

Do you want to help fight gentrification in Crown Heights?

The Crown Heights Tenant Union is looking for an organizing intern!

About the Crown Heights Tenant Union (CHTU): The CHTU is a union of Tenant Associations, that began meeting on October 2013 in response to rampant gentrification, displacement, and illegal rental overcharges in the neighborhood. There are over 40 buildings in our union that have come together to demand new, stronger protections that guarantee tenants' rights.

We use a collective bargaining strategy to demand both stricter enforcement of existing tenants' rights in addition to new, stronger protections that eliminate loopholes in the law that favor landlords. Our demands call for a stronger tenant voice in decisions that impact rental housing and include a five year rent freeze and restrictions on tenant buyouts.

The organizing intern will work alongside tenant associations and community leaders to prevent displacement in Crown Heights. Duties will include: expanding the base of CHTU through field outreach, working with staff organizers and member leaders to coordinate two monthly membership meetings, and mobilizing members to participate in local and city-wide actions.

The ideal candidate will be computer proficient, be personable, flexible, and have:

- a commitment to housing and economic justice,
- an ability to communicate complex ideas in a clear and accessible way,
- strong oral and written communication skills, and
- an interest in learning about community organizing techniques

Hours include evenings and some weekends. This internship pays \$15/hour for 10-weeks. We are looking for someone who can start in early June.

Location: The internship will be based primarily in our main office in Lower Manhattan; the organizing work takes place in Crown Heights, Brooklyn.

To apply, please send your resume and a short cover letter explaining why you are interested in the position to: <u>kattan@uhab.org</u>.