

@ DYCD June Newsletter

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DYCD Presents Step It Up 2015



Through Step It Up, dance and step teams from across the City are showcasing their on-stage talents and raising awareness in their communities through youth-led anti-violence campaigns. The competition, which began in December with more than 80 teams and 1,000 participants, is now in its final stage. The top 10 teams will perform this weekend at Harlem's world famous Apollo Theater, and champions will be crowned in the junior and senior divisions. Follow the competition on social media using [#SteplItUpNYC](https://twitter.com/SteplItUpNYC).

Afterschool Career Connections - DYCD Career Fair



TUESDAY
JUNE 23, 2015
10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.



Are you looking for meaningful work in the afterschool field? Join us at this unique career fair, sponsored by DYCD and CUNY, to meet with organizations throughout NYC who hiring for full- and part-time positions in afterschool programs. You will have the chance to speak with representatives regarding their services, available positions, and how you might be the right candidate! Bring your résumé and be ready to network!

Borough of Manhattan Community College (BMCC), Richard Harris Terrace, 199 Chambers St., New York, NY
Tuesday, June 23, 2015, 10:00am-2:00pm

Register [here](#).

Soccer for Success



On June 4, hundreds of DYCD NYC Soccer for Success program participants who have been hard at work for the 24-week program year had some fun in the sun filled with soccer activity at Macombs Dam Park in the Bronx. The event was filled with tournament play, giveaways, pointers from coaches, and youth getting a special surprise from professional footballer Kwadwo Poku from the New York City Football Club, who gave participants some tips on how to perfect their game. The event was a collaboration between DYCD, the US Soccer Foundation, the New York City Football Club and the New York Redbulls.

Fun on the Rock 2015



On June 4, all DYCD-funded programs based in the Rockaways celebrated the 10th annual "Fun on the Rock" day. The event addressed the unique challenges of the Rockaway DYCD providers, including ongoing recovery in the aftermath of Superstorm Sandy, and being in an isolated community that has limited social and recreational venues for youth. "Fun on the Rock" gives young people in the Rockaways an opportunity to connect with their neighbors, make new friends, and enjoy healthy recreational activities. This year, Fun on the Rock was held at McGuire Fields in Bergen Beach, Brooklyn. Community-based organizations that participated included Bergen Basin, Child Center of NY, Safe Space, YMCA/Cross Island, Police Athletic League, Community Mediation Services, and The Action Center.

"Healing the Hurt" Conference

On June 5, the second annual "Healing the Hurt" conference was held at New York Law School. City officials, advocates, nonprofit professionals and youth development staff gathered for a daylong conference with the goals of better understanding the effects of trauma on communities and learning how to begin the healing and recovery process. The event was co-sponsored by DYCD, the Mental Health Association of New York City (MHA-NYC) and Healthfirst, and hosted by the Impact Center for Public Interest at the New York Law School.

Family Movie Night at Pier 63

Family Movie Night returns Tuesday, June 23, with a free outdoor screening of Disney's *Finding Nemo*. Following the event's success in past years, Movie Night has moved to an even bigger location, this year taking place at Hudson River Park's Pier 63. Gates open at 7:30pm, and the movie will screen at 8:30pm. Some seating, blankets and noshes will be given out on a first-come, first-served basis, or you can pack your own. This event is free and open to the public. No tickets necessary. Premium reserved seating is available for sale. For more information, click [here](#).

Mermaid Parade

Including antique cars, floats and performers, this annual parade will take place on Saturday, June 20. The pageant, founded in 1983, displays participants' mastery of seaside mythology and wearable art. It draws hundreds of thousands of people, so get there early to snag a prime viewing spot. There is a registration fee to march, but watching the parade is free. After the colorful characters have made their way around, there's still plenty to explore nearby. For more information, click [here](#).

Night at the Museums

On Tuesday, June 23, from 4pm to 8pm, 15 downtown museums and historic sites will open their doors and offer free admission and special programming. The participating organizations are the 9/11 Memorial Museum, African Burial Ground National Monument, Anne Frank Center USA, Federal Hall National Memorial, Fraunces Tavern Museum, Museum of American Finance, Museum of Jewish Heritage—A Living Memorial to the Holocaust, National Museum of the American Indian—New York, National Archives at New York City, Poets House, Skyscraper Museum, South Street Seaport Museum, 9/11 Tribute Center, NYC Municipal Archives Visitor Center and Wall Street Walks. For more information, click [here](#).

Summer Solstice Celebration

Bring your friends and family to Socrates' Solstice festival on June 21, to welcome the Summer and celebrate

the longest day of the year! Be creative in Solstice art-making workshops presented in partnership with Free Style Arts Association, Materials for the Arts, and The Noguchi Museum; get your face painted by Agostino Arts; participate in a special Solstice ritual performed by Urban Shaman Mama Donna; have a picnic; and enjoy the view as the sun sets over the Manhattan skyline! Socrates is open everyday with free admission from 10:00am to sunset. Socrates Sculpture Park is located at 32-01 Vernon Boulevard in Long Island City, Queens, at the intersection of Broadway. Click [here](#) for more information.

Make Music New York

Not a summer-long series, but rather a series of over 1,000 free live performances throughout the entire City on June 21 to celebrate music and the longest day of the year. There will be many children-specific concerts this year, including two by the wonderful Amelia Robinson and Mils Trills (2:30 p.m. at Windsor Shoes, 5th Avenue and 11th Street, Park Slope, Brooklyn and again at 6:30 p.m. at Highbury Inn, Cortelyou Road & Coney Island Ave, Ditmas Park, Brooklyn). To find the concert nearest you, click [here](#).

Youth Communication Teen Essay Contest

Youth Communication publishes short, nonfiction stories that appeal to hard-to-reach teens. Teachers and other adults use the stories and related lessons to help students improve their reading and writing skills, and improve the social and emotional skills that support school success. YCteen offers three prizes for non-fiction essays of no more than 800 words to teens 14-18 that answers the question: How has living among people from diverse cultures enriched your life? The submission deadline is Friday, July 24, 2015. Click [here](#) for more info.

Brooklyn Documentary Prize

The Brooklyn Documentary Prize competition is seeking short Brooklyn-focused documentary films. All documentaries submitted for the Brooklyn Documentary Prize completion have to be filmed in Brooklyn and are required to show Brooklyn exteriors locations for a duration of at least 30 seconds in the submitted documentary. The winner of the Brooklyn Documentary Prize will receive a cash award of \$250 and the winning documentary will be presented at the Brooklyn Film & Arts Festival screening. The competition is free to enter and the deadline is November 10, 2015. Click [here](#) for more info.

Learning Technology Grant Application

The purpose of this grant is to help transform learning environments through the integrated use of instructional technology in classrooms and school libraries, and to provide sustained professional development to increase the skills of teachers and school librarians in the use of instructional technology in coordination and implementation of the Learning Standards of New York State, and the New York State P-12 Common Core Learning Standards. The goals of this grant are to integrate instructional technology in classrooms and school libraries to help students attain higher levels of performance in the State Learning Standards of NY and NYS Common Core Learning Standards to ensure that all New York State students graduate from high school ready for college and careers. The grant period is three years, from December 1, 2015 to June 30, 2018. Applications must be postmarked by Friday, September 18, 2015. Detailed instructions are available on the grant [application](#) page.

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