

QUEENS COMMUNITY JUSTICE CENTER

GROW'N

GARDENING RAISES OPPORTUNITIES
AND WEALTH IN NEIGHBORHOODS



ABOUT US

WHO WE ARE

The Queens Community Justice Center is a project of the Center for Justice Innovation. The Justice Center provides case management, leadership training, and a range of adult and youth development programming for justice-involved people and their families in Queens, as well as people who have not had contact with the justice system. The goal is to provide people with off-ramps from the justice system and help them build more productive, successful, and law-abiding lives.

PROGRAM

OVERVIEW

GROW'N is a multi-faceted urban farming agricultural training program designed to give participants a hands-on learning experience in horticulture and urban farming while also learning about food systems and the local environment. Participants will receive a stipend for program participation.

GROW'N participants are given the tools they need to become effective and empowered grassroots leaders in the food justice movement. We do this by teaching effective community organizing and advocacy techniques as well as engaging in dialogues about larger social, economic, racial, and justice issues.

GROW'N participants are also provided an opportunity to support local farmers, increase workforce readiness and life skills through our hands-on workshops at our community gardening partners, after school programs, and our summer internships.

HOW IT WORKS:

Grow'n will train Queens residents between the ages of 15 to 24, with a focus on young people who reside in Community District 12 in an 18-month-long garden-based, paid internship program.

PROGRAM BENEFITS: FOR PARTICIPANTS & COMMUNITY

- Educate participants about food consciousness and healthy eating habits.
- Learning a new employable skill
- Helps to prevent Food insecurity by increasing urban food production and access
- Train people for thriving "Green Job" market.
- Improves quality of life for participants and community

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