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bookmark detail, *Old School New School*

Debut presentation of *Old School New School* July 23, 7 pm, Austrian Cultural Forum: Intrepid NYC students present a set of tools to help their peers navigate the high school application process

New York City has public high schools with every imaginable theme, a dizzying array of different application requirements, and charter schools galore. Choosing from one of NYC's over 400 public high schools can be a real task. It's even more daunting for recent immigrants, or parents that can't take time off of work to go through the massive school directory or chaperone high school visits. But every public middle school student has no choice but to make a choice.



video still, *Old School New School*

This past spring, the Center for Urban Pedagogy (CUP), teaching artist Douglas Paulson, the Resilience Advocacy Project (RAP), and a group of NYC public high school students investigated the high school application process. They interviewed the Department of Education, guidance counselors, parents, advocates, and each other to get to the bottom of this daunting but mandatory milestone. Together, they created a giant bookmark with a timeline of the application process, and a website with videos and animations to help break it down for middle school students. The website features accessible graphics, playful animations and friendly guidance from high school students who have already gone through it all.

On Monday, July 23, the group will present their *Old School New School* website, videos, and giant bookmark at the Austrian Cultural Forum. The public debut will be followed by a peer-to-peer training session on Saturday, July 28, during which middle school students are invited to learn the ins and outs of navigating the selection process from their peers. Images from their investigative process will be on display at the Austrian Cultural Forum's gallery from July 23rd through the 28th.



animation still, *Old School New School*

Old School New School debut event
for the general public
Monday, July 23, 7 pm

Old School New School peer-to-peer training
for middle school students
Saturday, July 28, 3 pm

Both events will be held at:
Austrian Cultural Forum
11 East 52nd Street
New York, NY

This People and Buildings presentation is free and open to the public.
RSVP for the July 23rd event by 5 pm on Friday, July 20 here:
acfn.org/event/center-for-urban-pedagogy/

The Center for Urban Pedagogy (CUP) is a nonprofit organization that uses the power of design and art to increase meaningful civic engagement. To learn more, visit:
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The Resilience Advocacy Project (RAP) develops and implements innovative youth empowerment and system-level advocacy models that build the capacity of youth to break cycles of poverty in their lives and communities. To learn more, visit:
resiliencelaw.org

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