

YOUTH FOOD JUSTICE NETWORK



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2023 YOUTH ICON CONFERENCE

AGENDA

11:00AM-11:30AM

Welcome

11:45AM-12:45PM

First Workshop
Series

12:45PM-2PM

Lunch Break & Market

2:00PM-3:00PM

Second Workshop
Series

3:00-4:30PM

Closing & Farm Bill
Info Session

WORKSHOPS

FIRST SERIES

THE ART & SCIENCE OF SEASONING FOOD

Dianelly Choisene, Youth Food Justice Network

Through this workshop, participants will learn to enhance the flavors of their dishes by understanding the principles of seasoning, experimenting with various herbs & spices, and mastering the delicate balance that transforms ordinary meals into extraordinary culinary experiences.

LEARNING PUBLIC SKILLS & HOW TO PROVIDE A TESTIMONY

Jabari Pothemont & Perla Acevedo, Green Guerillas

Many youth grow up with public speaking issues because it is not an element that seems important to be taught in school. In this workshop, you will learn the significance of public speaking, how to enhance your skills, and engage in activities to put your newfound abilities to the test.

WORKSHOPS

YOUTH FARM TOUR

Alexx Caceres, Farm Manager East NY Farms

Join Youth Farm Manager, Alexx Caceres, for a tour of our Youth Farm and an overview of the history of East New York Farms! Founded in 1998, ENYF's mission is to organize youth and adults to address food justice in our community.

SECOND SERIES

SYSTEMIC RACISM WITHIN OUR FOOD SYSTEM

Nibora Jean-Pierre & Deanna Wallace, Youth Food Justice Network

This workshop will explore the topic of food injustice & how racism plays a part in a majority of food practices today. We will cover the history, its present realities, and come to a basis with a possible solution on how to end them.

ADVOCACY THROUGH THE LENS OF ART

Dianelly Choisene & Jemel Thomas, Youth Food Justice Network

This workshop's objective is to increase your understanding of advocacy and the numerous forms it can take so that you can effectively advocate for yourself, your community, and the causes that are important to you, no matter the topic or the specific issue you are trying to improve.

SEED BOMBING

Dontez Shack, East NY Farms

Join our Community Engagement Junior Staff, Dontez Shack, for a hands-on workshop creating seed bombs. Seed bombing has many benefits such as; increases green space, increases pollen for bees, combats habitat loss, helps restore plant and wildlife populations, and helps bring nutrients to our soil.

FARM BILL INFO

The Farm Bill is a federal law renewed every five years that governs our farm and food policy. The most recent Farm Bill, the Agricultural Act of 2018, expires September 2023.

We now have an opportunity to reshape our food system through this legislation and build upon lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic, which has continued to highlight the importance of local and regional food systems and supply chains as NYS recovers from the ongoing impacts of the pandemic.

Join Iyeshima Harris-Ouedraogo of Equity Advocates for an in-depth overview of the proposed Farm Bill following the Youth Icon Conference workshops.

For more information visit:

www.nyequityadvocates.org/2023-nys-farm-bill-campaign



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