

# GREENPOINT ORGANIZATIONS

## FARMERS MARKETS

### **McGolrick Park's Farmer's Market**

Sunday, 11-4pm

### **McCarren Park Green Market**

Saturday, 8-3pm

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

### **Greenpoint Chamber of Commerce**

Our goal is to help every business join in this upward trajectory and improve the commercial landscapes to reflect the community's unique business.

#### Mission

Our mission is to unite and advocate for the varied businesses of North Brooklyn around the shared goal of improving the community's commercial landscape and stimulating the local economy. The Greenpoint Chamber of Commerce is dedicated to supporting local businesses by providing a platform to network, address issues of mutual concern and to market their products and services, leading to increased business for all members.

#### Networking

Networking is one of the most important components for developing a successful business, as people prefer doing business with those with whom they have relationships. At our mixers, members make valuable connections and learn how to effectively build those relationships. We are creating an environment that encourages doing business locally and increases your visibility in the community. Meetings rotate among members' places of business, giving an opportunity to showcase each company to our members.

#### Advocacy & Assistance

We are dedicated to addressing hyperlocal issues that impact our businesses. Some of these include cleaning commercial corridors, removing graffiti, increasing parking in shopping areas, and improving public transportation. We engage our elected officials to work with us to better serve the businesses of North Brooklyn.

### **Neighbors Allied for Good Growth (confirm hours)**

Neighbors Allied for Good Growth (formerly Neighbors Against Garbage) developed out of our neighborhood's desire to recapture its waterfront, reduce local environmental hazards, and advocate for public policies promoting healthy mixed-use communities. We advocate with and for the people who live and work in the North Brooklyn neighborhoods of Greenpoint and Williamsburg. Our approach to these issues is guided by the principle that our entire community is entitled to participate in decision-making and negotiation processes affecting our neighborhood, leadership of local mobilization efforts, and the design of a future vision for our community.

### **Open Space Alliance Brooklyn (confirm hours)**

Open Space Alliance for North Brooklyn (OSA) was formed in 2003 to raise private funds to expand and improve open space in North Brooklyn. OSA is modeled after other successful conservancies, working with the NYC Department of Parks & Recreation, elected officials, and the community to maintain, activate, enhance, and expand local parks.

Unlike traditional park conservancies, however, OSA is committed to improving ALL the parks in Community District 1 rather than focusing on a single park. In doing so, less advantaged areas of our community can be improved by leveraging resources from more affluent parts of the district.

In 2008, OSA signed a formal operating agreement with the NYC Department of Parks & Recreation, and hired an Executive Director who serves a dual role as the North Brooklyn Parks Administrator. Today OSA has six staff members including two maintenance workers and one gardener, all working to make North Brooklyn parks the best they can be.

Board members are required to contribute financially, and provide service on Board Committees. Annual Board member contributions make full time staffing possible, and demonstrate to traditional funding sources that OSA has a dependable cash flow, and local support. OSA's Board includes our local elected officials in an advisory capacity.

By raising funds and joining our parks advocates, community groups, Community Board 1, elected officials, and the NYC Department of Parks & Recreation, together we create the green space our neighborhood

### **North Brooklyn Development Corporation (confirm hours)**

Historically, the North Brooklyn neighborhoods of Greenpoint and Williamsburg have been plagued with a disproportionate number of toxic and polluting industries. Decades of industrial retrenchment have witnessed the rapid growth—or rather invasion—of scores of waste-related industries along the North Brooklyn waterfront. Of the city’s 54 private waste transfer stations, 17 were located on the Greenpoint and Williamsburg waterfronts. This was in addition to the more than one hundred industries involved with hazardous materials, the seventeen petroleum and natural gas storage facilities, the nuclear waste transfer station, the state’s largest sewage treatment plant, and the underground oil spill estimated to be three times the size of the Exxon-Valdez catastrophe.

Given this tragic environmental history, it is no surprise that the residents of Greenpoint and Williamsburg have been especially vocal and active in demanding that the rezoning of the waterfront yield the promised open space along the river. NBDC has been involved with these efforts from the very beginning, participating as a charter member in the Open Space Alliance (OSA). NBDC has also supported the East River State, the Transmitter Park on the former WNYC radio station site, and the India Street Park and Mural Project. NBDC believes that North Brooklyn has been deprived of much-needed open green space for far too long; to create a cleaner, healthier community, we are committed to putting the “green” back in Greenpoint.

