

Welcome to the Food Justice Service and Advocacy Summit!

Summit Schedule

8:45am: Doors open for registration

8:45 – 9:30: Breakfast and service project/workshop sign-ups

(Tip: arrive early to guarantee a spot in your preferred service project and workshop!)

9:30 – 10am: Welcome and Opening Panel

Panelists: Dr. Sharon Jaye (DOE Sustainability Initiative), Robert Friedman (Natural Resources Defense Council), Joshua Rivera (NYC Coalition Against Hunger), Laura Rog (NYC Service)

Moderated by Larissa Nguyen (Teens for Food Justice)

10am – 12:30pm: Service Projects in Bushwick/Bed-Stuy Community

12:30 – 1:30pm: Lunch

1 – 1:30pm: Youth Panel

Panelists: Kristina Erksine (Community Food Advocates), Helen Hernandez (East NY Farms),

Sara Murslim (Resilience Advocacy Project), Adrian Roque Silvas (Teens for Food Justice), Basheam Reid (Bushwick Hylan Community Center), Gustavo Bahena (Groundswell)

Moderated by Laura Rog (NYC Service)

1:30 – 3pm: Advocacy Workshops

3 – 3:15pm: Closing Remarks and Reflection

3:15 – 3:30pm: Planting of tribute garden for Bushwick Hylan Community Center

Choose a service project...

Hydroponic HarvestersMe, led by Teens for Food Justice: Work at the Teens for Food Justice classroom farm where you'll see soil-free farming systems in action and work to harvest fresh veggies.

A Kick Start to Composting: Head over to a Bed-Stuy community garden, Shiloh Garden, to learn the ins and outs of composting food waste and help this community garden tend to its composting!

Build and Plant at Shiloh Garden: Get to work building planter beds for use by local elementary school students, and plant and tend to crops in this vibrant community garden.

Urban Farming and a Start-Up Story at Bushwick City Farm: This community gardening project will not only give you an opportunity to get your hands in the dirt and meet the farm chickens, ducks and Guinea fowl, but will also give a look at what it takes to start and sustain a grassroots community farm in the city.

Bushwick Hylan Community Center Tribute Garden: Prepare the beds and groundwork for a Food Justice Summit Tribute Garden to thank the Bushwick Hylan Houses community for generously hosting us! Help out the community's seniors by tidying and tending to their garden.

Faith Assemblies Soup Kitchen: Join this Bed-Stuy soup kitchen and food pantry to help serve meals and organize a pantry that sustains many local community members.

Meals on Wheels at Borinquen Plaza Senior Center: prepare meals for at-risk senior citizens and see how food accessibility plays a role in the fight for food justice.

Food Justice Mural Project at Bushwick Hylan Community Center, led by Arts in Bushwick:

Work with a local artist to design and create a mural celebrating and advocating for food justice and healthy communities.

Filming the Fight for Food Justice, led by 501(c)(3) productions (3 positions available):

Work side by side with professional videographers as you visit the other service project sites and capture volunteers' activities on film.

[Choose a workshop...](#)

Lunch4Learning & Court Testimonials with Community Food Advocates: Learn from youth advocates about the successes and ongoing work in the campaign for universal school lunch, and practice writing your own court testimonial as an important tool for social change.

Hands-On Hydroponics with Teens for Food Justice: This workshop will give you an introduction to the science and technology of growing food indoors without soil, including the opportunity to build two fully-functioning hydroponic systems from scratch.

Define and Create Your Own Food Justice Advocacy Project: Join Resilience Advocacy Project's Youth Advisory Council as they define advocacy and break down the elements of successful goal planning. By the end of the workshop, you will have created your very own mini food justice advocacy project that you can carry out in your community!

City Sustainability Management, Policies & Systems: Learn from representatives of the DOE Sustainability Initiative and NYC Housing Authority Gardening & Greening Initiative how you can navigate our city's systems and policies in order to advocate for better health of people and the environment.

Youth/Adult Partnerships for Grassroots Change with East New York Farms: Learn from youth interns working in the Brooklyn urban agriculture movement how to strengthen youth/adult partnerships to help communities work towards sustaining grassroots food justice movements.

Food Justice Policy and Advocacy in NYC, led by NYC Coalition Against Hunger: This workshop will give you the opportunity to engage in discussion with professionals in the food justice field and to explore current issues around food justice and food policy.

Building a Narrative Around Sustainability, led by National Resources Defense Council: This communications workshop will focus on climate issues, sustainability, and food and ways to communicate their importance to others in an effective and impactful way.

Digital Storytelling for Advocacy: Learn hands-on how to use film and other media to get your message across and to effectively advocate for positive social change.