

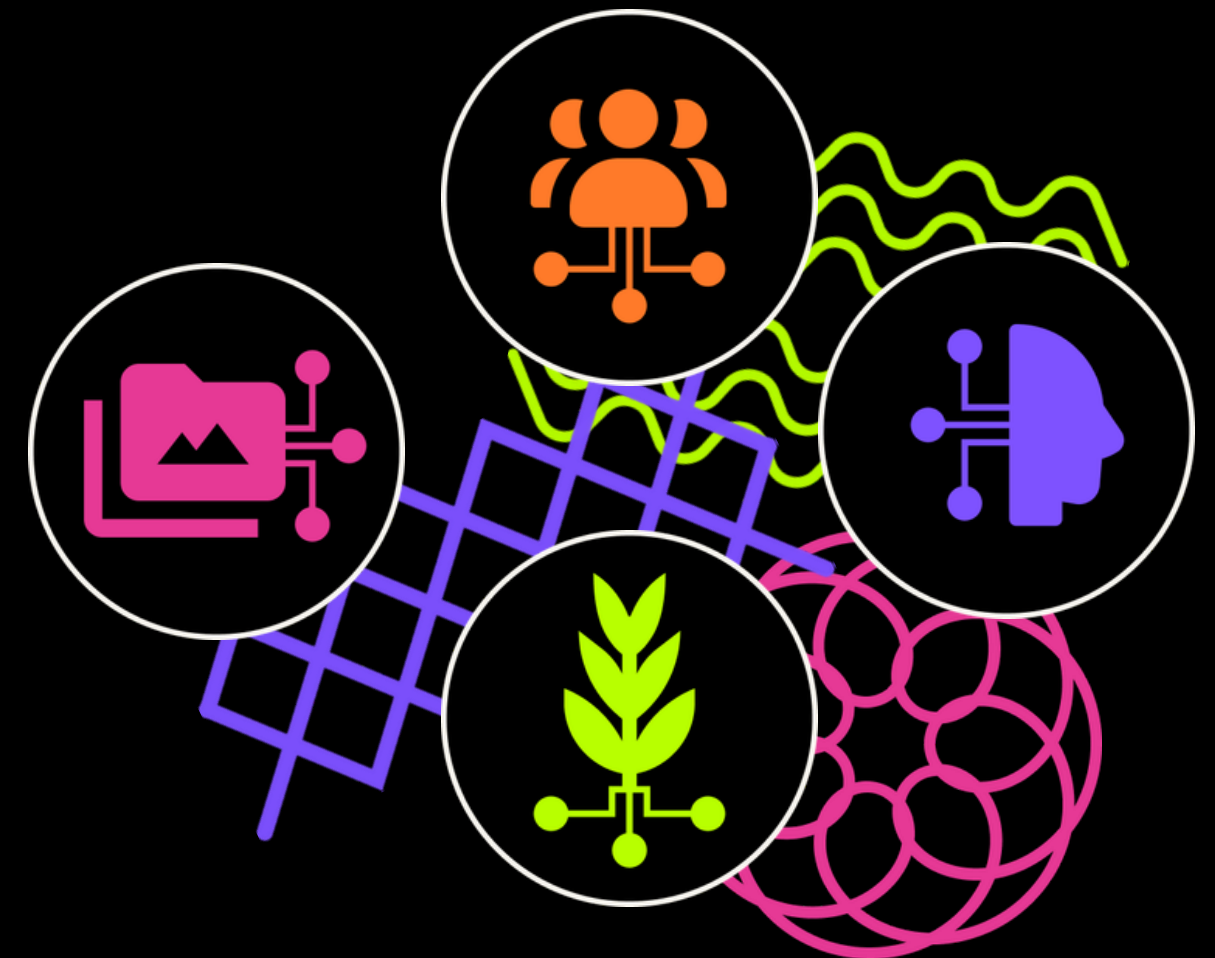
EcoPower '26 Internship

**A mini resilience hub
empowering east flatbush
at the intersection of
environmental, social,
and tech.**

Partner & Sponsorship Deck

*Invest in Brooklyn's next
generation of climate leaders.*

Led by



Who we are



BKLVLUP is a community development + social impact lab nonprofit that uses art and technology to build lasting community wealth in East Flatbush, Flatbush and Flatlands, Brooklyn.

