

Organizing Principles

"We have rights only as long as we are willing to struggle for them." --Ella Baker

- Provide tenants with tools to fight/leadership development.
- Share resources with tenants to have access to the right.
- Increase tenant power to defend themselves and assert themselves.
- Stop intimidation and harassment.
- Immigrants rights--ensure all immigrants have equal access to this right.
- Change the dynamic in housing court.
- Hold landlords accountable.
- Upend the popular narrative that eviction cases are simple or a tenant's fault---evictions are about power! There is more housing law in new york than all the federal law combine. We should use the law to defend our communities!
- Build community to create space for action.
- Building tenant power--to go bigger--fight against larger structures.
- Education and awareness--applies to all.
- Shift the narrative about tenants' rights--being behind in rent does not take away your rights.
- Right will not exist in practice if we don't organize.
- Create space for more creative action.
- Protecting vulnerable communities during implementation.
- Preserving affordable housing.
- Create a model for the nation--building the way towards a right to housing.