



**nccj** The National Conference  
for Community and Justice

The National Conference for Community & Justice of Connecticut & Western Massachusetts (NCCJ) is a non-profit human relations organization dedicated to fighting bias, bigotry, and racism. Started in 1927 as the *National Conference for Christians and Jews*, NCCJ promotes understanding and respect of all diversity including race, religion, and culture through education, advocacy, and conflict resolution.

[WWW.NCCJCTWMA.ORG](http://WWW.NCCJCTWMA.ORG)

**NCCJ Programs Include:**

**BRIDGES:** A 2-day human relations program held at public schools in Connecticut & Western Massachusetts. During BRIDGES a group of 20 diverse students and teachers explore the diversity, feelings, and attitudes we have among people of different races, religions, ethnicities, and cultural backgrounds. The participants leave BRIDGES with a deep understanding of how prejudice and bias effects our life and how to combat it as individuals and as a collective.

**ANYTOWN Youth Action Coalition (YAC):** A group that takes a youth centered approach to creating positive change in our communities and schools. YAC is made up of ANYTOWN Alumni who learn to work together to fight bias and bigotry through action projects idealized at ANYTOWN.

**Community Conversations<sup>SM</sup>:** A community-based program for democratic dialogue on race relations. Since 1998, over 5,000 individuals of diverse backgrounds have participated in these 6 week dialogue sessions designed to increase awareness of racial, ethnic and cultural divides and empower participants to take action to improve race relations.

**Workplace Diversity Programs:** A custom designed organizational development programs facilitated by trained NCCJ staff. These workshops address a variety of social justice issues and guide participants toward the development of positive and supportive workplace environments.

*"I recommend ANYTOWN to anyone who is willing to change their life in a positive way."*



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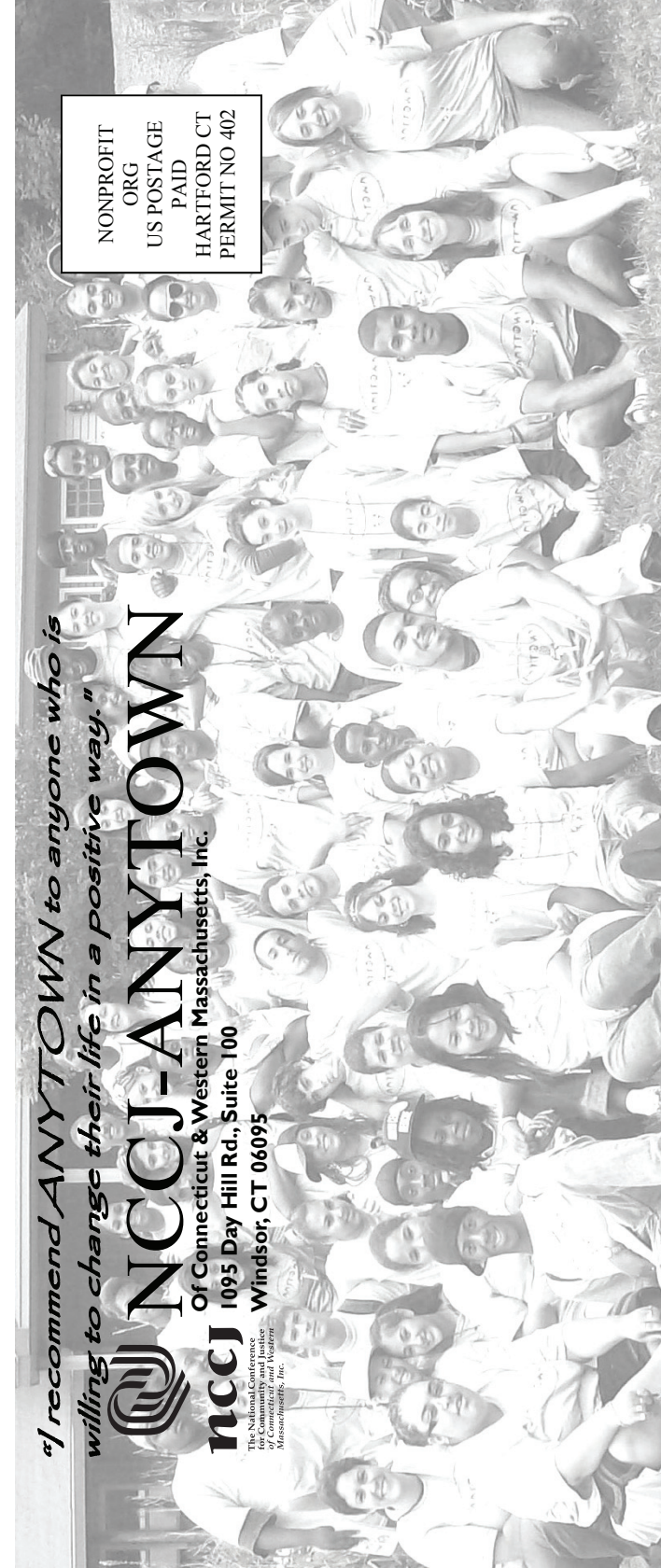
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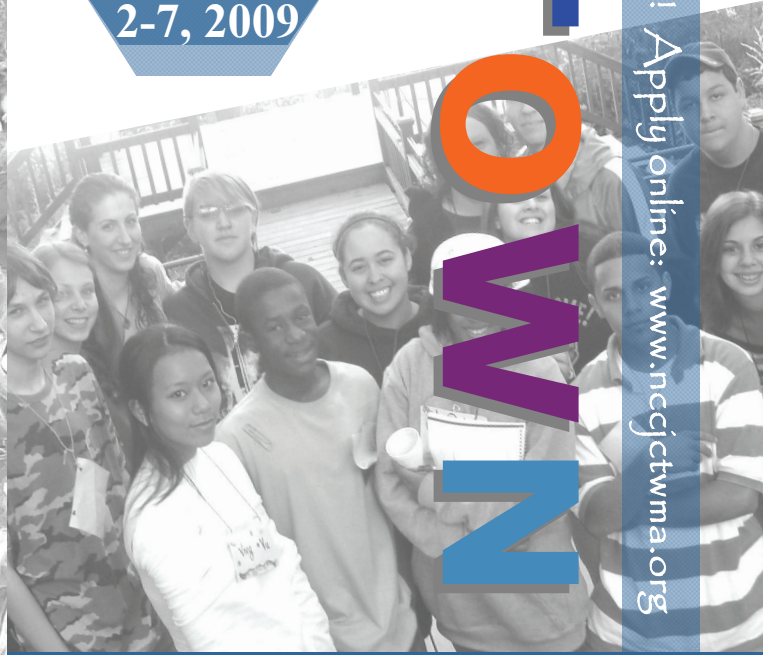
**ANYTOWN**

