

Concurrent Session on "Collaboration with Communities and Community Organizations"

The following are descriptions of the community organization co-presenters

ROC – The Restaurant Opportunities Center of New York is a multi-racial membership organization founded by the surviving workers of the Windows on the World restaurant following 9/11. ROC-NY engages in workplace justice campaigns to improve working conditions in the restaurant industry, including the full payment of wages and free and fair promotions and hiring; has founded a cooperative worker-owned restaurant called Colors that serves as a model employer in the industry; and spearheads a New York City Council legislative campaign that ties restaurant licensing to full payment of wages and non-discriminatory practices. More information about ROC can be found at <http://www.rocny.org>.

VOW – The Voices of Women Organizing Project, known as VOW, is the first initiative of the Battered Women's Resource Center, a nonprofit that works to empower survivors of domestic violence. VOW supports survivors of domestic violence as they lead efforts to end violence, shape policies, and improve services for battered women. VOW's mission is to give voice to survivors of domestic violence, so that we can influence, change, and improve the many systems battered women and their children rely on for safety and justice. More information about VOW can be found at <http://www.vowbwrc.org>.

WRI – The Welfare Rights Initiative (WRI) is a student activist, community leadership training organization located at Hunter College. WRI advocates for increased access to education and training for people receiving public assistance. WRI seeks to include the voices of students with firsthand experience of poverty in public policy debates. More information about WRI can be found at <http://www.wri-ny.org>.