The East New York Farms! (ENYF) Project is a diverse group of gardeners, vendors, farmers and youth working together to strengthen our community through gardens, fresh food, and farmers markets. ENYF is a project of the United Community Centers, Inc.

In collaboration with the Spring Creek Recreational Fund, ENYF is seeking a Garden Educator. This position will oversee garden maintenance and implement a year-round garden curriculum for the Spring Creek Recreational Fund Learning Garden. The Learning Garden provides an outdoor educational space that interacts with 6 different classes from various schools located in the Spring Creek Towers of Starrett City, ENY. The Garden Educator leads garden science and nutrition education classes, while providing a resource and partnership for after-school programs, summer programs, seniors and day school teachers in planning cross-curricular lessons in the outdoor classroom, modeling skills that teachers need to feel comfortable using the garden to teach science standards. We are looking for a person who is committed to using community mobilization as a tool for both personal growth and social change, and who is excited to join a tight-knit organization and community that is leading the way towards food justice.

**ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

**LEARNING GARDEN 75%**
- Develop and facilitate a food justice centered curriculum for students 8 - 17 years old.
- Serve as the point of contact for the Learning Garden.
- Develop a crop planning map and maintain crop production at the Learning Garden.
- Facilitate 8 garden-based education classes per week, incorporating both environmental science and nutrition education as they relate to the garden.
- Work with DOE schools and after school providers to recruit students; and schedule and coordinate classes.
- Consult with teachers to develop lessons that support classroom teaching and attend necessary school wide events and meetings.
- Oversee and coordinate students’ hands-on experiences in the garden (planting, weeding, tending and harvesting)

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT 10%**
- Create opportunities for community members to be included in the daily operations of the Learning Garden.
- Build involvement in and commitment to the Garden within the community that includes coordinating intergenerational garden programs with Spring Creek Senior Partners, Girl Scouts and additional community stakeholders.

**MISC. 5%**
- Documenting our work through Google Cloud.
- Supporting and/or facilitating youth and staff team building workshops.
- Supporting community efforts and organizing.
- Track and report attendance and engagement in Garden activities.
QUALIFICATIONS

- At least two seasons of farm management
- Familiar with and able to grow cultural crops that reflect the ENY community.
- Experience working in multicultural environments.
- Familiarity with East New York.
- Must pass multiple forms of background checks conducted by Spring Creek Recreational Fund
- Comfortable working outside in all weather.
- Capable of lifting 40 pounds.

DESIRED QUALITIES

- Curriculum development experience
- Ability to handle and prioritize multiple tasks while maintaining attention to detail
- Strong communications skills, written and verbal
- Culturally sensitive; ability to develop a rapport with individuals from diverse backgrounds
- Ability to work independently
- Solid interpersonal communication skills with peers, staff, the local community, and program participants
- Respectful to youth members and staff
- Sensitivity and familiarity with urban youth community
- Must be able to work Tuesday - Friday.

BENEFITS

- Paid time off
- Simple IRA saving plan
- Compensation: $22 - $24/hr

To APPLY:

**STEP 1: TELL US ABOUT YOU!** Email us a short video introducing yourself to our team. Send your cover letter and resume into one PDF file and email to jobs@eastnewyorkfarms.org with “Garden Educator” in the subject line. Once your submission is received ENYF staff will review your cover letter, resume, and video. We will follow up with the next steps.

  Video Questions:

  - Name, Preferred Pronouns
  - Why are you interested in joining our project?
  - How did you become interested in food justice?
  - What interests you about this position specifically?
  - What do you think are some of your strengths and weaknesses related to farming? How did you overcome these challenges?

**STEP 2: MEET THE TEAM** - We will invite selected participants for an interview conducted by members on the ENYF Team.

**STEP 3: MEET THE YOUTH INTERNS** - We will invite selected applicants to join us for an in-person interview conducted by youth interns and ENYF staff.

**STEP 4: WELCOME TO THE TEAM!** We seek to have the Garden Educator position filled by November 2022.