



#DOUGLASSWEEK 2022

JOIN US FOR A CREATIVE, COLLABORATIVE AND INCLUSIVE FESTIVAL!

Frederick Douglass (1818-1895) is a towering figure in American history. He escaped enslavement to become a writer, orator, abolitionist, statesman, suffragette, publisher and an advisor to several U.S. presidents.

#DouglassWeek is usually held in February to celebrate Douglass's chosen birthday of February 14th. In 2022, we will also commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Douglass family's move from Rochester, N.Y. to Washington, D.C. in 1872.



Inspired by the breadth and influence of his remarkable life, #DouglassWeek is held each year in a country connected with Douglass, hosting creative commemorations that reflect upon local and international social, political and activist issues like identity, diversity and inclusion, migration and racial equity.

Our programming also emphasises the continued importance of remembering slavery and the intertwined struggles for independence and liberation throughout the world.

Each year, we invite participants from around the globe to respond to the lives and stories of changemakers like Douglass by sharing their writing, research, performance, visual art, music and much more.

#DouglassWeek brings together individuals and communities to celebrate the Douglass family and other abolitionists, educators and changemakers from both past and present. Contributors amplify important stories and bring the history of abolitionist struggles against racial injustice to new generations in unique ways while highlighting parallels with today.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU!

Virtual, hybrid and in-person events across six content strands

Projects, commemorations, discussions, performances, exhibitions and other events

Anyone in the world can join

Participants and contributors of all ages, backgrounds, and interests are welcome

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LITERATURE STRAND

Incorporates intellectual exchange and creative commemorations around Douglass's life, writings, and related topics, including a poetry competition, an oratory contest, roundtable discussions and author talks.

EDUCATION STRAND

Showcases the work of #DouglassWeek and our partners to engage students and educators through efforts like curriculum development and provides a platform to discuss issues such as human trafficking, racial inequity and access.

HISTORY STRAND

Highlights 2022's focus on the Douglass family, featuring discussions on the role of women and abolitionism, talks on the Douglass family history and community events investigating their legacy in Washington, D.C.

CREATIVE STRAND

Centers a mix of performances around Douglass's legacy and affiliated projects. Participants explore and celebrate Douglass and others through theatre, music, art, oration, film and other mediums.

MUSIC STRAND

Celebrates Douglass, a talented violinist, through song. Musical events will showcase the #DouglassWeek collaborative album project, a selection of new original songs that have been written by international artists in response to the event series.

SPORTS STRAND

Recognizes the history of the Douglass family and sports and brings participants from across the world together through community events such as sponsored walks and runs and discussions on issues including diversity and equity in sports.

Become part of #DouglassWeek and join us in Washington, D.C. in 2022. Get in touch today!



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