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### **EDMONDS DIVERSITY COMMISSION TO HOST “WORLD CAFÉ” – COMMUNITY DISCUSSIONS ON DIVERSITY**

*Join Fellow Citizens and Commissioners on Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 10 am to 1 pm, in the  
Plaza Room above the Edmonds Library*

**(Edmonds, WA)** - Just rounding out its first anniversary as a commission, the City of Edmonds Diversity Commission is hosting a “World Café”-style event intended to serve as a community discussion on topics related to diversity and inclusion.

The *Edmonds World Café* – Community Discussions on Diversity is slated for Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, from 10 am to 1 pm, in the Plaza Room above the Edmonds Library at 650 Main Street, Edmonds.

The World Café is a trademarked forum for engaging people in “conversations that matter,” according to The World Café Community Foundation, the nonprofit organization that developed the World Café vehicle over 20 years ago for social engagement, innovation and positive community change.

The basic framework of a World Café is to invite members of the community to a venue set up with a number of communal tables where healthy discussion is triggered by a series of topics shared with participants at each table. Usually about a half-dozen topics are discussed in succession at each table. Reports back from each table to the greater group are encouraged.

“Central to our Commission’s mission is to reach out and engage the community on current issues related to diversity and inclusion in and around Edmonds,” stated Edmonds Diversity Commission Chair, Mario Brown. “The World Café model provides a safe and engaging space for healthy discussion on sometimes uncomfortable topics. In addition to allowing for community members to have a voice on these issues, the process will help the Commission focus its work over the next year.”

Topics such as immigration, various scenarios related to discrimination and inclusion, as well as cross-cultural communication, will be presented.

Space is limited, so interested parties are encouraged to email Diversity Coordinator Misha Carter at [misha.carter@edmondswa.gov](mailto:misha.carter@edmondswa.gov) by December 5<sup>th</sup> to reserve your space.

The Plaza Room is ADA accessible. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, feel free to contact Ms. Carter at the above-cited email address.

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