

WHAT DO WE DO NOW?

**ARTS & LABOR'S
ALTERNATIVE
ECONOMIES
RESOURCE GUIDE
for living in
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ALTERNATIVE ECONOMIES RESOURCE GUIDE

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This list has been compiled collaboratively by members of the OWS Arts & Labor Alternative Economies group to increase the visibility of and access to existing cooperatively-owned resources and alternative networks available to our community.

Arts & Labor is a working group founded in conjunction with the New York General Assembly for #occupywallstreet. We are artists and interns, writers and educators, art handlers and designers, administrators, curators, assistants, and students. We are all art workers and members of the 99%.

Arts & Labor is dedicated to exposing and rectifying economic inequalities and exploitative working conditions in our fields through direct action and educational initiatives. By forging coalitions, fighting for fair labor practices, and reimagining the structures and institutions that frame our work, Arts & Labor aims to achieve parity for every member of the 99%.

The Alternative Economies subgroup of OWS Arts & Labor explores new methods for sustaining the livelihood of artists, art workers, and other low-income populations. We view the concept of labor through the lenses of time, choice, and value, and we research the ways in which ideas such as the commons, solidarity economies, precarious worker centers, and participatory budgeting can nurture more sustainable art worlds. Believing that vibrant creative communities come from the bottom up, we encourage relationships based on mutual aid rather than competition, and we advocate for cultural institutions rooted in a framework of social, economic, and environmental justice.

This is a living document and by no means an authoritative list or an official endorsement of any organization below. We welcome your feedback and contributions. To get involved, find us at <http://artsandlabor.org>

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HOUSING

ArtHome (artist home ownership consulting)

<http://www.arthome.org>

Common Ground

<http://www.commonground.org> (shared housing for artists)

Community Land Trusts and Cooperative Housing

<http://thirdway.movementcatalyst.org>

El Barrio Artspace (coming in 2013)

<http://www.artspace.org/properties/nyc>

Ganas Community

<http://www.ganas.org/> (intentional community in staten island)

LINC (Leveraging Investments in Creativity)

<http://www.lincnet.net>

Manhattan Plaza (for performing artists only)

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Manhattan_Plaza

NYC housing lottery and affordable housing hotline

<http://www.nyc.gov/html/hpd/html/apartment/lotteries.shtml>

O4O Organizing for Occupation (Housing Justice)

<http://www.o4onyc.org>

Pratt Area Community Council

<http://pacc.publishpath.com/>

Red Hook Coop Housing

<http://destinationredhook.wordpress.com/2010/10/22/red-hook-homes-opens-doors/>

Squatting

<http://www.wikihow.com/Squat-in-Abandoned-Property>

Treehaus Coop

<http://treehausbrooklyn.org/>

HEALTH CARE

Artist Health Insurance Resource Center

<http://www.ahirc.org>

ArtistAccess (Woodhull Medical Center, Brooklyn; barter for health care)

<http://bit.ly/HEyK3H>

Bae Acupuncture Community Acupuncture Clinic
(sliding scale)

<http://www.baeacupuncture.com>

Brooklyn Acupuncture Project (sliding scale)

<http://www.brooklynacupunctureproject.com>

Brooklyn Open Acupuncture

<http://brooklynopenacupuncture.com>

Brooklyn Free Clinic

<http://www.brooklynfreeclinic.org>

Callen Lorde (sliding scale)

<http://www.callen-lorde.org>

Lincoln Center Art Exchange (Bronx; art for health care)

<http://www.nyc.gov/html/hhc/lincoln/html/LAX/artexchange.shtml>

Musicians Health Support

http://www.musicnomad.com/Support_Your_Music/Musicians_Health_Support

No-Insurance Guide to Brooklyn Health Care

<http://brokelyn.com/no-insurance-guide-to-brooklyn-healthcare/>

NYC Dental Clinics

http://www.nyc.gov/html/hia/html/resources/services_dental.shtml

NYC Free Clinic

<http://nycfreeclinic.med.nyu.edu/>

Rockdove Collective (sliding-scale alternative medicine)

<http://www.rockdovecollective.org/>

Third Root Community Health Center (sliding-scale alternative medicine) <http://thirdroot.org/>

William H. Ryan Community Health Centers (sliding scale)

<http://www.ryancenter.org>

MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES

Center for Edu. and Psychological Services at Columbia

<http://www.tc.columbia.edu/centers/ceps> (sliding scale)

Institute for Contemporary Psychotherapy

<http://www.icpnyc.org> (sliding scale)

Lutheran Counseling Center of New York

<http://www.lccny.org>

Interventionist/Therapist Directory

<http://4therapy.com> (search function that allows you to select the therapist's minimum fee range, as well as specialties, location, and other criteria.)

