

Growing Leaders



Shifting Power to Young Leaders in the
Food Justice Movement
Community Food Funders Briefing
April 18, 2019



Our mission is to organize youth and adults to address food justice in our community through local sustainable agriculture and community-led economic development. East New York Farms! is a project of United Community Centers, Inc.



Where we came from:

The idea for ENYF came out of a community opinion forum led by the Pratt Center in 1995. The project started as a partnership between local gardeners and 6 organizations:

- Local Development Corp. of ENY
- United Community Centers
- Cornell Cooperative Extension
- ENY Urban Youth Corps
- Genesis Homes/Help USA
- Green Guerillas

Our programming began in 1998 with a grant from the Hitachi Foundation.



1998: First ENY Farmers Market





Youth



Vendors

Who we are:



Staff



Gardeners



Community Educators

What we do now:



Farmers Market



Education



Youth Program



Gardener
Assistance



Compost &
Clean Soil



Community
Farms

Youth Internship Program



Youth Program Facts:

- Started in 2000
- 36 Youth Ages 13-15
- Live or attend school in ENY
- 21 First-year Interns
- 15 Returning Interns (2nd, 3rd, 4th years)
- Operates March-November
- Food Justice & Social Justice Curriculum
- Emphasis on Intergenerational Relationships

Youth Internship Program



Youth Organizing



Farmers' Markets



Community Education



Gardener Assistance



UCC Youth Farm



Pink Houses Community Farm



Composting



Clean Soil



Panel Discussion:

Anita Chan

David Vigil

Iyeshima Harris

Kevon Hines

How ENYF cultivates leaders from
within our programs.