



common ground

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Share your story!

New Bedford is an extraordinary place
where different paths from around the world
have intersected and defined the city's character.

The New Bedford Whaling Museum is collecting and sharing stories that help paint the picture of Greater New Bedford. By submitting your story, you will help create the collective story of the community. This story-gathering initiative will culminate in an exhibition that shares the lived experiences of our enduring and evolving communities.

From its beginnings as a part of Wampanoag territory to its early Azorean and Cape Verdean immigrants, and more recent Central American and Caribbean immigrants, the the common threads throughout New Bedford's history has been migration, and its ethnic and cultural diversity—the heartbeat of this port city. Like a mosaic, this exhibition will highlight how individual stories and experiences intersect to create a singular picture of New Bedford—finding the common ground.

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What's your story?

→ **Neighborhood stories**

Tell us about where you call home and what's special about it.

→ **My stuff and my identity**

Do you own or use something that connects you to the city, your history, your identity, your family or your community?

→ **Then and now**

Are you a community elder? Do you have stories of changes in your lifetime or historic moments in the city?

→ **Hardship and struggle**

Share a story of hardship or struggle you have faced or that you see facing the city.

→ **A day in my life**

What is your typical day like?

→ **Places and spaces**

Do you have a story about a landmark or place that defines the city?

→ **Family histories and stories**

Do you have a story about your family migrating to the city, or of your family's experience within the city?

→ **Stories about "My City"**

Do you have a story about what makes the Greater New Bedford area unique and what makes it yours?

→ **Creativity and the arts**

Tell us about art, artists, or artistry in the area? Do you find New Bedford to be a place of artistic expression? How or why does the city inspire you.

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