FOOD

4th Street Food Coop

<http://www.4thstreetfoodcoop.org/twiki/>

Community-Supported Kitchen (CSK)

<http://csknyc.blogspot.com/>

Food Not Bombs

<http://www.foodnotbombs.net/>

Freegan (sustainable living)

<http://freegan.info>

Grow NYC

<http://www.grownyc.org>

Just Food (promotes accesible, healthy food)

<http://www.justfood.org/>

The Kitchen Table (community kitchen and parenting collective):

<http://thekitchentablenyc.wordpress.com/>

Next Door Organics CSA

<http://www.nextdoororganics.com>

Seed Library (heirloom and non-gmo seeds)

<http://www.seedlibrary.org/>

Seeding the City (green roof project)

<http://seedingthecity.org/>

Park Slope Food Co-op

<http://foodcoop.com/>

Greenehill Co-op

<http://greenehillfood.coop/>

Bushwick Food Co-op

<http://bushwickfoodcoop.wordpress.com>

Flatbush Food Co-op

<http://www.flatbushfoodcoop.com/>

Grub

<http://www.inourheartsnyc.org/grub-community-dinners/>

Workers Diner

<http://www.workersdevelopment.com/workersdiner/>

Our Zoko (online tool for organizing food-sharing groups)

<http://ourzoko.com>

How to start a food coop or bulk buying club

<http://www.cgin.coop/start-a-food-coop>

Find a CSA:

<http://www.justfood.org/csa/>

GARDENS

596 Acres (community land resource advocate)

<http://596acres.org>

Green Guerillas

<http://www.greenguerillas.org/>

Green Thumb NYC

<http://www.greenthumbnyc.org/>

NYC Community Gardens Coalition

<http://nyccgc.org>

OasisNYC, Garden Resource List

oasisnyc.net/garden/gardensearch.aspx

CHILDCARE

Babysitter Exchange

<http://www.babysitterexchange.com/>

A Better Balance

<http://www.abetterbalance.org/>

Beyond Care

<http://www.beyondcare.coop/>

Regeneración

<http://www.childcarenyc.org/>

How to start a childcare cooperative

<http://www.frugal-mama.com/2010/01/new-yorkers-embrace-babysitting-co-ops-should-you/>

CONSTRUCTION, MATERIALS, STUFF

Every Thing Goes (Staten Island)

<http://www.etgstores.com/furniture/>

Build It Green

<http://bignyc.org/>

Freecycle

<http://www.freecycle.org/>

Materials for the Arts

<http://www.mfta.org/>

The Really, Really Free Market

<http://www.reallyreallyfree.org/>

FAB NYC Load Out (free, once a year)

<http://fabnyc.org/loadout.php>

Ourgoods (barter for goods and services)

<https://ourgoods.org>

NYC Stuff Exchange

<http://www.nyc.gov/html/stuffex/html/home/home.shtml>

ReUseIt Network

<http://www.reuseitnetwork.org/us.htm#NY>

NYC Waste Match (free, commercial materials exchange service)

<http://www.wastematch.org>

Recycler's exchange

<http://www.recycle.net/exchange/>

ARTIST RESIDENCY LISTINGS

There are many resources for residencies that already exist. Rather than replicate those lists, here are some sites that aggregate information.

