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ARTS & LABOR'S ALTERNATIVE ECONOMIES RESOURCE GUIDE for living in New York City

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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.nextdoorganics.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 of 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 Coaltion
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/cgI24bsgHao

Workers Development
http://www.workersdevelopment.com/

BUSINESS SERVICES- *(NON-PROFIT)*

Government Resources for Nonprofit Organizations:
http://www.idealist.org/if/idealist/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.safespacenyc.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/prmID/152

Art-related prison programs/resources
http://theprisonartscoalition.com/

Between The Bars platform for prisoner's stories &t 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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http://artsandlabor.org/alternative-economies