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**Paul Robeson Students Collect Over 45 Stories From Crown Heights Residents**

*Listen To This: Crown Heights Oral History Project* in collaboration with the Crow Hill Community Association and NYC Grassroots Media Coalition will host a community listening event celebrating the formal donation of the new Crown Heights interview archive.

For several months, 5 students from Paul Robeson High School in Brooklyn, New York have been working hard to interview more than 45 people who have lived in Crown Heights for over 15 years, in order to learn more about the history of the community.

Through this project the students have developed a genuine interest in the development and history of Crown Heights, enhanced public interest in preserving history through listening to local stories, allowed community members to tell their stories to the public, and collected personal histories to be archived for future research and interest.

The formal listening event and archival donation will take place at Launchpad, a creative gathering place focused on the arts and community programs, in Crown Heights, Brooklyn. During this event, the students will showcase their favorite stories, and storytellers will be on hand to recount their personal memories of living in the ever-changing Crown Heights community.

Representatives from the Brooklyn Historical Society, the Eastern Parkway Brooklyn Public Library, Medgar Evers College, Weeksville Heritage Center and Brooklyn College Community Partnership will also be present to accept the donation from project director Alex Kelly and the students from Paul Robeson High School.

**WHEN/WHERE:** Wednesday, June 9th, 7:00 – 8:30pm  
Launchpad, 721 Franklin Avenue, Brooklyn New York  
(Between Park Pl. and Sterling Pl.)

Credentialed members of the press who would like to attend must RSVP to Alex Kelly at 718-228-7928 or [CrownHeightsHistory@gmail.com](mailto:CrownHeightsHistory@gmail.com)

*Listen To This: Crown Heights Oral History Project* strives to broaden youth and community awareness of neighborhood history through documenting and making public the stories of Crown Heights residents.

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