

Every year thousands of New Yorkers, mostly Black and Latino men, are illegally stopped and frisked by the New York City Police Department. Some are even sexually and/or physically assaulted by officers. These stops rarely end in an arrest and mostly serve to humiliate and terrorize communities of color. The Center for Constitutional Rights recently released a [report](#) outlining the effects these practices have on NYC neighborhoods. Below are actions you can take to end the practice of Stop & Frisk:

Have You Been Stopped & Frisked By The NYPD?

TELL YOUR STORY!

The Center for Constitutional Rights (CCR), is litigating a class-action lawsuit called [Floyd v. City of New York](#), challenging the NYPD's stop-and-frisk practices. They are looking for people who have been stopped since January 2005 to tell their stories and serve as potential witnesses in the suit.

If you're interested, fill out this form: <http://stopandfisklawsuit.com> by October 1, 2012.

Event: Rally for NYPD Accountability & Community Safety

JOIN US and [Communities United for Police Reform](#) for a rally to highlight the harm caused by Stop & Frisk practices.

We will also be advocating for the passage of the [Community Safety Act](#). The rally will kick off an Advocacy Day at City Hall where City Council Members will be visited to hear stories of discriminatory policing from New Yorkers. If you're interested in attending a CPR Advocacy Day training, email Anthonine at apierre@brooklynmovementcenter.org.

Join the BMC Blogger Team

BMC is looking for a few good bloggers to join our dynamic communications team! Issue areas of particular interest to us are: housing, food and food justice, economic development, community policing, and education. If you're interested in blogging for BMC, send a email to mplouis@brooklynmovementcenter.org. No prior experience necessary.

Summer Street Team Report back

Summer is almost over and it's been a whirlwind for the BMC street team. Over the past couple of months we have had hundreds of conversations with community folks. Led and supported by a team of four incredible college interns and two high school apprentices, we've conducted dozens of video surveys and knocked on doors throughout the Central Brooklyn area. To see photos of our work this Summer, check out our [Facebook album!](#)

BMC Live on WBAI Rise Up Radio

Last month, the BMC team went on air for a live interview with Veralyn Williams on WBAI's "Rise Up Radio". If you missed it, check it out [here](#).

BMC Education Tweetchat

BMC will be hosting a Tweetchat on Education! We are looking for educators, students, parents and advocates interested in imagining what quality education in Brooklyn can look like. If you're interested in participating, send an email to mplouis@brooklynmovementcenter.org.

Food Justice Internship:

BMC Speaks Up for Central Brooklyn Schools

On August 16th, the BMC joined New Yorkers for Great Public Schools in a press conference to announce a new report exposing the connections between conservative political forces and StudentsFirst New York, a group that Gotham Schools reported supports "tenure reform, school closures, and more charter schools." BMC Executive Director Mark Winston Griffith was one of the featured speakers and called for a city-wide education policy that is instead driven by student needs, community input, and support for teachers.

BMC in the News

BMC Executive Director Mark Winston Griffith was quoted in an August 7th [Gotham Schools article](#) about the formation of A+ NYC, a new progressive education coalition.

Latest Blog Post

**Start a Food Fight in
Central Brooklyn**

The BMC is seeking a highly motivated undergraduate or graduate student looking to gain experience in community organizing, institution building, and food policy advocacy by serving as a BMC Food Justice Intern. The Food Justice Intern is a part-time, six-month position that will support a new food coop initiative and policy campaigns that help Central Brooklynites demand and deliver healthier local food options. [Click here for more information.](#)

Read this latest piece from board member, Monifa Bandele...

In Gwen Guthrie's 1986 hit "Ain't Nothing Going On But The Rent" she asserts that having a J-O-B is an important criteria for starting a family –okay maybe I'm reaching – LOL! But her premise is that being employed brings a certain level of financial security. Today, nothing could be further from the truth. In fact, millions of people work full-time and still exist well under the poverty line.

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