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# Katal New York Update

Katal Center for Equity, Health, and Justice



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**Tonight: Rochester Town Hall about #LessIsMoreNY**

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This evening we're holding a [#LessIsMoreNY Town Hall](#) hosted by Assemblymember Demond Meeks and Assemblymember Sarah Clark. The town hall will take place over zoom, from 5-6:30 PM. We'll share updates on implementation of Less Is More, and discuss what will happen with the resources saved by this historic reform. Less is More is estimated to save state taxpayers more than \$500 million annually. What would you like to see happen with these funds? Join us for the town hall tonight to share your vision. [Register here to attend.](#)

Nearly 13,000 people have been discharged from parole as a result of Less Is More, and approximately 2,000 people were released from jails and prisons. That's thousands of people who are benefiting from the law. Check out some of their stories on our new [#LessIsMoreNY stories page.](#)

To learn more about our upcoming #LessIsMoreNY events, reach out to Melanie at [melanie@katalcenter.org](mailto:melanie@katalcenter.org).

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## Bronx Outreach to Cut, Shut, Invest



Katal members Henry & Lily door knocking in the Melrose Neighborhood of the Bronx

This week we were door knocking and flyering in the South Bronx. Our organizers and members spoke to community members about the ongoing crisis on Rikers Island. On Monday, the 12th person this year passed away on Rikers. Last year was among the deadliest on record at Rikers, and 2022 is on track to exceed this grisly benchmark. We issued a statement from our member Henry in response to the recent death. Here is an excerpt:



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“12 people have passed away this year alone and Mayor Adams has done absolutely nothing to address this crisis. There are family members in our communities right now that are terrified and live in constant fear of getting the call that their loved one is dead. This was the fear my family had while I was stuck on Rikers and I don't wish that upon anybody.”

[Read the full statement here.](#)

To learn more about our #CutShutInvestNY campaign to close Rikers and upcoming outreach opportunities, contact Melanie at [melanie@katalcenter.org](mailto:melanie@katalcenter.org).

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## Katal Quotes of the Week

These are some of the quotes we're thinking about this week.

Tell it like it is (Tell the truth)

Live how you live (I'm talkin' to you)

When you're doing what you do

Just tell the truth (Tell the truth)

Tell it like it is (Tell the truth)

Love how you live (I'm talkin' to you)

When you're doing what you do,

Just tell the truth"

**--Jon Batiste, Tell the Truth**

“I think what we should do as individuals is to use the power of democracy to make our voices heard and to make sure that the people in power actually cannot continue to ignore this (climate change).”-- **Greta Thunberg, 16-year-old activist**

"Fascism is a product of capitalism in crisis."-- **Walter Rodney**

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