## **SERVICES**

### **PSC Community Service (confirm hours)**

Home health care program

### **Polysofpy Inc (confirm hours)**

Polysofpy Inc. is a non-profit organization which offers education and research opportunities for motivated individuals. We’d like to assist graduating and newly graduated students in familiarizing with future career skills. Our goal is to produce conscience individuals who pursue a future in building a better world.

#### **OUR MISSION**

We promote research and development for what we’d like to call “Better World Science.” We believe in making a better world with the science of renewable energy, sustainable living, cost optimized farming, and many other proven paths.

### **Alpha One Lab (confirm hours)**

Maker shop

### **Greenpoint Manufacturing and Design Center (confirm hours)**

The Greenpoint Manufacturing and Design Center (GMDC) is the premier nonprofit industrial developer in New York City. Since its inception in 1992, GMDC has rehabilitated six North Brooklyn manufacturing buildings for occupancy by small manufacturing enterprises, artisans and artists. Currently GMDC owns and manages four of these properties, and has recently acquired a fifth property that is in the beginning stages of redevelopment. Together, these buildings represent more than half a million square feet of space, and are occupied by more than 100 businesses that together employ more than 500 people.

#### **Our Mission**

The Greenpoint Manufacturing and Design Center creates and sustains viable manufacturing sectors in urban neighborhoods through planning, developing, and managing real estate and offering other related services.

Here's how we do it:

- We acquire, rehab, and manage derelict industrial properties.
- We serve as a financial intermediary.
- We act as advocates by building coalitions and fostering collaboration among stakeholders.
- We create and influence policy and the allocation of resources related to manufacturing and/or industrial development.
- We build the field and promote our model by publishing, presenting at conferences, and providing technical assistance to other communities.
- New York City needs industrial real estate that provides small and medium-sized manufacturing enterprises with affordable, flexible production space.

The Greenpoint Manufacturing and Design Center (GMDC) started in the late 1980s as an innovative intersection of two interests: reclaiming derelict factories in North Brooklyn's Greenpoint neighborhood and sustaining industry and manufacturing in New York City. The organization formally incorporated in 1992.

From its initial purchase and redevelopment of a large facility at 1155 Manhattan Avenue for use by light manufacturers and artisans, GMDC has since expanded and today is the only nonprofit industrial developer in New York City. The organization acquires, develops, and manages industrial real estate that provides small and medium-sized manufacturing enterprises with affordable, flexible production space.

GMDC, in addition to managing, maintaining, and improving its properties, actively looks for still more opportunities to uncover underutilized buildings. Crafting public/private financing, engaging staff in building design and reconstruction, and marketing newly renovated spaces to small businesses, manufacturers, and craftspeople are all ways GMDC can influence how unused properties will be

reinvented and push its mixed-use agenda. GMDC seeks to position itself as a national model that could be replicated. Keeping light manufacturing and artisans in American cities is paramount to the preservation of buoyant mixed-use communities such as Greenpoint. As long as visionary designers, committed manufacturers, and active small businesses look to grow and thrive in New York City, GMDC will strive to help them realize their ambitions.

### **Not An Alternative** (confirm hours)

A hybrid arts collective and non-profit organization with a mission to affect popular understandings of events, symbols, and history. The group curates and produces interventions on immaterial and material space, leveraging the tools of architecture, exhibit design, branding, and public relations.

Not An Alternative's actions, installations, and presentations have been featured within art institutions around the world, and in the public sphere, where they collaborate with community organizations and activist mobilizations. They host programs at a variety of venues, including their Brooklyn-based gallery **No-Space** (*formerly known as The Change You Want to See Gallery*).

**No-Space** is host to free lectures, screenings, panel discussions, workshops and artist presentations. The space also consists of a production workshop, filming studio and video editing suite. During the day it is a collaborative office space (aka [coworking](#)) for freelancers and cultural producers.

