

A BLADE OF GRASS ASSEMBLY SPRING 2019 HOST SITES

ABOUT FABnyc

FABnyc is a team of artists, organizers, and planners working to preserve, sustain, and grow the cultural vibrancy of the Lower East Side neighborhood, from 14th Street to Canal and from Bowery to the East River. Through community partnerships, FAB brings artists and arts strategies to fight physical and cultural displacement, build collective power and collaboration, increase equity and access to cultural resources and public space, and support local resiliency and community health. FABnyc supports over 40 member organizations through community forums, professional development, workshops, peer shares, and advocacy; collaborates with organizers and commissions artists to address a spectrum of local concerns; lifts up the cultural histories of the neighborhood through the People's LES project and Lower East Side History Month; offers affordable workspace for artists; and seeks to expand cultural opportunities for all residents.

FACILITATORS

Ryan Gilliam, Executive Director of Downtown Art & FABnyc, is a theater artist and cultural organizer who has been working in the Lower East Side for the past four decades. She is a founder of Downtown Art and co-founder of FABnyc. She has created over 120 performance projects in collaboration with neighborhood teens and led the transformation of a vacant, damaged building on East 4th Street into a new community-engaged arts center and Downtown Art's permanent home.

K Webster is the Sara D Roosevelt Park Community Coalition President and Steering Committee member of Neighbors to Save Rivington House. She is a community board member and local community organizer with a focus on housing, homelessness, and environmental justice. She trains peer counselors and writes on issues concerning girl's and women's liberation, class disparities, and eliminating white racism. Webster is also an event organizer for NGOs working within the UN system and is a delegate for the International Federation of Settlements.

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