

Special events

Daily Opening Gathering

1:30 pm Tues-Fri & 9:30 am Sat @ Care Station

We will start each day with a short, facilitated, dynamic community agreement visioning session to continue to develop and reflect upon the Free University community agreement.

Daily Evening Assembly

6:00 pm Tues-Fri @ N. Statue

Each day will end with a debrief and General Assembly wherein we discuss, synthesize, and process the lessons and conversations of the day. We will have variously themed break-out groups on movement building, next steps, and the future of Free University project.

Saturday Assembly

2:00 pm Sat @ N. Statue

A time to reflect on the day and the week and think about how to move forward, safely and respectfully...

All day events

U Care Station

The CARE (Comfort/Art/Rest/Energy) Station is a dedicated area in the park where people can go to chill out, eat food, meditate, make art and music, design signs and banners, tell and write stories, do yoga, dance, take a break or a nap, play, or do whatever else their bodies and minds need throughout the week. It's also a space to find peace and quiet. Conversations and concerns about racial and gender justice and discussions of oppression, experience, allyship, and feminist and anti-racist movement-building will be put front and center.

Next steps

Our next meeting is on:

Sunday, September 30th, 3:30-5:00pm

Location: Teresa Lang Center (The New School)
55 West 13th St. NYC

SCHOOL'S IN.
(THE PARK)

FREE
UNIVERSITY
WEEK SEPTEMBER 2012
18-22
TUESDAY TO FRIDAY
2PM TO 7PM
SATURDAY
10AM TO 2PM

MADISON SQUARE PARK • NYC

The Free University of NYC will host a week of free educational courses and events in Madison Square Park this September. Bringing together people from around the world, Free University will advocate for education as a human right and demonstrate our ability to implement free education for all.

SUBMIT WORKSHOPS OR BRING YOUR CLASS: FREEUNIVERSITYNYC.ORG

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What is the Free University?

The Principles of the Free University

The Free University of New York City is an experiment in radical education and an attempt to create education as it ought to be. First conceived as a form of educational strike in the run up to May Day, 2012, the Free University has subsequently organized numerous days of free and open education in parks and public spaces in New York City. Our project is born out of a recognition that the current system of higher education is as unequal as it is unsustainable. With increasing tuition at public and private institutions, the increasing use of precarious adjunct labor, and the larger and larger amounts of debt that students are expected to take on, a university education is systematically becoming a rarefied commodity only available to the few. It is in this context that the Free University operates as a radical and critical pedagogical space. We collaborate on the following goals and principles:

to be a cooperative enterprise working for a new form of education that re-defines what it means to be educators and students.

to prefigure a more democratic, horizontal, and radical educational structure.

to empower ourselves, each other, and our communities to become decision-makers in our own processes of self-education.

to expose the inequities of the existing university system.

to intentionally and conscientiously create educational spaces that are anti-oppressive, anti-racist, and anti-authoritarian.

to fight against the casualization and precarization of academic labor.

to join others who see education as a form of direct action by withdrawing from the failing capitalist education system, and collaborating in the realization of a more accessible education for all.

In realizing these shared principles,
we will reinvigorate the Commons by utilizing public
spaces throughout the city.

Free education is a right!!!

Important Contact Numbers

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Free University text alert system: <http://bit.ly/freeualert>

Participate

Join us in the park !

<http://freeuniversitynyc.org/>

FreeUniversityNYC@gmail.com

Follow @FreeUnivNYC #FreeU

Facebook: FreeUniversity - NYC

Post photos of your Free U experience to the Free U website

Email Photo to: freeuphotos@lavabit.com

with the title in the subject line & caption in the header!



