SOUTH BRONX

Population: 91,487

Per Capita Available Family Income: $21,660

The South Bronx is a socially excluded urban area that has significantly improved in social and economic terms over the past decades.

Leadership practices characterized by a strong sense of engagement and networking new community leaders and its a community engaged in the area.

SMALL BUSINESS (Bushwick)

Small Business Initiative is a long-standing citywide initiative focused on small business development in the South Bronx. It aims to support local businesses by providing resources and assistance to help them thrive.

ECOSTATION (Bushwick)

Ecostation is a food-focused cooperative organization working to transform the local food system in the South Bronx. It focuses on promoting healthy eating and supporting local farmers.

CENTRE CRULLA (Nou Barris Nord)

Centre Crulla is a non-profit organization that works to promote social inclusion and integration in the Nou Barris Nord area of Barcelona. It provides support services and activities to help individuals and communities.

NOS QUEDAMOS (South Bronx)

NOS Quedamos is a city-wide community organization that has developed a comprehensive approach to addressing the social issues faced by the South Bronx. It works on various fronts, including education, community development, and youth services.

CAN RATILLO (South Bronx)

Can Ratillo is a community-based organization that works to improve the quality of life in the South Bronx. It is focused on issues such as education, public safety, and youth development.

PAH-Barcelona (Nou Barris Nord)

PAH-Barcelona is a community organization that works to improve the living conditions of residents in the Nou Barris Nord area. It focuses on issues such as housing, education, and community development.

CONCLUSIONS

To be effective and scalable, social innovations should be carried out in a context with the necessary features to make innovation successful. Civic capacity is one such characteristic, but not the only one. Consequently, to make social innovation a feasible initiative that might foster systemic social change, community capacity building should be engaged.

In the case of the South Bronx, social innovation emerges bridging different discourses and social fabric. What we find in this area is a tradition of cooperation, self-management, and social organizing. This is a tradition of activism and networking that helps to overcome the structural and institutional barriers found in the neighborhood. The community is divided in two: one part that is fundamentally involved in collective action. Neighbors, neighborhood associations, and other community-based organizations have clearly responded to recession effects through solidarity initiatives.

REFERENCES


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