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YOUTH PAINT JUSTICE-THEMED PUBLIC MURAL AT BROOKLYN HOUSE OF DETENTION

The New York City Department of Correction and partner Groundswell Community Mural Project recently unveiled a new public mural on the State Street side of the Brooklyn Detention Complex. The 90-foot-wide mural is 18 feet high. It is the creation of 15 young people participating in a summer leadership institute run by Groundswell. The young painters, including some formerly incarcerated teens, designed the mural based on their personal experiences and a larger discussion about criminal justice, including seeking justice for victims of crime and offering new beginnings for offenders. DOC believes that the opportunity to work on the mural provided the young men and women with the chance to perform an important civic duty by creating public art available to the whole community. The Brooklyn Detention Complex is scheduled to re-open in November, 2011.



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