

Ken Kurzweil Social Justice Recognition Award

Created as a result of a resolution passed at the 2016 NYSUT RA, this award recognizes those locals that have made a collective and sustained contribution to promoting social justice and human rights during the previous year. This award is named after longtime NYSUT Civil and Human Rights Committee Member and activist Ken Kurzweil, who spent years educating fellow NYSUT members and the local community on civil rights, social justice and human rights issues.

Cobleskill-Richmondville Teachers' Association

Dawn Kaminsky, President

The Cobleskill-Richmondville Teachers' Association consistently evidences a belief in social justice issues. In 2017, they demonstrated this by:

- Opposing child labor practices.
- Educating their colleagues, students and community about conscious purchasing and Fair Trade.
- Educating members and the community about the dangers of domestic abuse.
- Advocating for educational justice.
- Supporting initiatives to combat hunger and poverty.
- Promoting international solidarity.
- Favoring fair and unbiased immigration reform policies.
- Demonstrating labor solidarity.
- Upholding LGBTQ solidarity.
- Championing racial justice.
- Upholding support for human rights.
- Fighting for wage equity for women, people of color and immigrants.
- Championing women's issues, history and rights.

Hicksville Congress of Teachers

Thomas Glenn, President

The Hicksville Congress of Teachers consistently evidences a belief in social justice issues. In 2017, they demonstrated this by:

- Advocating for educational justice.
- Supporting initiatives to combat hunger and poverty.

- Favoring fair and unbiased immigration reform policies.
- Demonstrating labor solidarity.
- Upholding LGBTQ solidarity.
- Championing racial justice.
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Ithaca Teachers Association

Adam Piasecki, President

The Ithaca Teachers Association consistently evidences a belief in social justice issues. In 2017, they demonstrated this by:

- Educating their colleagues, students and community about conscious purchasing and Fair Trade.
- Advocating for educational justice.
- Supporting initiatives to combat hunger and poverty.
- Favoring fair and unbiased immigration reform policies.
- Demonstrating labor solidarity.
- Upholding LGBTQ solidarity.
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Nassau Community College Federation of Teachers

Frank J. Frisenda, President

Nassau Community College Federation of Teachers consistently evidences a belief in social justice issues. In 2017, they demonstrated this by:

- Educating members and the community about the dangers of domestic abuse.
- Advocating for educational justice.
- Supporting initiatives to combat hunger and poverty.
- Favoring fair and unbiased immigration reform policies.
- Upholding LGBTQ solidarity.
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NYSUT Retiree Council 20

Mel Stern, President

NYSUT Retiree Council 20 consistently evidences a belief in social justice issues. In 2017, they demonstrated this by:

- Advocating for educational justice.
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NYSUT Retiree Council 44

Sara Rodland, President

NYSUT Retiree Council 44 consistently evidences a belief in social justice issues. In 2017, they demonstrated this by:

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Rush-Henrietta Employees' Association

Sylvene R. Goggin, Human Rights & Social Responsibility Co-Chair

Rush-Henrietta Employees' Association consistently evidences a belief in social justice issues. In 2017, they demonstrated this by:

- Supporting initiatives to combat hunger and poverty.
- Demonstrating labor solidarity.

Schoharie Teachers Association

Natalie McKay, President

Schoharie Teachers Association consistently evidences a belief in social justice issues. In 2017, they demonstrated this by:

- Educating their colleagues, students and community about conscious purchasing and Fair Trade.
- Supporting initiatives to combat hunger and poverty.

Webutuck Teachers' Association

Rebecca Garrard, President

Webutuck Teachers' Association consistently evidences a belief in social justice issues. In 2017, they demonstrated this by:

- Educating members and the community about the dangers of domestic abuse.
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- Demonstrating labor solidarity.
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