



New York Community Solar Confluence: Bringing Community Solar to New York State

Date: Monday, April 23

Time: 6-9 pm

**Location: El Puente Williamsburg Leadership Center,
211 South 4th St, Williamsburg, Brooklyn, 11211**

The New York Community Solar Confluence will bring together community-based organizations, neighborhood residents, advocates for renewable energy, solar developers, local officials, and funders of programs for low income communities and renewable energy projects to learn about community solar models nationwide and opportunities to bring community solar to people across New York State. Participants will outline obstacles and brainstorm the key ingredients to bringing community solar to New York State—the policy and financing solutions, organizing efforts and other initiatives. This event is part of a series of community solar “confluences” happening in Boston, Denver, and San Francisco.

Dinner will be provided. The event is FREE but donations are welcome.

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Speakers include:

Joy Hughes, Founder, Solar Gardens Institute
 David Brosch, Founder, University Park Solar
 Tom Price, Director of Policy and Market Strategy, Clean Path
 Max Joel, Energy Connections Program Director, Solar One
 Laurie Reilly, Communications Director, Sustainable CUNY
 Peter Olmsted, Mid-Atlantic Solar Advocate, The Vote Solar Initiative

Discussion and brainstorming will follow

What is community solar?

Community solar refers to programs that bring solar power to communities through collective efforts and pooling of resources, generally either through the installation of large solar PV systems with community members owning or subscribing to proportional shares in the system or a process where neighbors join together to collectively install PV systems on their own homes.

Community Solar Could Benefit ALL New Yorkers

Community solar provides opportunities to New York City residential and commercial renters and building owners to go solar, and is especially beneficial to low-income communities that are unable to afford the high upfront costs of solar. Community solar benefits all New Yorkers, including upstate communities, by offering opportunities for farmers and rural communities to supplement their income by leasing their land to clean energy projects.

To learn more about community solar and solar gardens, please visit:
<http://www.solargardens.org/frequently-asked-questions/>