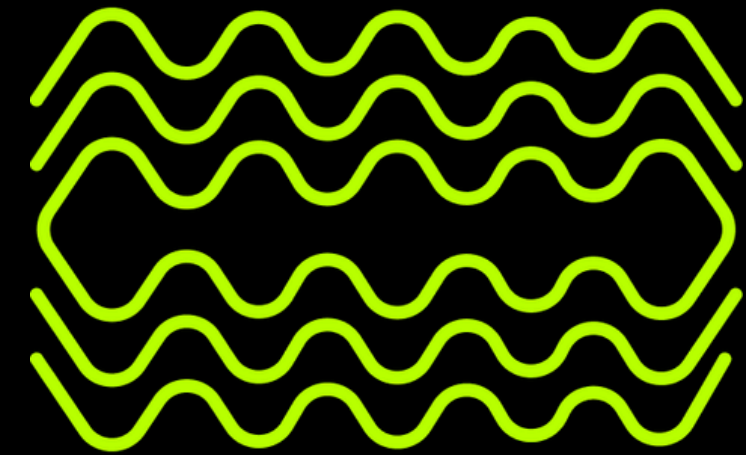
Active programs

*Ecopower Internship
The Flats Rising CLT
IBX/Community Resilience Hub
CEC People's Money
Rain Activated*



CENTRAL BROOKLYN IS ON THE FRONT LINE.

Our neighborhoods face overlapping climate crises — extreme heat, flooding, soil and air quality, energy costs, and economic pressure, all stacked on the same zip codes. Our young people have the most to lose. And the most to offer.



3–5°F

Hotter than surrounding areas — urban heat island effect hits hardest here

HIGH

Energy burden falls disproportionately on low-income renters and senior home owners in East Flatbush

↑ FLOOD

Flash flooding and stormwater infrastructure gaps put streets underwater every season

NOW

Brooklyn's next climate leaders aren't a future investment — they're ready

FOUR TRACKS



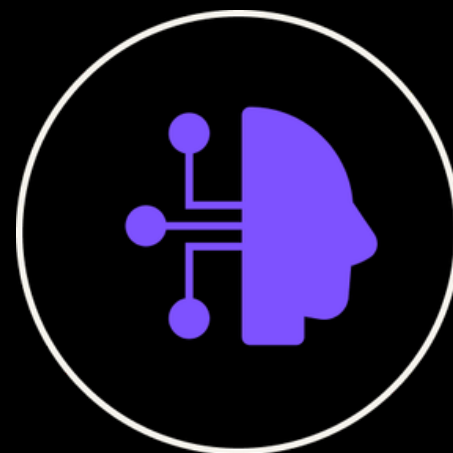
Story & Media



**Community
& Civic**



**Environment
& Data**



Tech & AI

REAL WORK, REAL IMPACT.

The EcoPower Internship is a one-of-a-kind 9-week summer internship for highschoolers based in Brooklyn to gain hands-on experience engaging local communities and developing skills at the intersection of tech, storytelling, community wellness, and environmental data.

EcoPower is one summer of work that plugs into something bigger: BKLVLUP's long game of building a permanent community resilience hub across the Flats. The work they shape lives on after they leave. The maps, the data, the films, the tools, the briefs — they get used.

July 6 - September 3, 2026

10 Interns

4 Tracks

Hybrid Approach



WHAT THIS LOOKS LIKE

Weeks 1–2 — Orientation & Foundation

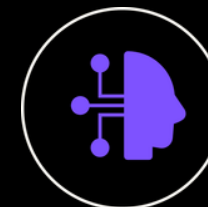
Full-cohort training - Design thinking, community facilitation training, environmental justice frameworks. Laying the foundation for the work.