Residency Unlimited

<http://www.residencyunlimited.org>

ResArtis

<http://www.resartis.org/>

Alliance of Artist Communities

<http://www.artistcommunities.org>

Mira's list

<http://www.miraslist.com/>

Stephanie Diamond's List

<http://www.stephaniediamond.com/listings.html>

Arts in Bushwick Listing

<http://artsinbushwick.org/bos2012/seeking>

ARTIST SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

Actors Fund

<http://www.actorsfund.org/>

Artist Help Network

<http://www.artisthelpnetwork.com>

Traveling Musicians' Union

<http://local1000.com/>

New York Foundation for the Arts

<http://www.nyfa.org>

OurGoods

<http://ourgoods.org/>

The Field

<http://www.thefield.org/>

Freelancers Union

<http://www.freelancersunion.org/>

Fractured Atlas

<http://www.fracturedatlas.org/>

TIMEBANKS

Timebanks NYC

<http://www.nyc.gov/html/timebanks/html/home/home.shtml>

e-flux timebank

<http://e-flux.com/timebank/>

EDUCATION

Anhoek School

<http://www.anhoekschool.org/>

Brooklyn Brainery

<http://brooklynbrainery.com/>

Brooklyn Institute for Social Research

<http://thebrooklyninstitute.com/>

Brooklyn Skillshare

<http://brooklynskillshare.org/>

Platform for Pedagogy

<http://platformed.org/>

The Public School

<http://all.thepublicschool.org/>

Trade School

<http://tradeschool.coop>

WORKER COOPERATIVE INCUBATORS AROUND THE US

General information about coops

<http://www.go.coop/>

New York City Network of Worker Coops

<http://www.nycworker.coop/>

Bronx Green Worker Cooperatives

<http://www.greenworker.coop/>

Cultivate Coop (an online hub for sharing knowledge and resources on cooperatives)

http://cultivate.coop/wiki/Main_Page

National Cooperative Business Association

<http://www.ncba.coop/>

Democracy at Work Network (peer advocacy assistance for people working in worker coops; also has an apprenticeship program)

<http://dawn.coop/>

How-To Video: Create a worker coop with a time bank

<http://youtu.be/cgl24bsgHao>

Workers Development

<http://www.workersdevelopment.com/>

BUSINESS SERVICES- (NON-PROFIT)

Government Resources for Nonprofit Organizations:

<http://www.idealists.org/if/idealists/en/Home/default>

BUSINESS SERVICES - (FOR PROFIT)

NY City Department of Small Business Services:

<http://www.nyc.gov/html/sbs/html/home/home.shtml>

NY Incorporation Information

<http://www.dos.state.ny.us/>

NYS Small Business Development Center

<http://www.nyssbdc.org/>

NYC Small Business Resource Center:

<http://legacy.www.nypl.org/research/sibl/smallbiz/sbrc/Pages/index.cfm>

PRINTING/PUBLICATIONS/VISUAL PROMOTION

Just Seeds Artist Co-Operative

<http://justseeds.org>

Occucopy Co-Operative

<http://occucopy.org>

Occuprint

<http://occuprint.org/>

ALTERNATIVE MEDIA ORGANIZATIONS

Indymedia

<http://www.indymedia.org>

The Indypendent | A Free Paper for Free People

<http://www.indypendent.org>

Paper Tiger Television Video Collective

<http://papertiger.org>

Fairness and Accuracy in Reporting FAIR

<http://www.fair.org>

Downtown Community Television DCTV

<http://www.dctvny.org>

People's Production House

<http://www.peoplesproductionhouse.org>

Deep Dish TV

<http://www.deepdishtv.org>

Manhattan Neighborhood Network MNN

<http://www.mnn.org>

Brooklyn Cable Access Television BCAT

<http://www.bricartsmedia.org/community-media/bcat-tv-network>

Bronxnet

<http://www.motherjones.com>

Colorlines

<http://colorlines.com>

Democracy Now

<http://www.democracynow.org>

The Nation

<http://www.thenation.com>

**North American Congress on Latin America /
NACLA**

<http://www.nacla.org>

Mayfirst/People link

<https://mayfirst.org>

WBAI Radio- NYC

<http://www.wbai.org>

The New Press

<http://thenewpress.com>

The Independent

<http://www.aivf.org>

Left Turn

<http://www.leftturn.org>

Mother Jones

<http://www.motherjones.com>

Arts Engine

<http://www.artsengine.net>

Rooftop Films

<http://www.rooftopfilms.com>

OPEN MEMBERSHIP COLLECTIVES

PaperTiger

<http://papertiger.org>

OWS Arts & Labor

<http://artsandlabor.org>

OWS Puppetry Guild

<http://artsandculture.nycga.net/network/guilds/puppetry/>

Rude Mechanical Orchestra (email about joining)

<http://rudemechanicalorchestra.org/> **WABC No Rio** (print collective, zine collective, punk collective, arts collective, photo collective, books through bars, food not bombs, InterActivist network)

<http://www.abcnorio.org/>

Making Worlds (collective on the Commons)

<http://makingworlds.wikispaces.com/>

COOPERATIVE HOME/OFFICE CLEANING SERVICES

Apple Eco-Friendly Cleaning (worker cooperative)

