

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY OF SERVICE

M.S. 54 EQUITY TEAM

“Everybody can be great...because anybody can serve. You don’t have to have a college degree to serve. You don’t have to make your subject and verb agree to serve...You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love.” - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., [speaking before the Ebenezer Baptist Church](#) in 1968.

[Activism in Central Park](#) Did you know that in 1967, Martin Luther King, Jr. led a protest and gave a speech in Central Park? Conservancy guides will lead you in the literal footsteps of famed as well as lesser-known social activists and share how these trailblazers have shaped the story of Central Park as a democratic space where people feel empowered to use their voice and take a stand. **Multiple dates in January.**

[NYC Parks MLK Day of Service](#): Harlem Street Tree Care at Adam Clayton Powell Jr Blvd & 147th St, Manhattan, **Jan. 16 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.** Come work with NYC Parks Stewardship to care for local street trees! Volunteers will learn how to aerate, cultivate, mulch, and identify street trees. **Please note:** Space is limited and [registration is required](#). Volunteers under 18 must be accompanied by a chaperone.

[Apollo Young Producers Presents: Young Changemakers](#): In this virtual event, on **Sun, Jan. 15, 5:00 PM EST**, emerging activists and community leaders discuss how young people can harness their unique talents to affect change and better serve their communities. Meet us on the Apollo Digital Stage to share resources, find support, and discuss experiences with the leaders of tomorrow.

Join Repair the World and song leader Stephen Figursmith of Tikun Tunes on **Mon, Jan. 16 at 12:30 PM** to beautify and pick up trash in Riverside Park (86th Street entrance). Families will engage in service learning through song, and exploring Jewish values and the words of Dr. King. **Please note:** [Registration is required](#). This program is open to families with kids of all ages. Children under 15 must be accompanied at all times.

Join JCC Harlem on **Mon, Jan. 16** (times vary) to package hygiene kits to donate to the Community Kitchen & Pantry of West Harlem. Volunteers will also engage in service learning & reflection, exploring Jewish values & the words of Dr. King to honor MLK Weekend of Service. **Please note:** [Registration is required](#). This program is open to families with kids of all ages. Children under 15 must be accompanied at all times.

[The Metropolitan Museum: Before Yesterday We Could Fly: An Afrofuturist Period Room](#): This exhibit at the Metropolitan Museum is a tribute to the history of [Seneca Village](#) and a speculative exploration of what might have been if the village had been allowed to thrive.

[The Frederick Douglass Project](#) presents dramatic readings by acclaimed actors of speeches by Frederick Douglass for diverse audiences on Zoom as a catalyst for powerful dialogue about the impact of discrimination, racialized violence, structural inequality, and deferred justice upon individuals, families, professionals, and communities. **Fri, Feb. 3, 2023 at 6 P.M.**