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### **EDMONDS DIVERSITY COMMISSION TO HOST THIRD ANNUAL “WORLD CAFÉ” – COMMUNITY DISCUSSIONS ON DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION**

*Join Fellow Citizens and Commissioners on Saturday, October 13th, 10 am to Noon, in the  
Plaza Room above the Edmonds Library*

**(Edmonds, WA)** - For the third year in a row the City of Edmonds Diversity Commission is hosting its annual “World Café”-style event intended to serve as a community discussion on topics related to diversity, equity and inclusion.

The *Edmonds World Café* – Community Discussions on Diversity is slated for Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, from 10 am to Noon, 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. All perspectives are encouraged.

“Central to our mission is to reach out and engage community members on current issues related to diversity, equity and inclusion in and around Edmonds,” stated Edmonds Diversity Commission Chair, Diana White. “The World Café model provides a safe and engaging space for healthy discussion on what can sometimes be uncomfortable topics. In addition to providing an opportunity for community members to have a voice on these issues, the process will help the Commission focus its work over the coming year.”

Topics such as the “Me Too” movement, business practices based on religious conviction; age-based discrimination; whether people of diverse backgrounds feel safe and welcome in Edmonds, and other scenarios related to discrimination and inclusion will be presented.

Space is limited, so interested parties are encouraged to email Cindi Cruz at [cindi.cruz@edmondswa.gov](mailto:cindi.cruz@edmondswa.gov) by October 10<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. Cruz at the above-cited email address.

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