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Dispute Resolution Center of King County Celebrates 40 Years of Building Peace with “Harmony in Community”

Community celebration on Oct. 16 brings together music, food and connection at Seattle’s historic Washington Hall

SEATTLE, Wash. — Sept. 24, 2026 — For four decades, the Dispute Resolution Center of King County (KCDRC) has helped people across King County navigate conflict, improve communication and find paths forward. On Friday, October 16, the nonprofit will mark its 40th anniversary with Harmony in Community, a casual community celebration at Seattle’s historic Washington Hall.

The event will take place from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. at Washington Hall, 153 14th Ave., Seattle, and will feature live music, food, drinks and opportunities to learn more about the role conflict resolution can play in strengthening communities. Tickets are \$20.

Rather than a traditional anniversary gala, Harmony in Community is designed as an accessible, informal gathering — a chance for community members, supporters, volunteers, partners and friends to come together and celebrate connection.

“Conflict is part of every community, but it doesn’t have to divide us,” said Paul Boyer, president of KCDRC’s board of directors. “For 40 years, KCDRC has helped people find ways to communicate, work through differences and move forward. Harmony in Community is a celebration of that work and of the thousands of people who have been part of it.”

Founded in 1986, KCDRC provides mediation, conflict coaching, training and other conflict-resolution services to individuals, families and communities throughout King County. Its work includes rental housing, family, workplace, community, small claims court and other disputes, along with youth development and conflict-resolution education.

In the past year alone, KCDRC has helped more than 5,500 people navigate conflict, providing tools and support to de-escalate disputes, improve communication and strengthen relationships and communities.

Harmony in Community will feature live music from American Flats, a Seattle-area folk-rock band whose performances have included Bumbershoot, along with R E P O S A D O, a Latin-

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Funk-Afro-Soul band. Guests can enjoy heavy appetizers, beer, wine, cider and nonalcoholic beverages while connecting with others from across the community.

The evening is also an invitation to look ahead. As KCDRC enters its fifth decade, the organization hopes to introduce more people to mediation and other constructive approaches to conflict — and to strengthen the network of community members who believe disagreements can be addressed with dignity, curiosity and respect.

Event Details

What: Harmony in Community — Celebrating 40 Years of the Dispute Resolution Center of King County

When: Friday, October 16, 2026, 7–11 p.m.

Where: Washington Hall, 153 14th Ave., Seattle, WA 98122

Tickets: \$20

Information & Tickets: <https://giving.kcdrc.org/event/harmony-in-community/e820190>

About the Dispute Resolution Center of King County

Founded in 1986, the Dispute Resolution Center of King County is a nonprofit organization providing mediation, conflict coaching, training, youth development and other conflict-resolution services throughout King County. KCDRC helps individuals, families, organizations and communities address conflict constructively while building communication and problem-solving skills that can last long after a particular dispute is resolved. For more information, visit <https://kcdrc.org>.

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