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# FIGHT FOR THE BIPOC STUDENTS OF MONROE!!!

Start with reading these articles....

Family looking to leave Monroe following racial harassment, assault

Monroe parents say racism directed at 11-year-old forced them to remove him from class

Yeah....we still have a problem with racism in SnoCo. We of the Pink Umbrella Society have been actively fighting for BIPOC in Snohomish County since last year. And we knew this was going to be a long-term struggle. These are recent local incidences that are proof of this fact.

The School Board had failed those kids...however, there is a new board set to run things and the Monroe Equity Council has come together to support the victims.

If you want to help, start by marking your calendars for the next school board meeting on December 13th, 6pm. We can come together to let this new board know that we're taking this matter seriously and demand they do the same. Also, make sure you set up early to make sure you'll be able to join the meeting. Check the Meetings link for more info.

Monroe School District-Board Info (including email addresses)

Monroe School District-Meetings

Monroe Equity Council's Website

Let's go, y'all!

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# Big thanks to The Church of Black Coffee for the support!

Earlier this year, we got in contact with them and discussed our vision for more collaboration and efforts to make Snohomish County better for the marginalized. They are well aware of the Black Lives Matter Uprising of 2020 as well as the discussions of intersectionality associated with the BLM movement that we also focus on with this wiki and our work in general. We have also gratefully accepted from them The Brandon Gyasi Stovall Grant for Civic Education from them to

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fund our work on this site and more.

#### \*(Click this link

https://www.thechurchofblackcoffee.com/the-brandon-gyasi-stovall-grant-for-civic-education/ for info regarding the grant.)

Despite the name, it's more accurate to describe them as a positive circle for philosophical discussion that's open to all regardless of religious/spiritual beliefs.

The founder also runs the recently opened Pops Skateshop which also attracts a lot of counterculture progressives we vibe with!

We invite y'all to give them some love!

Website Links: The Church of Black Coffee Pops Skateshop

-The Pink Umbrella Society

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### **COVID-19 Vaccinations at Fair!**

Sunday, September 19, 2021, from noon to 4:00 p.m., there is a community fair and **free** COVID-19 vaccination clinic at 14 E. Casino Road, Building D, Everett, WA 98204

El domingo 19 de septiembre de 2021, desde el mediodía hasta las 16:00, hay una feria comunitaria y una clínica **gratuita** de vacunación COVID-19 en 14 E. Casino Road, Building D, Everett, WA 98204

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## **Leftists in Fitness? You Better Believe It!**

There is a perception with many folks that left-wing folks folks are not focused on fitness. If you look at health and fitness circles online, many tend to be either apolitical, "moderate", or right-wing.

There is a lot to discuss regarding the connection between the Right and fitness spaces and we invite y'all to read this article from WorkingClassWhole.com for more info. Also, we suggest y'all check out the "works cited" section of it as well. ("SWOLETARIAT": THE IMPORTANCE OF LEFT-

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#### WING FITNESS CULTURE).

There are also a couple examples of leftist fitness efforts that we believe are worth checking out.

#### **Decolonizing Fitness**

\*From the site "Decolonizing Fitness is not a gym, but an incredible educational resource for coaches, trainers, studio owners, and anyone who is interested in unlearning toxic fitness culture. Decolonizing Fitness as a practice is about providing a supportive environment to individuals who have historically not felt welcomed in fitness spaces i.e. people in larger bodies, people with disabilities, people with chronic pain, people over the age of 65 and people who are part of the LGBTQIA+ community."

The Swoletariat This is a openly communist private Facebook group that is very positive and supportive. In it, people share their progress, support each other, share relatable memes, and so on. They strongly oppose bigotry and body-shaming among other forms of toxicity associated with many "typical" fitness spaces. Those who struggle with gymtimidation need not worry if they join this group.

As a bonus, we also believe it's worth sharing Athletes Versus. While it's technically focused on athletes, not necessarily those simply focused on personal fitness, we feel it's worth sharing as their goal is to help athletes more easily express their support for marginalized people like women, BIPOC, and LGBTQIA+ folks (they even bring up the infamous "shut up and dribble" line).

Everyone's health journey is different. People have different goals. Different abilities. Different obstacles. Hopefully being in a left-wing fitness space allows you to have a better outlook on health and fitness if you've been in toxic right-wing fitness spaces online and/or in person. There is better out there.

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# Remember to Consider Requesting Public Records

Simply put, being able to request and access public records allows us to hold government accountable. Statistics data, budgets, ordinances, reports, contracts, and more can be obtained if you make a request through your City's website as well as request records from the County (search for "public records request" on whichever website you choose).

Official Websites of SnoCo Cities/Towns

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#### Snohomish County, WA - Official Website

If you're interested in federal matters, here is a guide on taking advantage of FOIA for activists, organizers, and social movements.

#### FOIA BASICS FOR ACTIVISTS

Also worth noting is that record(s) you're searching for may already be available online with no request required so try to search around the website(s) first before you make a request.

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