<http://green-coop.com/>

Si se puede

<http://www.wecandoit.coop/>

MONEY AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

Move Your Money project

<http://moveyourmoneyproject.org/>

Find a credit union

<http://www.ncua.gov/DataApps/ResearchCU/Pages/default.aspx>

SUSU (rotating savings club)

<http://shannakee.hubpages.com/hub/Do-you-SuSu>

NYFA (financial services)

<http://www.nyfa.org/level2.asp?id=51&fid=1>

Fractured Atlas (fiscal sponsorship and financial services)
<http://www.fracturedatlas.org/>

Sunday Soups (Meals that fund artists' projects)
<http://sundaysoup.org/>

WORKERS' RIGHTS ADVOCATES

W.A.G.E Working Artists for the Greater Economy
<http://www.wageforwork.com/>

Community Voices Heard
<http://www.cvhaction.org/>

Make the Road New York
<http://www.maketheroad.org/>

Day Workers United/Jornaleros Unidos
<http://jornalerosunidos.wordpress.com>

Workers Justice Project
<http://www.workersjustice.org>

LEGAL ADVOCACY

(Also see Social Services & Immigrant Rights below)

Cardoza Art Law Society
<http://cardozoartlawsociety.blogspot.com/>

Legal Aid Society
<http://www.legal-aid.org>

National Lawyers Guild
<http://www.nlg.org/>

Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts (pro bono consultation)
<http://www.vlany.org>

Nolo (find forms, find lawyers)
<http://www.nolo.com/>

Sylvia Rivera Law Project
<http://srlp.org/>

Restorative Justice Initiatives NYS
<http://www.nyscommunityjusticeforum.org/Initiatives/CJHome.htm>

MEDIATION/SAFE SPACE

Safe Space

<http://www.safespaceny.org>

Mediate NYC / Community Mediation Services

<http://mediatenyc.org/>

PRISONER SUPPORT

Books Through Bars

<http://booksthroughbars.org/programs/book-distribution/>

Prison Activist Resource Center

<http://www.prisonactivist.org>

Prisoner Support Network

<http://www.prisonersupportnetwork.blogspot.com>

The Women's Prison Book Project

<http://www.wpbp.org/who-we-are>

PENS's prison writing program

<http://www.pen.org/page.php/prmlD/152>

Art-related prison programs/resources

<http://theprisonartscoalition.com/>

Between The Bars platform for prisoner's stories & ssnd comments

<http://betweenthebars.org/about/>

IMMIGRANT RIGHTS

Emerald Isle Immigration Center

<http://www.eiic.org>

Make the Road

<http://www.maketheroad.org/>

New Immigrant Community Empowerment

<http://www.nynice.org>

NMASS (National Mobilization Against SweatShops)

<http://www.nmass.org/nmass/index.html>

ART PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH/TEEN/AT-RISK

NYC Justice Corps for Young Adults (Harlem/Bronx; reparative service and community jobs training. Internships are paid):

<http://nycjusticecorps.org/get-involved/enroll-as-a-corps-member>

Manhattan Art Program/M.A.P.(partnering with at-risk and under-served communities)

<http://www.mapworld.org/history.htm>

Free Arts NYC (for low income, homeless, abused and neglected children)

http://www.freeartsnyc.org/programs/our_programs.asp

NYC Programs (Elementary and high-school aged-youth: (PDF)

http://www.downtownart.org/documents/ResourceGuide_2011.pdf

COMMUNITY SOCIAL SERVICES

Latin Women in Action

<http://www.mujereslatinasenaccion.com>

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Community Center

<http://www.gaycenter.org/>

Voces Latinas

<http://www.voceslatinas.org>

Restorative Justice

<http://www.restorativejustice.org/>

TRANSPORTATION

Recycle a Bicycle

<http://www.recycleabicycle.org/>

Right Rides (provides free, late night rides to Women and LGBT community)

<http://rightrides.org/>

Times Up!

<http://times-up.org>

Transportation Alternatives

<http://www.transalt.org>

Craigslist Rideshare <http://newyork.craigslist.org/rid/>

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

SolidarityNYC (readings and resources on NYC's solidarity economy)

<http://solidaritynyc.org/further-reading>

Art and Work A National Conversation about Art and Labor

(writings on labor by artists and art workers):

<http://www.artandwork.us/>

The Think Tank That Has Yet To Be Named

(readings on urbanism, art, and politics)

<http://thinktank.boxwith.com/>

OWS Arts & Labor

<http://artsandlabor.org>

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