



## THROUGH THE POWER OF CONNECTION: INVEST, INSPIRE AND SERVE

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## HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH LUNCH AND LEARNS

**Sept. 18 - Oct. 23**

**Sept. 18:** Herminia Esqueda -El Poder de Nuestra Historia

**Sept. 25:** Nancy Aguilar (CHA) - Hispanic Heritage Month-¿Cómo andamos?

**Oct. 2:** Abel Rocha and His Songs of the People (Spanish)

**Oct. 16:** Estafania Martinez- Decolonizing Our Identity

**Oct. 23:** Juan Garza - Dia De Los Muertos Panel

Please register for Lunch and Learns [here](#).

**JOIN OUR  
GENERAL  
MEMBERSHIP  
MEETING**

Tuesday, Sept. 9  
3 p.m.-5 p.m.

[Join Zoom Meeting](#) |  
Meeting ID: 996 2578  
6625 | Passcode:  
791987 | Phone  
Number: 253-215-8782.

Click [here](#) to download  
the 2025 LLN General  
Meeting calendar.

**\*\*Please note new  
Zoom link above.**

## UPCOMING EVENTS!

### Sept. 11 and 26: Latina Health Symposium.

This annual event is a forum for community health workers, public health professionals, Latino community members, and social service professionals to come together to learn about and discuss health-related topics that impact Hispanic/Latina women. This event will be hosted from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., in three different locations:

- **Renton, WA-Sept. 11**
- **Spokane, WA-Sept. 26**

This is a free event, but you must register to attend. Register [here](#).

**Oct. 14: General LLN Meeting.** The Dolores Huerta Foundation will be our guest speakers and will be sharing about their advocacy work. Their mission is: Inspiring and organizing communities to build volunteer organizations empowered to pursue social justice.



**Sept. 18-Oct. 23 (tentatively):** Join LLN every Thursday from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. for our annual HHM virtual lunch and learns, Hasta la Raiz. More information about topics will be shared as we get closer. Register [here](#).

**Sept. 27: Lula Fest celebration** is a vibrant celebration of Hispanic and Latinx heritage and cultures through live music, vendors, food trucks, custom cars and more. The event is hosted by Ultimano Comms+. It is family friendly and free to attend. All are welcome. More details [here](#).



**Sept. 4-Oct. 6: MEXAM NW Festival** is an exhilarating multi-venue festival that spotlights the vibrant tapestry of contemporary Hispanic and Mexican-American culture. Events range from art exhibits to full days with live culture performances and interactive booths. Learn more about volunteering and all events [here](#).



## DONATE SHARED LEAVE

To donate hours, please fill out this [Shared Leave Donation Form](#) and email it to [ofmhr@ofm.wa.gov](mailto:ofmhr@ofm.wa.gov).

### Donation Leave Requirements:

- Employees may donate any amount of sick leave provided the donation does not cause their sick leave balances to fall below 176 hours after the transfer.
- Employees may donate vacation leave if this does not cause their vacation leave balance to fall below 80 hours.

If you have been approved of Shared Leave and would like your name included in this newsletter, please contact [Lorraine Peterson](#).

## JOIN THE LLN BOARD OR A COMMITTEE

Are you eager to get involved with LLN work? Volunteer and join the team!

### Committee Coordinators:

- Virtual Events Coordinator
- Health and Wellness Coordinator

### Join Our Committees:

- **Communications:** Shape our message and connect with our audience.
- **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI):** Foster inclusivity and equity.
- **Health and Wellness:** Advocate for member well-being.
- **Membership and Outreach:** Engage and expand our community.
- **Best Practices:** Improve our processes.
- **Events:** Organize in-person and virtual gatherings.

Email [LLN@OFM.WA.GOV](mailto:LLN@OFM.WA.GOV) if you are interested.

## GET INVOLVED!

**Interested in joining advocacy groups for immigrant rights? Today, it is more crucial than ever. You can volunteer, donate, or help raise awareness about these organizations.**

- **La Resistencia** is a grassroots, undocumented-led movement that works to end the detention of immigrants and stop all deportations. Learn more [here](#).
- **Community to Community** is a women of color and farmworker led grassroots organization dedicated to building movement towards a JUST TRANSITION. Learn more [here](#).
- **Super Familia** is a mutual aid group that supports unaccompanied and undocumented youth. Learn more [here](#).
- **Reservation Roots** provide weekly meal distributions, organize clean ups, clothing distributions, food drives and provide educational opportunities. Learn more [here](#).
- **Immigrant Rights: Know Them Use Them** is a training to help you support others in knowing their rights. Click [here for English](#) or [here for Spanish](#).
- **Bystander Action During an Immigration Raid** is a training to support impacted individuals in the event of an immigration raid. [English](#) or [Spanish](#).

## Looking for new job opportunities with the State of Washington?

Check out the Office of the Governor and the Office of Financial Management Job Opportunity bulletin [here](#).



## New LLN Recruitment Video Debut



Click on thumbnail above or [here](#) to watch video.

## CHECK OUT THESE EXCITING VIDEOS ON OUR LLN YOUTUBE CHANNEL

NEW: February LLN General Meeting on Self-Care

Washington DEI Empowerment Conference 2024- Presenters Herminia Esqueda and Tony Griego

HHM Lunch and Learn: Understanding the state recruiting process- Steve Camerer and Jose Dominguez

HHM Lunch and Learn: My Musical Tejano Family- Herminia Esqueda

Hispanic Heritage Month 2024-Story-Telling: Highlighting 2SLGBTQ+ Experiences in Latine Culture

October 2024 General Meeting: Natalie Asalgado- Neurodivergence In The Immigrant Family

HHM Lunch and Learn: Spanglish in Government: Bridging Cultures and Enhancing Communication

## LLN MEMBER SURVEY

Take our LLN member survey!



Let us know if you have any interest in leadership positions, committee membership, potential segments and meaningful topics to discuss at membership meetings. Your input on how we can improve your membership meeting experience is invaluable.

The survey is quick to complete, and your insights will help us plan future initiatives.

Click [here](#) to take the survey.