



ASSEMBLY

JUNE 15, 2017
8:00 A.M. - 3:30 P.M.
NEW YORK ACADEMY OF MEDICINE

WHAT: The Fourth Annual *Guns Down, Life Up* Assembly. **WHEN:** Thursday, June 15, 2017. **WHERE:** The New York Academy of Medicine, 1216 Fifth Avenue @ 103rd Street. **WHO:** A full-day interactive event for New York City's thought leaders, violence prevention specialists, community advocates, educators, medical professionals, survivors, and kids. **WHY:** To reframe the conversation about violence.

ABOUT THE DAY

Part One: A world café variation where we examine structural oppression, its definition, underpinnings, hallmarks, and consequences as it is seen in U.S. post-industrial cities (ghettos) as well as in barrios, favelas, slums, and townships across the globe.

Part Two: We will then shift the frame of discussion of inner-city violence from criminology, pathology, and aberrance to a frame of violence as an inevitable characteristic of communities living under structural oppression.

ABOUT THE FUND FOR NYC HEALTH + HOSPITALS

The Fund exists to help the Health + Hospitals organization to deepen its dedication to our patients, their families, and their neighborhoods. We make it possible for programs to thrive within our system in order to meet community health needs. We seek philanthropic support for these programs and we also nurture important programmatic partnerships.

ABOUT NYC HEALTH + HOSPITALS

NYC Health + Hospitals is your city's public hospital system as well as the largest municipal healthcare organization in the country. It is a deeply important part of the delivery of care to the city's residents, serving 1.4 million New Yorkers every year through its 11 acute care hospitals, five skilled nursing facilities, more than 70 Gotham Health community-based clinics. Our mission is to provide high-quality health care to all New Yorkers, regardless of their ability to pay, insurance status, or immigration status. We work to promote and protect, both as innovator and advocate, the health, welfare, and safety of the people of the City of New York.

ABOUT GUNS DOWN, LIFE UP

Guns Down, Life Up (GDLU) is a signature program of The Fund for NYC Health + Hospitals. As a hospital-based, prevention model, *GDLU*'s two core violence prevention methods are long-term, inner-city youth mentoring and community coalition building. To support these objectives, The Fund is building a network of violence reduction programs across the Health + Hospitals system. *GDLU* programs comprise the following elements: (1) Hospital-based Positive Youth Development Programs - *GDLU* afterschool programs provide safe harbor and caring adult guidance during out-of-school time, when teens are at greatest risk for involvement in risk behaviors and violence; and (2) Community Coalitions - *GDLU* convenes monthly Circle of Safety meetings that track and share neighborhood accomplishments, resources, needs, problems, and solution strategies. In addition, *GDLU* makes it possible for violence prevention specialists, called credible messengers, to enter NYC Health + Hospitals' emergency departments to engage with patients injured by gunshot, stabbing, slashing, and blunt force trauma in violent incidents. These specialists stop retaliation and ongoing violence.

The Fund for NYC Health + Hospitals leads, supports, and promotes the *GDLU* network of programs. There are three established programs and five programs in start-up mode at our hospitals. *GDLU* currently serves hundreds of youth across the city.