**the
FREE
UNIVERSITY
OF NEW YORK CITY**

Free University Schedule

September 18

*Note : This reflects the schedule as of noon Sept 17.
Check in with our Info Board schedule as we encourage people to add workshops
and events throughout the day and other contingency plans may have arisen.*

What is Money - What is Debt

led with Sue Waters

Starts: 2:00 pm

Ends: Tuesday, September 18 - 4:00 pm

Location: Madison Square Park: Pool

Urban Studies Seminar

(closed session)

Starts: 2:00 pm

Ends: Tuesday, September 18 - 4:00 pm

Location: Madison Square Park: A

The Carceral State (seminar

class) with Ruth Wilson Gilmore

Starts: 2:00 pm

Ends: Tuesday, September 18 - 4:00 pm

Location: Madison Square Park: B

Longing for the American Dream

a lecture by Drucilla Cornell

Starts: 2:00 pm

Ends: Tuesday, September 18 - 3:00 pm

Location: Madison Square Park: Statue

Screen Printing

with Occupy Wall Street Screen
Print Coop

Starts: 2:00 pm

Ends: Tuesday, September 18 - 7:00 pm

Location: Madison Square Park: Lawn

Reading Group: Claude McK- ay's BANJO, Holcomb, Ed- wards

led by Anne Donlon

Starts: 2:00 pm

Ends: Tuesday, September 18 - 3:00 pm

Location: Madison Square Park: M

Learning run on a Barter

led by Trade School NY

Starts: 3:00 pm

Ends: Tuesday, September 18 - 4:00 pm

Location: Madison Square Park: N

Anarchism 101

led by Tristan Husby

Starts: 3:00 pm

Ends: Tuesday, September 18 - 4:30 pm

Location: Madison Square Park: K

A Discussion of "The Tyranny of Structurelessness"

by Jo Freeman

led by L.A. Murphy

Starts: 3:00 pm

Ends: Tuesday, September 18 - 4:00 pm

Location: Madison Square Park: M

Open Source Currency

led by Chris Alen Sula

Starts: 3:00 pm

Ends: Tuesday, September 18 - 4:00 pm

Location: Madison Square Park: Pool

Rhizomatic Communication and Distributed Direct Action

led by Joan Donovan of Occupy

LA/InterOccupy

Starts: 4:00 pm

Ends: Tuesday, September 18 - 5:30 pm

Location: Madison Square Park: N

Radical Potentiality: Recreat- ing Academic Practices in the Humanities

led by Kristin Moriah

Starts: 4:00 pm

Ends: Tuesday, September 18 - 6:00 pm

Location: Madison Square Park: L

Nietzsche vs Socrates: Can Leaves be Truthful?

led by Aaron Finbloom

Starts: 4:00 pm

Ends: Tuesday, September 18 - 5:00 pm

Location: Madison Square Park: M

Thinking Movements in Time

a discussion led by Susan Buck

Morss, Marina Sitrin, and Gary

Wilder

Starts: 4:30 pm

Ends: Friday, September 21 - 5:30 pm

Location: Madison Square Park: POOL

Facilitation Training

Starts: 4:30 pm

Ends: Tuesday, September 18 - 5:30 pm

Location: Madison Square Park: Flag-
pole

The NY Comics & Picture-story Symposium

led by Ben Katchor

Starts: 4:30 pm

Ends: Tuesday, September 18 - 6:30 pm

Location: Madison Square Park: Pool

Yoga

led by Nate Hohausser

Starts: 5:00 pm

Ends: Tuesday, September 18 - 6:00 pm

Location: Madison Square Park: Lawn

STRIKE DEBT: The History of Debt Resistance

led by George Caffentzis

Starts: 5:00 pm

Ends: Tuesday, September 18 - 6:00 pm

Location: Madison Square Park: Statue

Virginia Woolf and the Free University

led by Ashley Foster

Starts: 5:00 pm

Ends: Tuesday, September 18 - 6:30 pm

Location: Madison Square Park: K

C.A.R.E. Evening debrief

Starts: 5:30 pm

Ends: Tuesday, September 18 - 6:00 pm

Location: Madison Square Park: Lawn

Evening Debrief & Assembly

Starts: 6:00 pm

Ends: Tuesday, September 18 - 7:30 pm

Location: Madison Square Park: Statue

Statement of Intention on Entering the Free University

We enter the space of the
Free University with a commitment to:

