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In March, Local Progress is hosting events on:

- The minimum wage and inequality
- Racial equity
- Communicating our progressive message to the public

See below for more information and please join us for these exciting events.

Income Inequality Symposium - Seattle, WA - March 27, 2014

Along with the City of Seattle, Local Progress will co-host a one-day symposium on income inequality and the minimum wage. Seattle Mayor Ed Murray was elected in November, 2013 on a platform that included raising the city's minimum wage to $15 per hour. Seattle's plans are part of a national movement of progressive cities to combat inequality by raising labor standards and empowering workers.

The symposium will feature research on the state of inequality and poverty in Seattle; the impacts that a minimum wage increase would have on workers, businesses, and the broader economy; and the experiences and plans of other cities around the country that are fighting to create good jobs.

To join us in Seattle, click here.

Racial Equity in Our Cities: A Webinar on Strategies and Opportunities for Sustainable Institutional Change

Re-Framing Urban Politics: A Local Progress Session with George Lakoff at the 2014 National League of Cities Conference

March 4, 2014, 2:30-3:3:30 Eastern

Racial inequities persist in our communities, including with respect to education, jobs, housing, criminal justice, and health. Local government is uniquely positioned to combat racial inequity. Some cities have begun to use “racial equity tools” to combat inequality, including racial equity training to increase the skill of staff members at identifying and eliminating structural barriers. Others have passed specific policies that are focused on equity, such as limitations on the use of criminal background checks in employment decisions. This webinar will highlight the work being done in these cities and lay out an agenda for future efforts. It will feature:

- Glenn Harris, City of Seattle Race and Social Justice Initiative
- Betsy Hodges, Mayor, City of Minneapolis
- Dante James, City of Portland Office of Equity and Human Rights
- Nick Licata, Councilmember, City of Seattle and Chair of Local Progres
- john powell, UC Berkely Haas Institute for a Fair and Inclusive Society
- Julie Nelson, Senior Fellow with the Haas Institute for a Fair and Inclusive Society at UC Berkeley (moderator)

Click here to register.

March 11, 2:00-3:30 pm Eastern, Marriott Wardman Park, Washington, DC

As part of the National League of Cities conference, which will bring together more than 2,000 elected and appointed city leaders to focus on the federal policy issues that are important to local governments, Local Progress will be co-hosting an afternoon session with George Lakoff.

The session, entitled "Re-Framing Urban Politics," will help attendees improve the way in which they frame their work and the political debates in their communities.

Professor Lakoff, of UC Berkeley, is a cognitive linguist whose work as applied to politics was popularized in his book *Don't Think of an Elephant!: Know Your Values and Frame the Debate--The Essential Guide for Progressives*.

In this session, which will be co-hosted by Democratic Municipal Officials, Lakoff will discuss a number of high-profile public policy debates and explain how you can reframe your local conversations in order to win the support of voters, the media, and other decision-makers in your community.

Space is limited. RSVP here to attend.

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