Weeks 3–5 — Track Deep Dive



Environmental & Data

Soil, flooding, energy, urban systems. Support FloodNet data work and Powering the Block research.



Tech & AI

GIS, civic tech, AI tools, dashboards. Build the digital infrastructure that outlasts the summer.



Story & Media

Reels, docs, photo, the zine. Make environmental work that travels and actually moves people.



Community & Civic

Canvassing, organizing, the Energy Access Clinic, the showcase. Future organizers welcome.



WHAT THIS LOOKS LIKE

Weeks 6–8 — Project Execution

Interns build. The Resilience Hub Survey is deployed in the community. The zine is in production. Civic briefs are drafted. This is the core work phase. Check-ins with track leads weekly.

Weeks 9–10 — Showcase Preparation

Public speaking coaching. Project polish. Interns design how they'll present their work to the community. The zine is complete. The Resilience Hub Survey findings are compiled. Run of show for September 3 is finalized.

September 3rd, 2026 — Community Showcase

Interns present to the public, to BKLVLUP's community, and to funders and partners. This is the culminating event of the program. All staff are expected to attend and support.

WHAT THIS LOOKS LIKE (WEEK)

Monday (In-Person)

BKLVLP Program Day

Anchored to one BKLVLP program: From the Ground Up, Powering the Block, Rain Activated, CLT, or Resilience Hub. Workshop format — never lecture.

Tuesday (In-Person)

Track Work + Build

Heads-down on capstone projects. Track-specific work. Pair sessions with BKLVLP team. Optional 1:1 check-ins with track leads.

Wednesday (Virtual)

Async + Documentation

Independent project work, documentation, journal entries for the zine, async standup in Slack. Optional virtual office hours 1–3pm.

Thursday (In-Person)

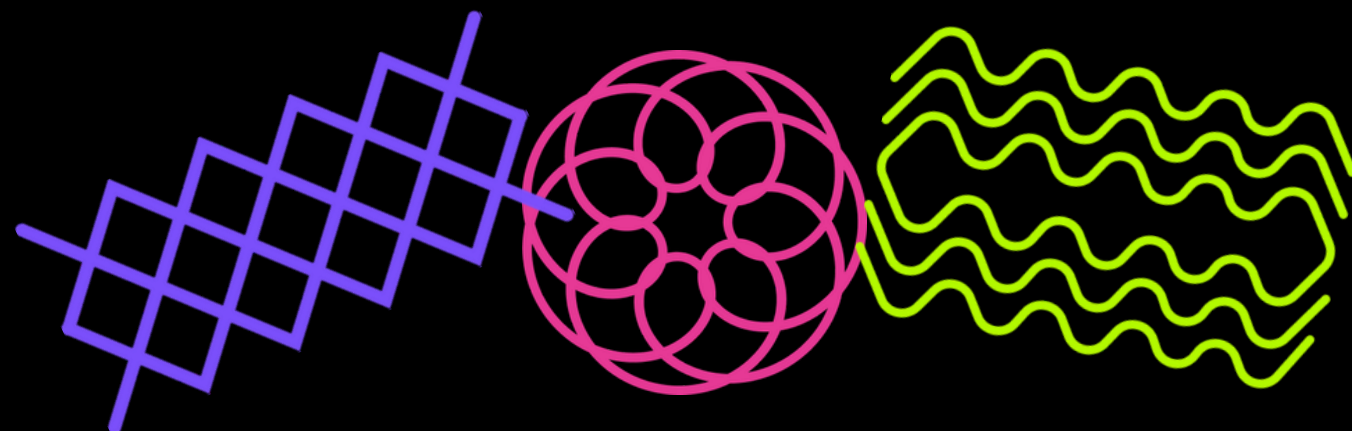
Skill Day or Field Trip

Professional development, guest speakers, certifications, mental health + wellness, or a field trip. The "exposure" engine.

