Arts and Culture

Art and culture are central to the fabric, identity, and economy of Gowanus. Visual artists, musicians, designers, filmmakers, and other creative workers live and work here, and the neighborhood's public space is alive with vibrant works of art. This study seeks to build upon these resources and to explore ways of enhancing the role the creative community plays in keeping Gowanus a vital, inclusive neighborhood.

Many cultural organizations in Gowanus receive funding from the City's **Department of Cultural Affairs (DCLA)**. The agency is dedicated to supporting and strengthening the City's vibrant cultural life by providing nonprofit cultural community with funding and technical assistance. This partnership between the city and local arts groups provides extraordinary cultural programming that is accessible to all New Yorkers and in every neighborhood.

Fifth Avenue Committee Mural "Justice Everywhere"

Schools and Education

Schools are a fundamental resource for any neighborhood. Many agencies and organizations are education stakeholders. The study will seek to assess the range of needs for schools, particularly the current and future capacity needs of the community. The SCA recently built a pre-K on Third Avenue and First Place and future projects will include an addition to PS 32 and a pre-K center on 9th Street.

In planning for growth and addressing capacity needs, the **School Construction Authority (SCA)** plays a central role in building and modernizing schools in a responsible, cost-effective manner while achieving the highest standards of excellence in safety, quality and integrity. Meanwhile, the **Department of Education (DOE)** oversees the daily operations of schools and the **Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD)** manages programs and services for youth.

Public School 372 (512 Carroll Street)

What would YOU like to see? Give us your thoughts and suggestions!