

ACCESS TO FOOD

BROOKLYN FOOD CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS SATURDAY MAY 2ND 2009



Good Food Now: Getting Healthy Food into Underserved Communities

This workshop will discuss how food justice activists are using farmers' markets, community gardens, community supported agriculture (CSA), co-ops, and grocery store organizing campaigns to get good, healthy food into underserved communities throughout New York City.

Sarita Daftry, Youth Program Coord. and Project Dir. for East NY Farms.

Mo Kinberg, Food Policy Coordinator for UFCW 1500.

Theo Moore, Families United for Racial and Economic Equality.

Yonnette Fleming, Vice Pres., Hattie Carthan Community Garden.

Angela C. Davis, moderator, Community Food Education Coordinator, Just Food.

Eating Locally: Community Supported Agriculture (CSAs) & Farmers Markets This workshop will explore the origin and growth of the local food movement in the United States. Speakers will address the challenges and successes of creating a local food system for New York City.

Paula Lukats, CSA Program Manager, Just Food.

Robert Lewis, Founder of Greenmarkets, NYS Dept. of Agriculture.

Scott Chaskey, Quail Hill Community Farm.

participant from Make the Road NY CSA project.

Giselle Sperber, moderator.

Fighting Hunger through Advocacy

Handing out food in soup kitchens and food pantries can never end hunger in Brooklyn--or anywhere else. The public sector must step up to the plate to do its share, not only by expanding food assistance programs like SNAP (formerly known as food Stamps) and school meals, but also by working for a liveable minimum wage, fair taxes and other basic social policies. Join experienced policy advocates in an exploration of the public policy approach to ending hunger.

Kate MacKenzie, M.S., R.D., is the Director of Program Development and Policy at City Harvest.

James Subudhi, Sustainability Coordinator at WE ACT for Environmental Justice.

Kathy Goldman, activist and founder of the Community Food Resource Center.

Aine Duggan, Vice Pres. for Research, Policy and Education, Food Bank for NYC

Hunger in New York City

Over 1.3 million New Yorkers are currently hungry or at risk of hunger and 3.1 million have experienced difficulty in affording needed food. Learn what New Yorkers are doing to alleviate this problem, and what needs to be done to prevent it.

Joel Berg, Exec. Dir., New York City Coalition Against Hunger

Triada Stampas, Dir. Government Relations & Public Education, Food Bank for NYC

Reverend Melony Samuels, Exec. Dir., Bed-Stuy Campaign Against Hunger.

Janet Poppendieck, moderator, Prof. of Sociology, Hunter College.

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Fighting Hunger in Our Communities

This workshop addresses how to organize programs to make sure that the hungry are fed, by bringing together restaurants, special events organizers, and food pantries. Varied programs and participants represent different steps in this process. How do we do it?

Syd Mandelbaum, Exec. Dir., Rock and Wrap it Up.

Rev. Robert Ennis Jackson, Co-founder, Brooklyn Rescue Mission.

Nurah-Rosalie P. Jeter Amat'ullah, Exec. Dir., Muslim Women's Institute for Research and Development.

***City Harvest Food Distribution Representative**

Food and the Elderly: Food Insecurity as a Way of Life

Linda Whitaker, Department of Aging.

TBD, Lutheran Medical Center.

"Food Summer:" Enrolling for Food Stamps, WIC & Healthy Choices

Initiated by the Brooklyn Borough President's Healthy Food Campaign and developed with a wide range of Brooklyn organizations, we will enroll eligible people on to food stamps and inform people about the availability of fresh food via farmer's markets, CSAs and co-ops.

Ian Marvy, Executive Director of Added-Value Farm in Red Hook, Brooklyn.

Why Co-ops Matter

This panel will look at why cooperatives – organizations based on the principle of democracy in the workplace – are even more important in times of economic crisis. We will look at several cooperative business models and discuss their efforts to build successful businesses while working for the good of all in their community.

Sonia Pichardo, communications for Green Worker Cooperatives.

Joseph Holtz, co-founded the Park Slope Food Coop (PSFC).

Sekou Silb, co-director Restaurant Opportunities Center of New York.

Nicole Vitello, Equal Exchange Natural Food Sales Representative.

Scott Codey, *moderator*, Director of Advocacy at Citizens Committee for New York City and a co-coordinator of the New York City Fair Trade Coalition.

How to Start a Food Co-op: Nuts and Bolts

This panel will discuss the principles of food cooperatives, different models of organization, and successes and failures of past and present co-ops. Panelists will describe effective strategies and methods for creating and maintaining new cooperatives, the common challenges faced by new co-ops, and new ideas and issues concerning the future of food cooperatives in NYC.

Nakisha Henry, Kalabash Food Cooperative.

David Marangio, Bay Ridge Food Cooperative.

Joseph Holtz, Park Slope Food Coop.

Zena Nelson, South Bronx Food Cooperative.

Erin Kaplin, Green Hill Food Cooperative.

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