

Meet Jessica Bhuiyan

Introduction by Joe Phillips

It is my pleasure to introduce our newest member, Jessica Bhuiyan, who is Executive Director of World Without Hate. As some of us would know from previous programs, World Without Hate is a nonprofit dedicated to sharing the transformational power of forgiveness, embracing compassion and mercy, and teaching others the beauty of acceptance and empathy. Jessica has been nominated by Hamilton McCulloh and Mark Wright and her classification is Nonprofit.



Jessica grew up in Connecticut, but during her high school years developed a fondness for Seattle when visiting relatives who lived in our area. She was intrigued by the combination of city life, water, mountains, and easy access to the outdoors.

After graduating from Marymount Manhattan College in New York, she started her career in non-profit fundraising, first working as a grant writer for the Greater Hartford Arts Council, and then in other arts organizations, for the YMCA, and finally Wesleyan University. At Wesleyan, she earned her master's degree, and shortly after that ventured out on her own as a consultant. She was referred to World Without Hate by a friend and went from volunteering to being Executive Director.

Of course, many of us probably know that her working closely with the founder of World without Hate, Rais Bhuiyan, resulted in marrying Rais, who spoke to our group last summer. Rais is here today, along with Jessica's father.

We have Rais's appearance to thank for Jessica joining Seattle 4. Remember that long-standing love of Seattle Jessica had, and when they were here last summer they were so impressed with the reception they received for their work from Rotary and our community? Consequently, they decided to move from Dallas, Texas, and make Seattle their home, which they did this past December. Seattle struck them as a more supportive community for the work of World Without Hate, and according to Jessica, this has proven to be the case. We are blessed to have them as part of our community.

Please join me in welcoming our newest member, Jessica Bhuiyan.