

Local Civil Rights Leaders

Did you know that Cambridge is home to some amazing people who have fought for the rights of others?

 <p>W.E.B. Dubois</p>	<p>Activist, historian, and writer W.E.B. Dubois resided in Cambridge for his studies at Harvard. Dubois co-founded the NAACP and was known for his advocacy of full civil rights for African Americans. In 1903 he published <i>The Souls of Black Folk</i>, a collection of essays on race and racism.</p>
 <p>Bob Moses</p>	<p>Dr. Robert “Bob” Moses had served as field secretary of SNCC (the Students' Nonviolent Coordinating Committee) and helped to register voters in Mississippi in the 1960's. He later started the Algebra project here in Cambridge, which became a nationwide initiative to bring math literacy to underserved communities.</p>
 <p>Caroline Hunter</p>	<p>Caroline Hunter is a local leader in civil rights as well as in education. As a chemist for Polaroid Corporation, Hunter, along with her husband Ken Williams, discovered Polaroid's involvement in Apartheid in the 1970's. In order to force Polaroid to divest from South Africa, Hunter and Williams led the Polaroid Revolutionary Worker Movement and testified before the UN to encourage a boycott of Polaroid. The corporation fired them, and Polaroid did eventually divest. Hunter later became the assistant principal at Cambridge Rindge and Latin School.</p>
 <p>Sandra Graham</p>	<p>Sandra Graham, a lifelong Cambridge resident, was on the Board of the Cambridge Community Center in the late 1960's. She then led a protest against Harvard's displacement of Cambridge residents, which later resulted in Harvard's construction of elderly and family housing for the city. Graham served as the first black woman on the Cambridge City Council and later became a Massachusetts State Rep. She is one of the namesakes of the Graham and Parks School.</p>
 <p>Nadeem Mazen</p>	<p>Nadeem Mazen is an educator, entrepreneur, and community organizer. Since being elected to Cambridge City Council in 2013, he has worked to address social justice issues and greater equity for all members of our community. He also helped form the Massachusetts chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations, a civil rights group known as CAIR that supports Muslims engaged in the fight against discrimination.</p>

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