## **RELIGIOUS BASED SERVICES**

### **Lutheran Church of the Messiah**

Confirm hours

### **Salvation Army**

Confirm hours

### **Youth 2000 New York Inc**

The first event in New York was held at Our Lady of the Angels Parish in the Bronx. Since that time, YOUTH 2000 NY has held monthly prayer festivals and has touched the lives of thousands of young people in the Metropolitan area. YOUTH 2000 Prayer Festivals occur almost every week somewhere in the US. At present, YOUTH 2000 is active in the US, England, Ireland, Germany, Australia, Panama, the West Indies, and hopes to expand into other countries in Europe and in Africa.

YOUTH 2000 Prayer Festivals in the US, in New York in particular, have been led by The Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. This order of young priests and brothers has taken seriously the Gospel message to give all they have to the poor and to follow Christ. Their simple life style, love of Christ, and service to the poor present to the young people a powerful witness of Christ living in today's world.

YOUTH 2000 Was invited by the World Youth day committee to lead Eucharistic Adoration at the World Youth Days in Manila in 1995, Paris in 1997, Rome in 2000, and again in Toronto in 2002.

### **Catholic Charities Brooklyn (confirm hours)**

Our Community Centers have staff and volunteers who can help you and your family connect with any one of our varied services in the following eight areas:

- [Parish and Community Outreach & Services](#)
- [Behavioral Health Services](#)
- [Early Childhood Services](#)
- [The Caritas Training Center](#)
- [Family Services](#)
- [Older Adult Services](#)
- [Services for People with Developmental Disabilities](#)
- [Affordable Housing](#)

[Affiliated Services](#)

### **Greenpoint Reformed Church**

Sundays at Greenpoint 11am – Worship Celebration 12 noon – Community Brunch

Church Office Hours Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10am-2pm Wednesdays 2-7pm Saturdays by appointment

We are a community church filled with all kinds of people. We meet for worship, gather for a community meetings, sing our hearts out, and volunteer to help feed the neighborhood. For over one hundred and fifty years, the people of the Greenpoint Church have faithfully served the neighborhood of Greenpoint, Brooklyn.

In the past several years, we have become a spiritual home for all kinds of people – especially people who are surprised to find themselves going to church! We're committed to the presence of children and young adults in the life of the church and to finding exciting ways of merging worship, spirituality and the arts.

While many of our members were raised in theologically orthodox or more conservative traditions, and some may continue to hold to what might be called an orthodox understanding of their faith, others are far more liberal in their personal faith. More than a few members admit that they don't know exactly what they believe, but they want to grow in their faith. Greenpoint is a place that is willing to exist within a primary tension of the Christian faith: not everyone sees and experiences Christ in the same way. We come from different places, with different understandings of what the faith means, but we hold to the motto: "in essentials: unity, in non-essentials: liberty, in all things: charity."

### **Greenpoint YMCA**

Monday-Friday: 5AM–12AM

Saturday: 8AM–9PM

Sunday: 8AM–8PM

The Greenpoint Y's fitness center is open throughout the day, and the branch offers a full menu of adult education, health and wellness, teen, childcare, and family programs. And just as it did nearly 150 years ago, the branch also offers bed-and-breakfast accommodations for visitors drawn to the neighborhood's rich and colorful character.

## **ARTS**

### **Dose Projects**

Dose Projects is an alternative art model that uses [good art](#) to [do good](#).

50% of all sales on the website are donated to charitable [causes](#) that have been thoughtfully chosen by the artists themselves. The remaining 50% of sales goes to the artist.

The artists set their own prices and many artists choose to include [affordable artworks](#) under \$100.

A rotating selection of [projects](#) is handpicked by Dose Projects. New projects are announced on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) as they are added to the site.

Dose Projects also presents [exhibitions](#) by participating artists at its Brooklyn, NY gallery located in the historic Greenpoint Terminal Building.

### **Booklyn Artists Alliance (confirm hours)**

Booklyn helps artists document, exhibit, and distribute their artwork and provides the general public and educational institutions with services and programs involving contemporary artists' publications and works on paper. Booklyn assists artists in inventorying and cataloging their archives and collections and finds institutions to acquire, conserve, and provide access to these resources.

