

NATIONAL SYMPOSIUM FOR STATE AND LOCAL REPARATIONS 2025



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ABOUT THE NATIONAL SYMPOSIUM FOR STATE AND LOCAL REPARATIONS

For the fifth year, reparations practitioners will gather in Evanston, Illinois, the first municipality to pass tax-funded legislation enabling local reparations. This three-day symposium includes keynote speakers, round table discussions, breakout sessions and opportunities for fellowship within the movement.

This Symposium fosters collaboration, facilitates discussions on best practices and tools, and works towards crafting a sustainable model to promote local reparations. Our gathering includes workshops, working sessions, stakeholder development, and policy design assistance for local government bodies and institutions.

Attendees include local, state, national, and international reparations leaders and practitioners, mayors and other elected executives, City Council and other legislators, public and private lawyers, clergy and lay leaders, academics and researchers, racial justice leaders, elders and youth, artists and musicians, and more.

Objectives

Solutions Only

The FirstRepair Symposium generates action plans, motivating participants to implement what they have learned and advocate for reparations in their communities.

Learning and Sharing

Through education, we access the knowledge needed to advocate for local reparations, amplify marginalized voices, facilitate dialogue, and build coalitions that drive meaningful change.

Social Change

We are committed to engaging with and improving our local community, promoting social change, and advancing Black community empowerment and liberation.

Engage with Experts and Leaders

To provide access to experts, thought leaders, and change-makers who can inspire, mentor, and guide participants in their reparations efforts.

Collaboration

The Symposium engages participants in constructive and open conversations to support action plans that advance reparations initiatives.

Snapshot of the 2024 National Symposium

220

Attendees

From Over

40

Localities

To hear from
over

50

Speakers

In

22

Sessions

Over

100,000

Dollars invested to local business

Attendees also participate in a bus tour of Evanston led by Shorefront Legacy Center, the Evanston Reparations Town Hall, regional reports, live Toolkit sessions, and an awards dinner recognizing significant leaders and achievements in the local reparations movement.

Sponsorship Opportunities

Show your willingness to ACT: Acknowledge, Commit, Transform for the state and local reparations movement

Leadership Sponsor - \$50,000

Unwavering commitment to making reparations common sense and common place. First right of refusal for 2026 Symposium sponsorship.



Awards Dinner Sponsor - \$25,000

Uplift and recognize grassroots, institutional, legislative, local commission leaders advancing reparations across the nation.



Town hall Sponsor - \$10,000

Ensure the voices of the community are heard and centered in shaping reparations practice at our annual open-to-the-public Town hall Meeting.

Session Sponsor - \$5,000

Underwrite a program session, bus tour, Live Toolkit, regional report, exhibit or performance.



Guest Experience Sponsor - \$2,500

Sponsor health & wellness, photography, live entertainment, accessibility and technology services.

Grassroots and Young Leader Sponsor - \$1,000

Bring leaders at all levels to the conversation with travel grants and stipends.



Hometown Sponsor - \$500

Help showcase Evanston as a model for the nation and the world.

ALL SPONSORS ARE RECOGNIZED THROUGH:

- Your logo and link on the FirstRepair website
- Social media posts announcing your participation
- Mentions in the Event App (Whova) used by all attendees
- Signage throughout the Symposium
- Collateral materials in gift bags and information tables
- Podium announcements
- Appearance and Thank You in recap video

◎ Testimonials

The contributions of FirstRepair to the reparations movement are immeasurable.

The information gained and relationships built through the National Reparations Symposiums have provided the KC Reparations Coalition inspiration and direction as we chart our course towards repair for Black Kansas Citians. Robin and the FirstRepair team are eager and accessible in ensuring reparations initiatives have the support and resources needed to achieve reparative justice.



Janay Reliford, MSW
Chair, KC Reparations Coalition
Reparations Now!!!

I had the privilege of attending the inaugural FirstRepair Symposium, and it was a transformative experience that deepened my understanding and commitment to the reparations cause. Beyond the wealth of knowledge gained, what sets FirstRepair apart is its ability to cultivate a sense of unity and belonging. It has evolved beyond a mere event; it's a movement that has woven us together as a family. FirstRepair is not just a reminder of our shared mission, but a powerful mantra affirming that we stand united in this crucial fight. It has created a space where we are not alone but surrounded by a community dedicated to justice and reparations.



Kristi Williams
Founder, Black History Saturdays
& Descendant of the 1921 Tulsa
Race Massacre

Having been present at the FirstRepair Reparations conference from the start, witnessing the convergence of unapologetic brilliant minds annually to exchange ideas, knowledge, and wisdom in this movement has been both educationally invigorating and soul-reviving for the upcoming challenges. I feel stronger and wiser, now being a part of an enduring movement that moves in unison - a truly powerful experience.



Vanessa Hall Harper
Tulsa District 1 City Councilor

I was honored to be one of several volunteers on behalf of FirstRepair for the Reparations Symposium in Evanston. I was deeply moved by the collective energy, wisdom, and inspiration shared by the 250 participants who gathered at the Orrington Hotel. I am grateful to FirstRepair for the opportunity to be an ally and supporter of this growing Reparations movement!



Rev. Stephen Heaviland
Lake Street Church
of Evanston (retired)

Thank You



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