

Here is what's happening at Felicity House in May



## May Calendar of Events

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## Event Descriptions

Please note **RSVP is required to all events listed below at least one business day prior to each event. RSVP by emailing your staff contact.**

**Open Hours: Thursday, May 5, 3pm-7pm / Fridays, May 6 & 20, 1pm-5pm & May 13, 3pm-5pm / Tuesday, May 24, 3pm - 6pm**

Open Hours are opportunities to use the lounge, quiet lounge, art studio, and other public spaces in Felicity House to socialize or work on personal projects. A guest artist will be available May 13, 20, & 24 to help with any art projects you would like to work on. During Open Hours participants are asked to adhere to the different room usages described in the Handbook.

**Social: Thursday, May 5, 6pm-7pm / Fridays, May 6 & 20, 1pm-2pm / Thursday, May 26, 6pm-8pm**

Socials are informal opportunities for meeting and socializing in a group while enjoying a meal. Participants should expect to engage in conversation and contribute to a discussion. Enjoy the meal provided or bring your own. A special Memorial Day social dinner is scheduled on May 26 from 6pm-8pm on the roof, join us for BBQ and games.

**Community: Why Volunteer? / Tuesday, May 10, 6pm-8pm**

Ever thought about volunteering but weren't sure where to start? Are you interested in acquiring more job or networking skills? Join us for a presentation by [NYC Service](#), a division of the Office of the Mayor, on why volunteering is important and where to start your search. After the presentation we will work on a special service project to create no sew blankets for people in need.

**Community: Improv Night at the PIT / Wednesday, May 11, 5:30pm-8pm**

Improv is all about acting without a script, making big choices, and saying yes to others ideas. Join us for a presentation on improv fundamentals facilitated by CO/LAB Theatre Group at Felicity House followed by an improv show at the [PIT \(The Peoples Improv Theatre\)](#). Meet at Felicity House at 5:30pm to have dinner while listening to CO/LAB's presentation. We will then walk to The PIT together as a group to see the 7:00pm improv show. We will NOT be coming back to Felicity House at the end of the night.

**Community: Movie Night/ My Big Fat Greek Wedding / Friday, May 13, 5pm-7pm**

Opa! Join us for a screening of [My Big Fat Greek Wedding](#) to watch everyone's favorite Greek family, the Portokalos. Toula (Nia Vardalos) works at Dancing Zorba's, the Greek restaurant owned by her parents, Gus (Michael Constantine) and Maria (Lainie Kazan). After taking a job at her aunt's travel agency, she falls in love with Ian Miller (John Corbett), a teacher who is tall, handsome and definitely not Greek. Toula isn't sure which will be more upsetting to her father, that Ian is a foreigner or that he's a vegetarian. Dinner and popcorn will be provided.

**Open Door: Lydia Brown/ Autistic Empowerment: From Self Advocacy to System Change / Monday, May 16, 6pm-8pm**

This event is open to the general public and to all Felicity House participants. Join us for a lecture by [Lydia Brown](#) on autism and self advocacy. Lydia is an activist, writer, and speaker whose work has largely focused on violence against disabled people who have multiple marginalized identities and experiences. At Present, Lydia is the author of the blog Autistic Hoya, co-president of TASH New England, chairperson of the Massachusetts Developmental Disabilities Council, and an executive board member of the Autism Women's Network. In collaboration with Elesia Ashkenazy and Morénike Giwa Onaiwu, Lydia is the lead

editor and visionary behind *All the Weight of Our Dreams*, a forthcoming anthology of writings and artwork by autistic people of color.

**Workshop: New Member Art Class/ Thursday, May 17, 6pm - 8pm**

Inspired by the Museum of Modern Art 1960's collection, art educator Rebecca Goyette, will lead a discussion and an art class inspired by artists such as Carolee Schneemann, Martha Rosler, David Hammons, Sam Gilliam, Yves Klein, Henri Cartier-Bresson and Richard Avedon who were inspired by the anti-war protests, civil rights and feminism movements and rock and roll that were iconic and often associated with the 1960's. In keeping with the ideals of the 1960's, artists experimented with a wide range of styles and media, to exert their artistic freedom. The art-making workshop will explore alternative art processes in relation to our own cultural framework of political unrest and resurgence of 1960's ideological questions.

**Workshop: LOTS Photography / Thursday, May 13, 6pm - 8pm**

This workshop is only open to members of LOTS Connection. A New Member photography workshop will be offered in June. New York photographer, [Eric Vitale](#), will lead a photography workshop for all photo enthusiasts with no previous experience necessary. Eric will review some of the skills and guidelines of basic photography to help you get even better images! By reviewing some of his work along with additional examples, the group will gain a better understanding of photography principles. Participants are encouraged to bring cameras and/or smart phones so they can take photos during the workshop

**Lecture: Daniel Barasch / Monday, May 23, 3:30pm-5pm**

Dan Barasch is the co-founder and executive director of the [Lowline](#), an ongoing city project to use innovative solar technology to illuminate an historic trolley terminal on the Lower East Side of New York City. The Lowline vision is a stunning underground park, providing a beautiful respite and a cultural attraction in one of the world's most dense, exciting urban environments. The Lowline is scheduled to open in 2020 in the formerly known Williamsburg Bridge Trolley Terminal, just below Delancey Street.

**Town Hall: Tuesday, May 24, 6pm - 7pm**

Town Hall is a leadership meeting that is crucial to Felicity House. All Felicity House participants are invited to join to listen or bring up ideas and share feedback on current programs and events. Comments can be shared during the meeting verbally or by writing them down in our suggestion box. Either way - we want to hear what you have to say! Your feedback is important to us as it helps structure future programs, events and services.



Join us for a lecture with Lydia Brown on  
**Autistic Empowerment: From Self  
Advocacy to System Change**

Monday, May 16  
6pm lecture  
7pm reception

160 Fifth Ave, 2nd floor  
New York, NY 10010

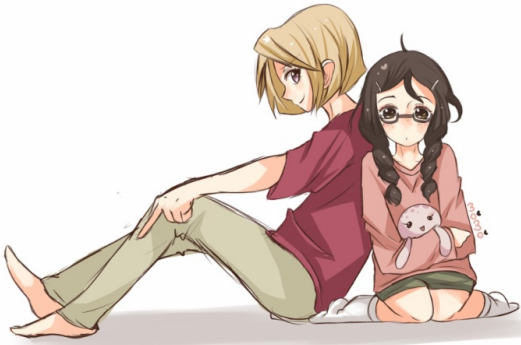
This event is open to the public.  
RSVP is required.

**RSVP to [info@felicity-house.org](mailto:info@felicity-house.org)**



### **Advocacy Meeting / May 20 @ 3pm**

Are you interested in self-advocacy but not sure how to get involved? Join us on May 20th from 3pm to 4pm for a member-organized advocacy meeting. This is a great opportunity to further discuss Lydia Brown's lecture, "Autistic Empowerment" and learn about ways to become involved in self-advocacy within the autism community.



### **Anime Meeting / May 6 @ 2pm**

Whether you love anime or have never seen it, you're invited to our member-organized anime meeting during open hours on Friday, May 6 from 2pm to 3pm. We will catch up from our last meeting where we watched the first two episodes of the romantic comedy, [Princess Jellyfish](#). Have another anime series you would like to recommend? Let us know!

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