Friday (OFF)

Adapted Summer Friday

Rest. Reset. Process. We model work-life balance from day one. Optional makeup hours only by intern request.





WHAT INTERNS RECEIVE

Every EcoPower intern leaves the program with:

Bi-Weekly Stipend

Community Facilitation Training

Certification of Completion

Professional Headshots

Mini Portfolio Website

Track-Specific Project

Skills development & mentorship

Hands-on experience in community & environmental work

THE IMPACT WE CREATE

Our internship supports ongoing BKLVLUP initiatives addressing climate, housing, economic, social, and cultural flourishing in our neighborhood.



ENVIRONMENTAL & DATA

Deploy air-quality and
stormwater sensors on
Flatbush blocks

Collect and test soil samples to
document contamination patterns

Turn raw data into something a
neighbor can actually use

Rain Activation flood-
readiness dashboard



TECH & AI

Build AI tools that support
the community ecosystem

Improve community education and
accessibility around tech

Digital access map of the Flats

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STORY & MEDIA

Document the Flats through video, photo, and audio

Interview and capture community member experiences and culture

Create meaningful and educational content around issues in the Flats

Visualize the impact and stories important to our community



COMMUNITY & CIVIC

Contribute to real civic campaigns

CEC People's Money community brief

IBX Coalition transit equity research

Support Flats Rising CLT Community Land Trust outreach

FUND & SUPPORT THIS WORK.

Sponsorship Tiers

\$10,000+

Anchor Sponsor

Named presenting sponsor · Logo on all materials · Social features · Showcase table · 1:1 with ED to grow partnership · Internship site visit

\$5,000

Community Sponsor

Logo on digital materials · Social shoutout · Showcase recognition

\$2,500

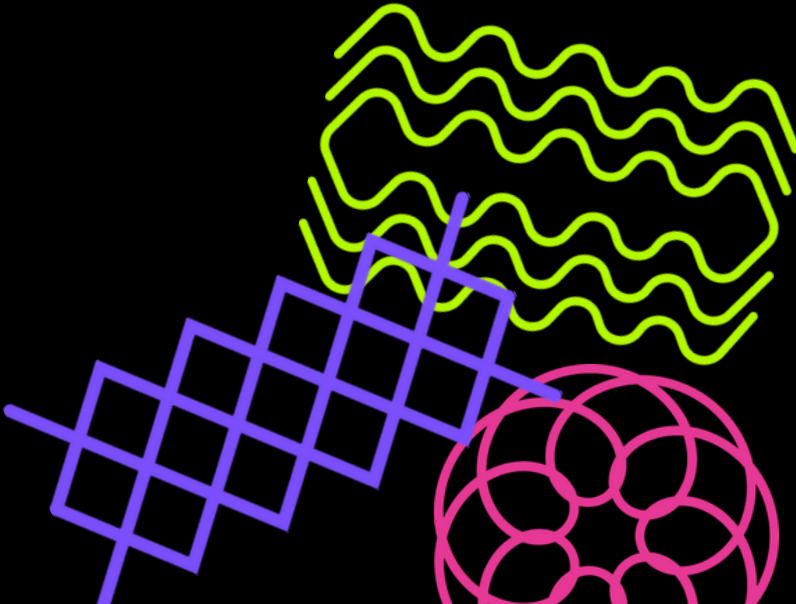
Track Sponsor

Brand aligned to one of the four tracks · Track-specific recognition throughout the program

\$1,000

Supporter

Name listed in program materials and community showcase



OTHER WAYS TO SUPPORT

Alternative ways to plug in.

Guest Practitioner / Speaker

Bring your expertise into a track session. Real practitioners over PowerPoint decks, every time.

