





# TELLING DIFFERENT STORIES

## ORGANIZATIONS TELLING THEIR OWN STORIES OF EAST BOSTON



### NEIGHBORS UNITED FOR A BETTER EAST BOSTON (NUBE)

NUBE is an organization that develops abundant leaders who support social transformation and shifting political power. Their leaders organize and advocate for inclusive democratic processes and just public policies to create a vibrant economy and environment for all East Boston. NUBE's work is guided by the deep commitment to developing a more just, understanding, and sustainable neighborhood. <https://tinyurl.com/zpk332b7>

### PUEBLO Coalition

### PEOPLE UNITED IN EAST BOSTON FOR LIBERATION AND ORGANIZING (PUEBLO)

PUEBLO is a coalition of stakeholder organizations that preserve and enhance East Boston's neighborhoods so that they are accessible and affordable. PUEBLO seeks to protect the natural environment by building the collective power and strength of East Boston residents who are most impacted by displacement. They seek to strengthen community unity and solidarity, through shared prosperity and mutual benefit while stewarding the environment for the benefit of current and future generations. <https://tinyurl.com/9tbfp2s3>

### CENTER FOR COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT AND SOLIDARITY (CCDS)

CCDS provides technical, educational and organizational support to current and potential members of cooperatives in East Boston. CCDS helps develop worker-owned cooperative opportunities for decent work with decent pay for minority, immigrants and low-income residents of East Boston thus advancing a sustainable and permanent social and economic justice neighborhood. CCDS is part of the Solidarity Economy Initiative, a Massachusetts-based project that creates space for grassroots organizers working in working class communities of color to lead a just transition to a solidarity economy. <https://tinyurl.com/yjxd84ad>



### MASS COSH IMMIGRANT WORKER CENTER (MASSCOSH)

The Immigrant Worker Center is a safe place for immigrants to speak up about workplace abuse and join with a powerful network of workers demanding safe and healthy working conditions. The Worker Center builds the power of immigrants and workers of color to mobilize for safe and healthy work conditions. Massachusetts Coalition For Occupational Safety And Health (MassCOSH) unites workers, unions and community groups with environmental and health activists, to end dangerous work conditions, to organize for safe, secure jobs, and to advocate for healthy communities. <https://tinyurl.com/y2ybb8uw>



### MUTUAL AID EASTIE COALITION

Mutual aid is a form of solidarity-based support system where communities unite against a common struggle, rather than leaving individuals to fend for themselves. Eastie Farm in collaboration with NUBE, COSECHA and Empower East Boston provides direct financial support to immigrants and their families across Massachusetts, including East Boston, New Bedford, Lawrence, and Worcester—specifically undocumented individuals and families, who have been excluded from receiving stimulus checks and other government resources. <https://tinyurl.com/kz2839hk>



### CENTRO PRESENTE

Centro Presente is a member-driven, statewide Latin American immigrant organization dedicated to the self-determination and self-sufficiency of the Latin American immigrant community of Massachusetts. Operated and led primarily by Central American immigrants, Centro Presente struggles for immigrant rights and for economic and social justice. Through the integration of community organizing, leadership development and basic services, Centro Presente strives to give our members a voice and build community power. <https://tinyurl.com/stw5wbyk>



### CITY LIFE VIDA URBANA

Stand Up, Fight Back.

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City Life/Vida Urbana is a grassroots community organization committed to fighting for racial, social and economic justice and gender equality by building working class power. This organization promotes individual empowerment, develops community leaders and builds collective power to effect systemic change and transform society. <https://bit.ly/3h1ZGQh>



### IGLESIA NUEVO AMANECEER

Iglesia Nuevo Amanecer is a faith-based group deeply engaged in the communal and individual pursuits of liberation and love. In light of the crises of COVID-19, gentrification and displacement, Nuevo Amanecer is involved in organizing and working on direct response initiatives with the East Mutual Aid network, and PUEBLO and Stand for Democracy, a faith-based organizing group. <https://tinyurl.com/5bva2x5h>



### EAST BOSTON COMMUNITY SOUP KITCHEN

The East Boston Community Soup Kitchen opens every Tuesday to provide free meals for all those who enter our doors. This organization strives to provide a sense of community to those affected by hunger, homelessness, and difficult life circumstances, while offering the humane treatment and compassion many struggle to receive in their everyday lives. <https://tinyurl.com/472udhhv>



### GREENROOTS

GreenRoots is a community-based organization dedicated to improving and enhancing the urban environment and public health in Chelsea and surrounding communities. GreenRoots works to achieve environmental justice and greater quality of life through collective action, unity, education and youth leadership across neighborhoods and communities. They do so through deep community engagement and empowerment, youth leadership and implementation of innovative projects and campaigns. <https://tinyurl.com/3x22u2kz>

# WHAT TREASURES TO YOU SEE IN EAST BOSTON?

## SKETCH MAPPING

Sketch maps help us create a story of an experience. They help us see how we experience everyday places. To start, we begin drawing a space or route, like a neighborhood or path to work. Then we point out key things that are important to us. Because everyone experiences a place differently, a sketch map helps us see our neighborhood from another point of view and understand what matters in the places around us.

## EXAMPLE: SKETCH MAPPING



Write about why you colored in those places! What do the colors mean to you? Which parts of your neighborhood are you thinking about?

Where do you go to relax and have fun?

Where do you feel the safest in your community? Where would you go in an emergency?

Who do you know in your community? Who do you feel like you can count on?

Where do you go to fulfill your daily needs?

What is one of your favorite memories in East Boston? Where did it happen?

Where do you go to partake in community events?

## SKETCH MAPPING EXERCISE

Use this space to draw a sketch map of your route home. What important people, structures or plants do you see?

If you'd like to learn more about any of the storytelling methods explored in this toolkit, follow the links below!

### CAPTURING HISTORY RESOURCES



These final QR Codes don't currently link to anything. We'd like to have them link to an online document of resources

### RITUALS AND HONOR RESOURCES



### ART MAKING RESOURCES



### MAP MAKING RESOURCES



### ALTERNATIVE STORYTELLING RESOURCES



### SKETCH MAPPING



### TREASURE AND ASSET MAPPING RESOURCES



Find out more about the critters on these pages and the vibrant life of the Belle Isle marsh in the companion toolkit, CRITTERS AND MAPS ALONG THE EDGE



# FINDING COMMUNITY TREASURES

### What is Treasure Mapping?

Treasure mapping is a way to highlight what you value most in your neighborhood. Treasure can be physical (for example, certain buildings, water or parks), economic (such as the stores or restaurants we like), or cultural (for example, schools, libraries, local organizations or neighbors themselves). You can compare your treasure map with your friends and family to create a powerful story that explains why your neighborhood matters!

To learn more about treasure mapping, follow this code



COVID-19 has been a challenging time for so many reasons. Let's reflect on the memories, skills, resources and knowledge that you have about East Boston and create your own map that tells this story!



Color in a place or spot of the map where you feel like you feel a sense of **NEIGHBORHOOD** or a place where you feel like you can **RELAX** and have fun with **FRIENDS AND FAMILY**.

Maybe color in where you and your family go for your **BASIC NEEDS** or where you might go to feel **SAFE**. Finally, color in any place where your favorite **STORIES AND MEMORIES** happened!

