YW Boston’s Elevating Lives Series is a curated event series that focuses on areas relating to our mission of eliminating racism and empowering women. Our series convenes thought leaders from across sectors for transformative discussions that help elevate lives.

Our 2020 Elevating Lives Series: Delivering on promises of racial justice will feature two interactive, virtual events focused on creating change, both internally and beyond the workplace:

Making Caregiving Work: COVID-19 and women’s advancement in the workplace
Thursday, November 12, 2020
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM | Interactive, virtual event

This event will explore how to address COVID-19’s impact on women and women of color’s advancement in the workplace. We’ll be joined by expert speakers Dr. Christian Weller, Professor at UMass Boston, and Lauren Birchfield Kennedy, Co-Founder of Neighborhood Villages, and Beth Chandler, YW Boston President & CEO, to discuss ways to implement more inclusive workplace practices for caregivers and, ultimately, create more opportunities for women to remain and succeed in the workforce.

The Future of DEI: How to sustain organizational change
Wednesday, December 2, 2020
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM | Interactive, virtual event

During this event, we will explore the evolution of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion initiatives and how leaders can be responsive in adapting DEI efforts for long-term sustainability. We’ll be joined by John Hancock President & CEO, Marianne Harrison, and McKinsey & Company partner, Sara Prince. Our panelists will share how they are holding themselves accountable and how they managed to successfully turn aspirational social justice statements into concrete plans for equitable organizational change.

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