Site Visit / Field Learning

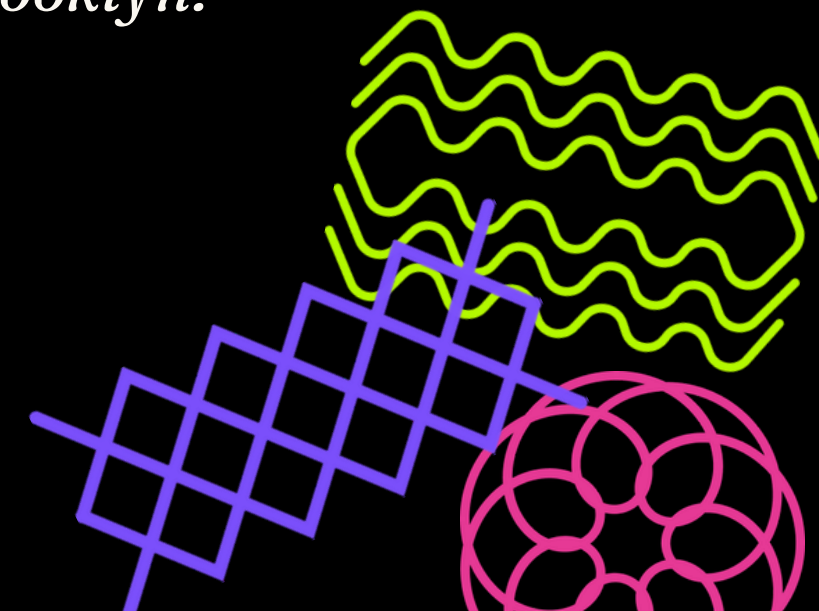
Host interns at your space or project site. Show them how the work actually gets done.

Mentorship Match

Pair a team member with an EcoPower Operator for the season. One hour a week. Real impact.

Co-Branded Content

Collaborate on a project artifact or deliverable. Your brand on something actually made in Brooklyn.



OTHER WAYS TO SUPPORT

Other in-kind donations

Tech

Laptops, tablets,
hotspots,
charging gear

Workspace

Meeting / coworking
space near East
Flatbush or Flatbush,
July–Sept

Food

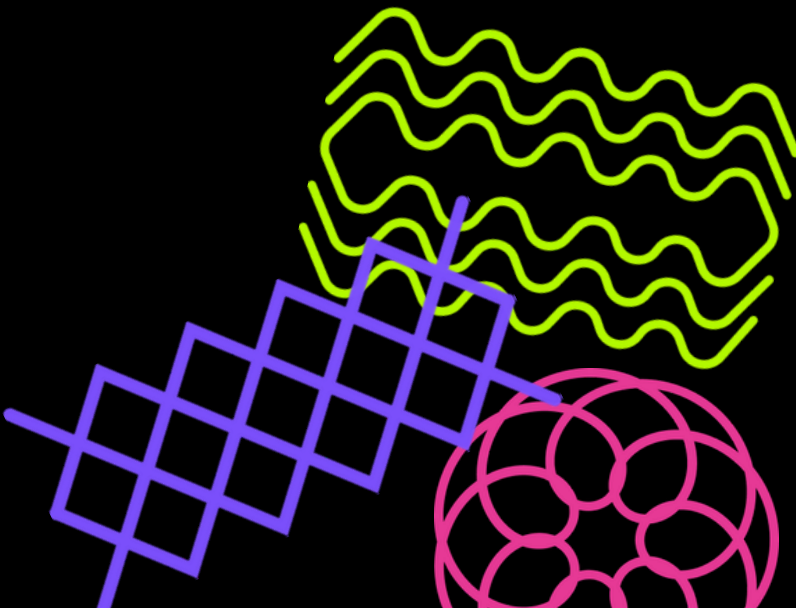
Meals or snacks
for intern
sessions and
showcase day

Transit

MetroCards or
transit support
for interns

Services

Legal, accounting,
photography,
videography



Get in contact



Interested? Let us know how you want to tap in.

Reach out to: ecopower@bklvlup.org

[Internship Website](#)

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