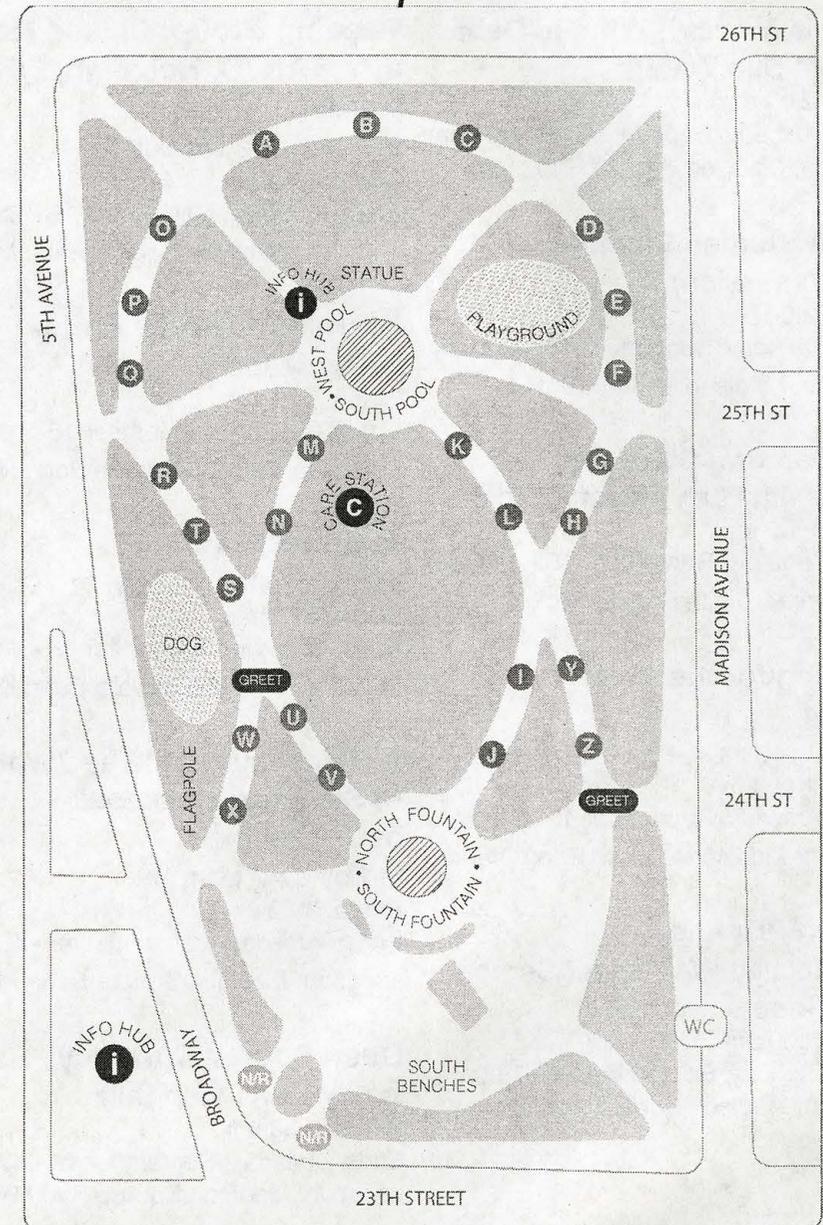
Mutual Respect and Support
Anti-oppression
Nonviolence towards each other
Direct Democracy

We:

1. Support the empowerment of each person to challenge the histories and structures of oppression that marginalized some, and divide us all. These may include ableism, ageism, classism, heterosexism, racism, religious discrimination, sexism, transphobia, xenophobia, and among others.
2. Commit to learning, about these different forms of oppression.
3. Understand individual freedoms are not above our collective safety, well-being, and ability to function cooperatively; individual freedom without responsibility to the community is not the Free University way.
4. See open and compassionate classrooms.
5. Encourage open and non-oppressive discussion.
6. Strive for accessible interchanges of languages, knowledge, and discussions.
7. Understand there are differences among us.
8. Respect, appreciate, and are aware of these differences.
9. Expect to listen and be listened to.
10. Are confident we can learn without policing or being policed.

Deliberate disruptions, accusations, violence,
or other violations of this code are not within
the spirit nor the hopes of the Free University.

Map *Madison Square Park*



Though it appears in ink here, this can be a dynamic document and we invite you to join our discussions about the community we are creating in our opening and closing assemblies or to make any suggestions or comments at the CARE station.