to utilize the Mayor's Youth Summer Employment Program to find participants for a training model that is peer-to-peer. The committee is working with The Workforce, from the Cambridge Housing Authority, to secure youth to lead the trainings for MYSEP. It is unclear at this time if there will be enough time for us to develop the capacity to do these trainings this summer. It has also led to a

larger question of what and where young people are engaged in during the summer weeks and how we might plan for connecting them in the prevention work in the future. Kimberly will be taking on a survey of various Cambridge programs this summer to help determine this.

AAUW WorkSmart Workshop

In response to a commissioner's request that CCSW host a WorkSmart Workshop, Kimberly has reached out to the American Association of University Women to determine the possibility of bringing a workshop to Cambridge. There have been several workshops available in Boston and many feel it is a worthy topic and learning opportunity. Several commissioners expressed interest in seeing a workshop happen here.

Unslut documentary

Kimberly has been working in close communication with STARS teacher, Sharon Lozada, at CRLS to bring the documentary Unslut to Cambridge. The goal is to offer a screening to the larger Cambridge community as well as to specifically focus on the attendance of high school students. There has been a number of students interested in the prevalence of slut shaming and they have been vocal in various ways within the school. Given the importance of the topic, we want to encourage a wider audience to hear from students and take part in learning about the issue. The idea would be to invite the director, Emily Lindin, for the talkback after the film. Kimberly is looking into possible dates to coordinate a showing at the Main Cambridge Library.