Hello from CIDNY

Thank you for taking the time to read our November 2023 newsletter.

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Information in this newsletter can always change. If you have any questions, please call or email us.

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CIDNY's Consumer Action Network (CAN) Meeting

Wednesday, November 15, 2023, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Our regular CAN meeting will take place at CIDNY’s Queens office and online over Zoom.

Please RSVP in advance at: www.tinyurl.com/advocacy4cidny or email Mbacke Thiam at mthiam@cidny.org. For more info, please call 212-674-2300.

CAN: Go Vote!

Friday, November 3, 2023, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. via Zoom

Join us for a special CAN Go Vote! discussion on voting and disability issues as we prepare for election day. Whether you vote early, in-person, or absentee, your voice matters! This will take place online via Zoom.

Please, register in advance at: tinyurl.com/advocacy4cidny
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**CIDNY Education Workshops and Events**

Join us and learn more! This month the Center for Independence of the Disabled, NY (CIDNY) will be presenting the workshops and events below. Workshops may be recorded for future use in communications materials, websites, or for other purposes by CIDNY. Please visit our website for an updated list of events at [https://www.cidny.org/calendar/](https://www.cidny.org/calendar/).

**The People’s Money - Idea Generation Session** *(Virtual)*  
Wednesday, November 1, 2023, 2 p.m.

CIDNY on behalf of the NYC Civic Engagement Commissions (CEC) is hosting "The People's Money" a series of participatory budgeting idea sessions. For this process, New Yorkers ages 11 and up, regardless of citizenship or incarceration status, are invited to help directly decide how $5MM of mayoral expense funding is spent. Residents will have the opportunity to submit creative ideas and vote for winning projects. Participants will receive a $50 dollar grocery gift card.

Register/RSVP: [https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZctc-Ggqz8sE9a8NfmMxPe8GKWcGNQm79gt](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZctc-Ggqz8sE9a8NfmMxPe8GKWcGNQm79gt)

**Fall Employment Vocational Rehabilitation Workshop**  
Tuesday, November 2, 2023, 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

This workshop is part of a series of workshops catered to assist everyone, including people with disabilities, minorities, and people of color to find and overcome barriers to employment. This workshop will take place virtually.

Topics: Vocational group or individual counseling and job coaching.

For questions or to RSVP for this event, CIDNY’s Director of Employment Vocational Rehabilitation, Joel Taveras at [jtaveras@CIDNY.org](mailto:jtaveras@CIDNY.org) or call 646-442-4146 or 646-726-1960
The People`s Money - Idea Generation Session (Virtual)
Friday, November 3, 2023, 12 p.m.

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The People`s Money - Idea Generation Session (Virtual)
Monday, November 6, 2023, 2 p.m.

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Register/RSVP: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYldOupqTIiGNg1NFSD08rvWXSSN8outd

The People`s Money - Idea Generation Session (In Person)
Wednesday, November 8, 2023, 2 p.m.

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This event will take place in person at CIDNY’s Manhattan office located at 1010 Avenue of the Americas, Suite 301, New York, NY 10018 (on 38th Street).

Register/RSVP: https://forms.office.com/r/cxVuBNEgAy
The People`s Money - Idea Generation Session (Virtual)
Monday, November 13, 2023, 4 p.m.

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Register/RSPV:
https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYsfuyuqTIpGt1bT4Uv7S95SEUqP6SEhrNB

Fall Employment Vocational Rehabilitation Workshop
Tuesday, November 14, 2023, 2 p.m. - 3 p.m. and Thursday, November 16, 2023, 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

This workshop is part of a series of workshops catered to assist everyone, including people with disabilities, minorities, and people of color to find and overcome barriers to employment. This workshop will take place virtually.

Topics: Applying to real work, internship, volunteer work, or school and graduation!

For questions or to RSVP for this event, CIDNY's Director of Employment Vocational Rehabilitation, Joel Taveras at jtaveras@CIDNY.org or call 646-442-4146 or 646-726-1960

Easy Ways to Cut the Salt
Wednesday, November 15, 2023, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

CIDNY has partnered with Stellar Farmers' Markets to offer a series of free virtual nutrition workshops this fall. Each workshop includes an interactive nutrition activity lead by a nutrition educator with tips for healthy eating and a delicious seasonal recipe demonstration lead by a culinary educator.

Register at
https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYlcOmvrrjIpHtTosA7bNY80pUEqjCEGR2CX
The People's Money - Idea Generation Session (In Person)
Wednesday, November 15, 2023, 3 p.m.

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Register/RSVP: https://forms.office.com/r/frV8wAk3er

The People’s Money - Idea Generation Session (Virtual)
Friday, November 17, 2023, 12 p.m.

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Register/RSVP: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0qcuurrzgjHNQvemBK92p2Hfa_TUVTsYE

The People’s Money - Idea Generation Session (Virtual)
Saturday, November 18, 2023, 10 a.m.

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Register/RSVP: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEpcu-gpjsuH92d53sFEeXDcqBEGfC_uwvT
The People's Money - Idea Generation Session (Virtual)
Sunday, November 19, 2023, 10 a.m.

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Register/RSSP:
https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUqdeGorTouGdET67YI7TbeEJ-dR_nGLE_6

FIDA-IDD Program and Home Care issues for People with I/DD
Wednesday, November 22, 2023, 3:30 p.m. – 5 p.m.

This presentation will include ICAN materials on FIDA-IDD model for dual eligible OPWDD waiver participants, and discussion of how our individuals get Medicare. It will also include Question and Answers section on applying for home care from your county or Medicaid Managed Care plan.

You can join with the Zoom link below: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85428798902?pwd=TS9qNG5xTG5zZzh4cEMyakZoSNJHUT09

Visit us online at https://www.cidny.org/calendar/ to see any new or updated events.

RSVP:
If you need an accommodation like large print, American Sign Language (ASL), or materials in other languages, please let us know at least two (2) weeks before the date of the event(s). The link to the meeting will be sent to you via email the day before the event. If you cannot register, you can email RSVP@cidny.org for help or with questions.

Election Day is November 7 – Vote!

Election Day is coming up on November 7, 2023 and includes New York City Council elections. If you need to register to vote, change your party affiliation, or find your polling place, you can do so at https://vote.nyc/page/register-vote or by calling 1-866-868-3692. If you need help, please reach out to CIDNY.
Polling Site Survey Volunteers Needed

CIDNY is seeking volunteers to survey polling sites for accessibility in all five boroughs on election day, Tuesday, November 7, 2023. Volunteers will be trained on how to properly survey and measure for accessibility issues. If you are interested in helping, but cannot volunteer this time, you can still let us know and we will contact you for future polling site surveys. Please contact Tashia at 646-436-9906 or tlierebours@cidny.org for more details. Thanks!

CIDNY In The News

Check out some our recent media coverage, linked below.

- NY disability advocates want more accessible polling places (En Español) (Public News Service)
- Navigating New York City’s transportation system with a disability (WNYC)
- City Moving Slow on Requirement for Sidewalk Ramps at Every Corner (THE CITY)
- Museum Of City Of N.Y. Features Access Exhibit (Able News)
- Employment As a Disabled Person – Am I Included? (Able News)