

Announcements for Month of January

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1. January Workshops You know what CSA is but have you ever gotten stuck when you try to explain it to someone else. Join us on **Monday January 8th** for the CSA Workshop "Talking about CSA" and learn ways to talk about the benefits and risks of CSA and to answer tricky CSA questions. The workshop is from 6-8 at Just Food's offices (210 East 51st Street between 2nd and 3rd Aves.) There will be a second workshop in January on **Monday January 22nd** on "Flexible Payment Options for Your CSA".

2. Farm Bill Forum "Inquiry, Impact, and Action: The 2007 Farm Bill" a Northeast regional educational forum and network event sponsored by GNYHEN, Hunter College, Just Food, NYCEN and Oxfam America will be held on **Thursday, January 25th** from 8am- 5pm at Hunter College's Brookdale Campus (25th Street and First Ave.) The goal of the forum is to help people understand the Farm Bill, develop an increased awareness of how it affects us all, and enable people to take action and get involved in making change. For more information contact Lorna Power at lorna.power@yahoo.com or look on Just Food's website www.justfood.org. The deadline for registration is January 12th.

3. South Bronx Forum Join Councilmember Maria del Carmen Arroyo, For a Better Bronx, South Bronx CSA, South Bronx Food Co-op, Grassroots Artist' Movement Youth Farmers Market and others for a discussion on food justice. Hear about exciting projects to bring fresh, affordable food to the South Bronx. It will take place on **Saturday January 13th from 10:30am-2:30 pm** at the Lincoln Hospital Auditorium (234 East 149th Street at Morris Ave.) RSVP to Isabel Cuervo at 212-989-0909 x566 or Molly Culver at 718-292-4344 by Jan. 8th.

4. Citizens for NYC Grant Once again Citizens for NYC is offering "New Yorkers for Better Neighborhoods Awards" which support grassroots volunteer groups with grants of \$500 to \$1000 to address neighborhood issues- such as food access! The funds can not be used to directly subsidize CSA shares but can be used for needs such as setting up revolving loan funds, purchasing equipment such as tables or signage, or paying for farm trip transportation. Be creative! Last year eight CSA groups received funding through this grant. The application deadline is February 1st. For more information and the application go to http://ccnyc.neighborhoodlink.com/ccnyc/genpage.html?n_id=272381724.

5. Need some extra, well-trained help for your CSA's 2007 season? Many of you at some point have expressed interest in reaching out to disadvantaged and low-income populations, but also acknowledged volunteer and core group time constraints. To help address these constraints, Just Food is working to match volunteers with CSA groups to help conduct low-income outreach. We are planning an evening training workshop in mid-January for volunteers interested in helping CSAs outreach more broadly within their communities. If your group is interested in having a Just Food volunteer help conduct low-income CSA outreach from January to June and has the capacity to coordinate at least one initial meeting with the volunteer as well as regular correspondence, please contact Ellen Huang at ellen@justfood.org or (212)645-9880 X231 as soon as possible.

6. FREE Translation Services Just a reminder as you are developing your outreach materials for 2007 that the Asian/American Center at Queens College will provide FREE translation services from English to Spanish, Korean, and Chinese. Call them at 718-997-3050 and request a translation from to be faxed or mailed to you. It takes about 4 weeks for your materials to be returned. (The free translation services are available to all not-for-profit organizations serving either Queens or the entire city. CSAs qualify but are not guaranteed translation services due to their targeted geographic scope.)

