



WHAT'S NEXT?

We hope this exhibit made you at least think about our local history a bit differently and to have inspired your curiosity to learn more. As we explained at the start of this online exhibit, we are only at the beginning of the process of developing a more inclusive understanding of DeKalb County's history. Research, conversations, and interviews are all continuing.

Please consider taking the survey. It will only take a few minutes; this information will be key in helping us better understand the variety of perspectives that are part of our local story.

Programming is also planned to further explore the ideas presented in this exhibit. Please visit our website and social media for specific details. As this project was launched as part of a Healing Illinois grant, we know that one exhibit will not fix or improve some of the issues explored in Arts in Action. However, it is a first step. We cannot move forward to grow and improve until we are aware of our past, [remove this comma] and recognize that even if these events happened years ago, [add this comma] the impact still exists in policies and relationships throughout DeKalb County.

This project was funded through a Healing Illinois Grant from the State of Illinois Department of Human Services and the DeKalb County Community Foundation in partnership with Family Service Agency, City of DeKalb, Ellwood House Museum, DeKalb County History Center, and Northern Illinois University to help cocreate a culture of belonging in our community. A full list of belonging projects can be found at cityofdekalb.com.

Upcoming Programs:

Guided Tour: April 1 at 7:00 p.m. VIRTUAL

Michelle Donahoe, Executive Director of the DeKalb County History Center and Brian Reis, Executive Director of the Ellwood House Museum will lead a virtual tour of the new exhibit. They will discuss the research surrounding the exhibit, artists' work, and explore "What's next?" They will also be available to answer any questions.

Register here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/arts-in-action-virtual-guided-tour-of-the-online-exhibit-tickets-148368926453>

Guided Tour: April 14 at 11:00 a.m. VIRTUAL

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TBA:

- Meet the Artists - VIRTUAL panel
- Dr. Joseph Flynn Jr., NIU professor and author of *White Fatigue: Rethinking Resistance for Social Justice*, 2018.
- Stories connected to NIU's Black Oral History project
- In-person exhibit, Fall 2021