

Cambridge Commission on the Status of Women

January 10, 2018

Commission Meeting

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, February 14, 6-7pm* (*please note the abbreviated meeting time!)

Cambridge Women's Commission Monthly Meeting

Thursday, March 1, 7pm

***Women&Words!* Esther Kisaghu, Public Health Professional, Author, and Founder of The Rose Foundation in Kenya, a domestic violence prevention organization.**

City Hall Annex, 344 Broadway

Thursday, March 8, 8am

***Women Shaping the Media: Action Steps for a New Era* (working title)**

International Women's Day Breakfast

Simmons College

Cambridge Women's Commission, Women's History Month Event (details TBD)

March 21 or 22 at the Cambridge Main Library

Wednesday March 28, 5pm

Trailblazing Women Event (details coming soon)

Workshop for CPSD parents around #MeTooK12 issues

April 3 or April 25

Minutes

Esther Kisaghu

Esther Kisaghu, author, activist, educator, survivor, and founder of the domestic violence prevention agency in Kenya, *The Rose Foundation*, came and presented to the Women's Commission. Paraphrased from her website:

Esther Kisaghu, a woman born and raised in an impoverished village in Kenya, later finds success in education through sheer determination. Her life tragically changed when her husband, who had sworn to protect her, turned into her tormentor and abused her for years. She eventually found refuge in the United States where she had returned to study at Boston University... Esther engages participants in an eloquent and detailed testimony. In addition, she presents facts and statistics about gender-related violence in Kenya. Her work uses her personal experience as a ringing call to action, one that the church—and Kenya, and indeed, every nation—ignores to its everlasting sorrow.

On March 1, Esther will discuss her work addressing domestic violence in international and cross cultural context at our Women & Words.

Women's History Month

This past year has been quite a year for women and women's issues – from the #MeToo movement, to the silence breakers on the cover of Time, from the Women's March last January, to record numbers of women running for office, and the words Feminism and Sexual Violence showing up everywhere.

We are planning a screening of Women's March, a documentary film about democracy and human rights at Cambridge Main Library on March 21 or 22. More information and a preview of the film can be found here: <http://womensmarchfilm.com/>

Pamela, Phyllis, Marjorie, Golnaz, Srin, and Carol have volunteered to help plan the event.

Meeting the new women City Councillors in February

The Commission would like to welcome the newest women elected to the Council. Golnaz and Marjorie are going to reach out to Alanna Mallon and Sumbul Siddiqui and invite them to our February meeting for dinner and conversation. We will meet from 6-7pm on February 14 at the office of the Cambridge Women's Commission.