

The Women's Interfaith Dialogue of Oak Ridge in partnership with the League of Women Voters and the Oak Ridge Interfaith Partnership will present a public forum on U.S. immigration policy and the lack of a clear path to citizenship and its effects on all residents of a community.

The forum will be held at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Oak Ridge on Thursday, April 27, 2017 at 6:30 PM.

Speakers will include:

Dr. De Ann Pendry, Senior Lecturer, UTK, Department of Anthropology, and a expert on the history of immigration policy in the U.S. She will discuss the historical and current importance of authorized and unauthorized immigration to the U.S. economy; the influx of local, state, and federal taxes from undocumented immigrants; and the lack of a pathway to citizenship due to a broken immigration system.

DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) students will tell their personal stories about immigration to the U.S.

Ms. Jo Bruce, Director of Oak Ridge Schools' Family Resource Center, will discuss her work with immigrant families and the effects that recent Executive Orders have had on the well being of children in Oak Ridge.

Chief James Akagi, Oak Ridge Police, will discuss the need for a strong, open, and positive relationship between the police department and the community.

Time has been allocated for Questions and Answers.

The event is free and open to the public.

