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YWCA HARTFORD REGION TAKES A STAND AGAINST RACISM
Rabbi Donna Berman and Kristina Newman-Scott spoke at annual event

Hartford, CT–YWCA Hartford Region hosted the annual **Stand Against Racism** on Friday, April 25, 2014. **Stand Against Racism** is a national program of YWCA aimed at raising awareness that racism still exists in our communities and can no longer be ignored or tolerated.

Stand Against Racism seeks to bring people together across communities for one common goal - the elimination of racism. Over 40 participating sites around the greater Hartford region made the commitment to **Stand Against Racism**. Each participating site hosted an individual Stand event.

YWCA Hartford Region hosted its own Stand at YWCA’s offices at 135 Broad St., Hartford. Rabbi Donna Berman, Executive Director, Charter Oak Cultural Center, spoke about Building Bridges of Understanding Through the Arts. “On this day, when we stand together against racism, let us not forget what a powerful and essential tool the arts are in the struggle for social justice as they teach us profound lessons about the most important art of all, the art of being human,” Rabbi Berman said.

Kristina Newman-Scott, Director of Marketing, Events and Cultural Affairs, City of Hartford, closed the event by sharing her personal stories about racism. She said, “I encourage you all to think before you speak. Words are very powerful!”

“The Stand Against Racism is an important event in working toward our mission of empowering women and eliminating racism,” YWCA Hartford Region CEO Deborah Ullman said. “It is incredibly powerful for thousands of individuals and organizations across the country to take a Stand Against Racism.”

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Established in 1867, YWCA Hartford Region is the third oldest affiliate of YWCA, a women’s membership movement dedicated to **eliminating racism, empowering women and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all**. YWCA Hartford Region provides programs and services in the greater Hartford Region including childcare, supportive housing, teen leadership

development, racial justice awareness, financial literacy and economic empowerment. For more information, visit www.ywcahartford.org and follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).