Applications due June 15th, 2009! Apply online: [www.nccjctwma.org](http://www.nccjctwma.org)



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NCCJ appreciates the continued support of ANYTOWN by individuals, foundations, and corporations who make ANYTOWN possible each year. ANYTOWN 2009 is sponsored in-part by Saint Joseph College.



## What is ANYTOWN?

ANYTOWN is a week long residential program designed to educate, liberate and empower youth participants (Delegates) to become effective, responsible leaders and community builders in our pluralistic society. At ANYTOWN a diverse group of high school students come together to spend 6 days working to understand one another, find common ground, form an interdependent community and make friends for a lifetime.

Through interactive workshops, games and discussion, Delegates at ANYTOWN will be given the chance to grow and learn as individuals, and as part of a community. Delegates will learn about social justice and how it applies to them and the communities where they live. They will also gain communication skills necessary to talk to those who are different from them. At ANYTOWN, Delegates are prepared to be the leaders of tomorrow *and* today.

## Why ANYTOWN?

- “Overall, I would say that the experience I had was the biggest life changing event so far.”
- “Throughout the week, I learned how to recognize the many “isms”, including Racism, Sexism and Anti-Semitism.”
- “I have made friends that I will keep for a lifetime at ANYTOWN.”
- “By the end of the week, ANYTOWN became my ideal community.”
- “ANYTOWN was the most unique and empowering learning experience.”
- “I strongly believe that ANYTOWN is 100% worth the time!”



## Where is ANYTOWN?

ANYTOWN will be held on the beautiful campus of Saint Joseph College in West Hartford, CT. Participants will be bunked in their new suites and transportation is provided to campus from Western Massachusetts and Connecticut. For more information about Saint Joseph College please log onto: [WWW.SJC.EDU](http://WWW.SJC.EDU)

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## How much does it Cost?

**The cost of ANYTOWN is \$500.** There is a \$25.00 registration fee that will be applied to the \$500 tuition. While the full cost of ANYTOWN is \$1,500 per delegate, the NCCJ covers much of the cost through grant funding and other contributions.

**Full and partial scholarships are available.**  
**All interested teens should apply regardless of financial situation!**

## Who Should Apply?

- Youth age 15 to 18 currently living in Connecticut or Western Massachusetts.
- Youth who are interested in exploring their own social identities and biases.
- Youth who want to work to create an inclusive and just community.
- Youth interested in making significant connections with people who are different than they are.
- Youth interested in developing skills in activism and leadership.

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## Benefits of ANYTOWN?

ANYTOWN Youth Delegates will:

- Learn about social justice and how to make change in their communities.
- Have the opportunity to express themselves and share their individual experiences.
- Be listened to and more importantly, be *heard*.
- Learn to support and care for one another in a honest community.
- Sing songs, act silly, remember how to play games and have fun .
- Work toward becoming leaders in their diverse communities.
- Make **true** friends in a short time.

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