The Booklyn Art Gallery is a venue for emerging curators. Exhibitions feature artists who include publishing as part of their creative practice. Booklyn also collaborates with major exhibiting institutions to produce and curate exhibitions of artists' books and related media. Booklyn's curatorial practice concentrates on representing work by living artists. Booklyn provides support for artwork that deals with provocative subject matter including environmental, historical, linguistic and political issues. Booklyn also provides opportunities and services for artists who have limited means of distributing or producing their artwork. Booklyn presents alternative voices in a context often reserved for more established artists.

Booklyn is actively identifying and conserving cultural resources that would otherwise be lost. Our archive management program draws on Booklyn's unique relationship with artists working outside the commercial art world in order to develop curriculum-ready material that contextualizes diverse artistic processes within art and social movements.

With the goal of creating fair, sustainable and self-sufficient cultural economies, Booklyn designs creative and effective fundraising publications for arts and activist organizations, connecting like-minded individuals and groups to our growing global support network.

## **MISCELLANEOUS (HEADQUARTERED IN THE AREA)**

### **Buckminster Fuller Institute (confirm hours)**

Our programs combine unique insight into global trends and local needs with a comprehensive approach to design. We encourage participants to conceive and apply transformative strategies based on a crucial synthesis of whole systems thinking, Nature's fundamental principles, and an ethically driven worldview.

By facilitating convergence across the disciplines of art, science, design and technology, our work extends the profoundly relevant legacy of R. Buckminster Fuller. In this way, we strive to catalyze the collective intelligence required to fully address the unprecedented challenges before us.

**FULLER CHALLENGE** The Buckminster Fuller Challenge is BFI's flagship program, offering an annual \$100,000 prize to support the development and implementation of a strategy that has significant potential to solve humanity's most pressing problems.

**EXHIBITIONS** At the center of BFI's educational mission are the artifacts and concepts that embody Fuller's lifework. BFI partners with art, design, educational and other organizations to curate and design public exhibitions around the world

**DESIGN SCIENCE EDUCATION** Lectures, seminars, workshops and a rigorous hands-on training in the problem-solving methodology called comprehensive anticipatory design science pioneered by R. Buckminster Fuller. Emphasis is placed on global trends and local needs, whole systems thinking and critical inquiry of Nature's fundamental principles.

**FISCAL SPONSORSHIP** Through our Fiscal Sponsorship program, BFI supports and incubates small independent projects and programs. Explore the projects we currently sponsor and learn about previously sponsored initiatives!

**DYMAXION ARTIFACTS** BFI's online educational products store features a complete line of educational tools and resources for anyone interested in Buckminster Fuller and Design Science.

**STUDY CENTER** Located within our Brooklyn office, the BFI Study Center serves as a public space for all interested individuals, groups, and classes to engage in hands-on learning about Buckminster Fuller's life, work and legacy. Materials include rare and out of print books, periodicals, photographs, posters, videos, and an assortment of geometric models.

### **Polish National Alliance (confirm hours)**

The Marie Sklodowska-Curie Professional Women's Association, Inc. was founded in June 1996. The goals and objectives of the organization are charitable and educational in nature and strive to promote the cultural, social and economic advancement of its members, foster patriotism among them and maintain high standards of integrity and honor. The Association also promotes activities for the good and welfare of all Polish-Americans, utilizing all legitimate means to better their standing, and participates in community affairs.

Any woman engaged in or retired from a business or profession who resides in the United States and is of good moral character, who by birth or descent is of Polish heritage or who is interested in Polish culture and heritage, and who believes in the objectives, ideals and purposes of the Association is eligible for membership. Enclosed is an application for your consideration. Dues are \$25.00 per year for full members and \$15.00 per year for aspiring/student members.

### **Mercado Global (confirm hours)**

In 2004, two college students founded Mercado Global to address the debilitating poverty they witnessed on a trip to rural Latin America. Today, we are over 300 artisans in more than 30 cooperatives across Guatemala, creating products that appear in retail stores throughout North America. Our mission remains the same: to link rural indigenous artisans to international markets and break the cycle of poverty. Our innovative model for alleviating poverty has been recognized by National Public Radio, Good Morning America, MTV, and the United Nations. The journey from a Yale dorm room to the cover of Newsweek and a rising standard of living in rural communities would not be possible without the hard work, support and creativity of our supporters.