Description

PROP is a progressive grassroots non-profit organization that works and advocates for social, racial, and economic justice for all New Yorkers. Our primary policy goal is to expose and end the NYPD’s abusive and biased practices carried out under the rubric of quota-driven “broken windows” policing. We aim to educate the public about objectionable NYPD policies and to promote fundamental systemic change.

For the past 50 years, Director Bob Gangi has been an activist, community organizer, and public policy advocate in New York City. He is a recognized expert on criminal justice and law enforcement issues with a particular focus on police and prison concerns.

The Police Reform Organizing Project is looking to add energetic and progressive interns to help fight the discriminatory and abusive practices of the NYPD, by engaging in court monitoring, policy advocacy, and outreach. Interns will work closely with the director and will have the opportunity to make a meaningful impact on our efforts to divest power and resources from the law enforcement system, and invest in transformative justice that will help, rather than hurt people.

College students, community organizers, artists, and activists are strongly encouraged to apply.

We have a flexible work structure and are happy to accommodate requests regarding work hours and locations.

Anyone interested please contact us at prop@protnyc.org.

Requirements

Interns should complete at least one 3 hour court monitoring session per week, one 3 hour petitioning session per week, and be engaged in a weekly task associated with your main project.

Hours worked can include: submitting data, attending meetings, and a PROP training session.
Available Positions
We seek interns who are dedicated to and passionate about the cause + social, economic, and racial justice for all. Interns will focus on one of the ongoing projects, with opportunities to engage with all aspects of PROP. We currently have openings in each of our projects, which are described below.

Interested candidates should email resume and cover letter/statement of interest to rpagangi@gmail.com or Luke Messina at lukelmessina@gmail.com.

Projects

Court Monitoring Project
Everyone who gets arrested, gets arraigned. So PROP staff, interns and volunteers, sit in on proceedings at different arraignment and summons courts in all five boroughs to monitor NYPD arrest practices. During the court visits we sit-in on multiple court proceedings and record the relevant information about each case. Our court monitoring also includes speaking with both lawyers and defendants. Hearing from people directly involved in the criminal justice system gives us a better understanding of the repercussions that being charged with a low-level, non-violent offense, can have on a person’s life.

Work Includes: field research, report writing, data entry, conducting interviews.

Mental Health Project
PROP’s mental health project seeks to remove police officers as first responders in psychiatric emergencies, and send a team of trained mental health professionals in their place. We propose that money to pay for this should be divested from the criminal justice system. Our proposal would also remove the 911 emergency response apparatus from the NYPD, in which is is currently embedded.

Work Includes: community outreach, policy research, policy writing.

PROPart
This fall PROP will host an art exhibit, two nights of performances and a panel discussion with El Barrio Artspace and Escape Artists. The theme is visionary: imagine what our city would look like without a damaging and discriminatory criminal justice system. How could the city better spend the excessive resources now spent on an excessive criminal justice system? Healthcare, infrastructure, better schools, etc?

Work Includes: Outreach, organizing, and potentially assistance with workshops and the creation of artwork.
Please complete and return this form to PROP after Orientation.

**Volunteer Information**

Name ____________________________  
Borough __________________________  
Phone ___________________________  
Email ____________________________  
College __________________________  
Program __________________________

**Availability**

Start Date ______________________  
End Date _________________________  
Weekly Availability

- [ ] Monday  
- [ ] Tuesday  
- [ ] Wednesday  
- [ ] Thursday  
- [ ] Friday  
- [ ] Weekends

PROP Shirt Size:  

- [ ] Small  
- [ ] Medium  
- [ ] Large  
- [ ] XL

Please indicate at least one PROP project you would like to get more involved with. You are welcome to choose more than one. The Coordinators of each project will follow up with more information.

- [ ] Court Monitoring Project  
- [ ] Mental Health Project  
- [ ] PROPart