



CHANGING THE FOOD SYSTEM IN BROOKLYN, NEIGHBORHOOD BY NEIGHBORHOOD

About the Brooklyn Food Coalition

The Brooklyn Food Coalition is a grassroots organization composed of neighborhood-based groups and resource-based groups all working together in Brooklyn on projects that promote food justice and sustainable food.

Community Organizing

- Work together with neighbors on shared projects that can bring change to the food system on the local level
- Work together to build resources all organizers can share
- Coordinate volunteers for food-related community projects, e.g., urban farms and community gardens, food pantries, farmers markets, special events.
- Build grassroots participation in the food movement

Examples: *Brooklyn School Food Network, BFC-wide networking events, cultivating leadership among neighborhood groups, anti-racism initiatives*

Public Awareness and Education

- Increase public awareness, dialogue, and understanding of food justice and food system issues relevant to Brooklynites
- Produce skillsharing events and materials
- Connect people with sources of affordable fresh food in their communities and with Brooklyn food businesses that share our values

Examples: *Bi-annual Brooklyn Food Conference, Food & Farm Bill and other public policy outreach materials in production, printed and online information about food resources*

Research and Advocacy

- Work with partner organizations to aggregate information about larger issues and trends for food and to advocate for food policies and systems that benefit all Brooklynites
- Map community gardens and food sources throughout Brooklyn

Examples: *Parent school food advocacy training, food mapping via foodcensus.org*

Staff *BFC staff provide coordination between groups.*

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