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The Right to the City and Cities for All: Results-Based Holistic and Participatory Planning within Pressures of Inequality
10.00 AM – 12.00 PM, Wednesday, 18 May 2016
Williamsburg, Brooklyn

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Program

10:00am: Meet at St. Nicks Alliance
2 Kingsland Avenue, Brooklyn
Contact: Michael F. Rochford, Executive Director
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St. Nicks Alliance is a nonprofit, non-sectarian community development organization celebrating 40 years of community development in North Brooklyn. It all started in 1975 when a group of determined residents and business people committed themselves to fight the climate of decline in North Brooklyn. Hence St. Nicks Alliance emerged at the forefront of a nationwide grassroots movement to preserve and improve neighborhoods.

Today, with more than 1,350 employees, St. Nicks Alliance seeks to transform lives of low and moderate income people through employment, education, housing, and health care. We do this by delivering impactful services with measurable outcomes to children, adults, and the elderly. As a civic anchor we carry out this mission within the context of building a sustainable community for all people through the arts, environmental advocacy, and urban planning.
10:40am: Walk to Huairou Commission / Neighborhood Women Living and Learning Center
249 Manhattan Avenue, Brooklyn
Contact: Jan Peterson, Chair (jan.peterson@huairou.org)

The NW LLC provides support for neighborhood women committed to community building. It is designed to illustrate how the community can be a learning campus, how wealth can be created through pooling resources, and how intergenerational mentoring and support can sustain long-term leadership and organizing. The Center is owned by the National Congress of Neighborhood Women (NCNW) and co-managed by the two global networks, Huairou Commission and GROOTS International, whose New York offices are at the same location.

The Huairou Commission is a global membership and partnership coalition that empowers grassroots women’s organizations to enhance their community development practice and to exercise collective political power at the global level. The Huairou Commission develops strategic partnerships and linkages among grassroots women’s organizations, advancing their capacity to collectively influence political spaces on behalf of their communities and enhance their sustainable, resilient community development practices.

11:15am: Walk to Swinging Sixties Community Center
211 Ainslie Street, Brooklyn
Contact: John Pelle, Director (718-963-3793)

In 1969, under the guidance of Ms. Jan Peterson, the Conselyea Block Association founded the center to bring services to children, parents, and seniors in the community.

11:45am
12:15pm Complimentary lunch (optional) and end of tour