

INTRODUCING



THE NEW YORK MECHANICAL GARDENS BIKE CO-OP

Putting the tools for happiness in the hands of every New Yorker

The **New York Mechanical Gardens Bike Co-op** is a bicycle repair and education center dedicated to advancing social equality and environmental sustainability by expanding public access to bike repair tools and knowledge.

Countless New Yorkers struggle against financial disparities, education gaps, and discrimination in order to keep their bikes moving. The Mechanical Gardens is creating a space for community-based workshops that empower every rider to master their own mobility. We promote urban equity by democratizing bike repair and rider education.

CURRENTLY SEEKING:

- Partnerships with community-based organizations who can offer space for bike repair courses, open workshop hours, and tool storage. Working together, we will create course schedules and curricula responsive to the needs and cultures of the community.
- A permanent home: we are seeking leads on disused, city-owned, subsidized, or long-term available properties.
- Essential funding for tools, parts, and program costs, fellowships for local volunteers, and scholarships for conferences and professional training.
- Individuals with a passion for proving that bikes can change lives in New York City.

PLANNED PROGRAMS

- Open fix-your-bike workshops and mobile clinics led by skilled volunteers.
- Repair and maintenance courses to develop self-sufficiency and community resiliency.
- Women and trans-only workshops solely for those identifying as women, trans, or gender-nonconforming.
- Facilitated group rides, including safe riding workshops.
- Classes on repairing kids' bikes.
- Earn-a-bike programs, where bikes can be earned by volunteering.
- Program opportunities in Spanish, Yiddish, Chinese, and other languages.
- Allied programs with organizations in youth enrichment, gentrification resistance, economic enfranchisement, transportation equity, and environmental justice.

CONTACT US

Let's grow this co-op together! We are looking for organizational partnerships, financial support, and individuals who want to get involved.

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WHAT'S A BIKE CO-OP?

A non-commercial space where people learn how to work on their bikes. Attendees can volunteer and become co-op members, who then determine how the space feels, whom it serves, what languages are spoken, and more.

WHAT'S THE PURPOSE?

By helping New Yorkers learn to repair their own bikes and ride safely, we will instill the skills and confidence to move through the city on their own terms.

By inviting learners to become co-op leaders, we will cultivate a space that reflects a diversity of cultures, characters, and contexts.

By universalizing access to quality bike maintenance, we will elevate neighborhood health and resiliency while combating economic, environmental, and social inequalities.

By addressing the conjunction of bike issues and affordable housing, living wage work, food deserts, gentrification, and other aspects of urban development, we will engender the growth of civic engagement.

WHAT'S DIFFERENT BETWEEN US AND WHAT NYC ALREADY HAS?

We empower you to work on your own bike and claim ownership over your streets, while inviting you to manage the space. Through a combination of regular open workshop hours, scheduled classes, clear pathways to leadership, and universal affordability, we are creating tools to help everyone work, play, and live in New York City.

