

**TURN IT
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This Month in Turn It Around

This month, *Turn It Around*, asks you to please join them on August 20th at 5:30PM, at the Charlestown Peace Park for our Discussion Series on Race & Equity with City-Councilor Lydia Edwards, Charlestown Coalition and the *Turn It Around* youth group.

Come learn from your neighbors and share a safe space for challenging conversations. We hope to see you there!



Join your neighbors, school and faith leaders, police, and our youth for an intimate discussion on race and equity in Charlestown.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20th @ 5:30 PM

PEACE PARK @ LOWNEY WAY

Socially-Distant. Bring your masks!
#BlackLivesMatter



Vote on Peace Park Designs

The Charlestown Coalition and Turn It Around, COGdesign, community key stakeholders, and residents of Charlestown have been working tirelessly to collect and analyze community-generated data to create 4 schematic drawings for residents to vote on and together decide on a final vision for the Charlestown Peace Park revitalization project.

Based on June's Community Peace Park Survey data, our professional design team, COGdesign, was able to put together a "word cloud" that included the most common words and themes that appeared in the survey results. The larger the word, the more frequently it appeared. The team used this graphic as a stepping stone in creating their schematic drawings. Don't worry if you missed the survey, you can still vote and contribute your ideas for our final vision.

Now that the designs are complete, it's up to the community to choose which option and elements they want to see come to life. Please join us on August 25th and 26th from 12-3pm at the Charlestown Peace Park to vote! If you can't make it in-person to vote, please visit www.surveymonkey.com/r/PPdesignpoll before August 31st to vote.



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Last Month in Turn It Around

Last month, on July 24th, City Councilor Lydia Edwards and the Boston Police Department teamed up with the Charlestown Coalition and *Turn It Around* to host a community a second discussion on Race and Equity at the Charlestown Peace Park.



July's Youth of the Month:

Aboubakar is always positive and energetic and attends every activity we do. He is a fixture at our weekly workouts and Wednesday yoga sessions. He's also one of the first to volunteer to help out when needed. As one of the youngest members of Turn It Around, Aboubakar is setting the bar high for everyone else in this group.



-Mswati Hanks
(Youth Prevention Coordinator)

Ways to get Involved:

Want to join in on the fun during one of our meetings or events? We'd love to have you! There are many opportunities for parents and guardians to get involved in *Turn It Around*. Whether you help cook or participate in the activities, all are invited and welcome. Please reach out to Mswati Hanks for more information at MHanks1@partners.org.

Prefer Email?

To receive our Family & Friends Newsletter email instead of a paper copy, please contact Ginaya Greene Murray at Ggreene-Murray@Partners.org or call her directly at 617-726-6684

Have Questions?

If you need assistance with your youth regarding school, job placement, risky behaviors, or anything else, please contact the Charlestown Coalition. We will be happy to help with any questions regarding you and your child.

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