



**Healthy Food for Upper Manhattan**  
**Monday March 21<sup>st</sup> 2016**  
**12:00-2:30 PM**  
**SCAN's Johnson Cornerstone Community Center**

**OVERVIEW**

On Monday March 21<sup>st</sup> 2016 the Healthy Food for Upper Manhattan Workgroup convened for their first general meeting in 2016. The general session consisted of a discussion with an expert panel focusing on Food Jobs. Panelists included **Nicholas Freudenberg**, Distinguished Professor of Public Health and Director of the CUNY Urban Food Policy Institute at the City University of New York School of Public Health and Health Policy, **Denise Romero**, Immigrant Rights and Labor Organizer with Brandworkers; and **Jeanique Riche**, Assistant Director of Resident Business Development in NYCHA's Office of Resident Economic Empowerment and Sustainability (REES). Over 30 representatives from organizations throughout Upper Manhattan attended. Workgroup members were encouraged to share upcoming programs and updates. The general session was followed by an active visioning session. The Visioning Group discussed a vision for HFUM and new recruitment strategies, and raised questions regarding the structure and purpose of HFUM in the year to come.

**VISIONING SESSION**

- **Mission and Vision:** People around the table are interested in revisiting our initial goals and vision. This will be done at the next visioning session, which we hope to hold sometime at the end of May.
- **Membership:** HFUM is currently comprised of community-based organizations, state and local government representatives, and community organizing or advocacy groups, some of whom are also Upper Manhattan residents. HFUM was originally intended to serve these groups, who we believe represent their constituent communities. However, at this visioning session, members discussed also including community members at future meetings, and focusing recruitment on the "invisible and vulnerable" within our communities. Should the group pursue including community members, there will be an additional need for community organizers.
- **Values:** Future visioning sessions will devote time to establishing and defining our shared values.
- **Information:** Use existing resources, such as the [East Harlem Neighborhood Plan](#), to inform our thinking and projects