



East Side House Students Dive into STEM with “Alicia in Wonderland,” Powered by Champlain-Hudson Power Express

Bronx, NY - March 27th -28th - In a unique blend of storytelling and science, the Mitchel Community Center's gymnasium was magically transformed into the whimsical world of “Alicia in Wonderland” to mark the beginning of spring. This special event, sponsored by the Champlain-Hudson Power Express (CHPE), was designed to ignite curiosity and a love for learning among the youth of the East Side House community, reaching over 800 students and community members.

Students embarked on an educational adventure, stepping beyond the classroom to explore the fundamental principles of science through interactive games and activities themed around the classic tale. Demonstrations of Newton’s laws of motion brought physics to life, while Earth Month preparatory activities, such as planting seeds, emphasized the importance of environmental stewardship. The event's highlight for the youngest learners included a captivating Storytime session, complete with interactions with beloved characters from the story.

In a display of community and support, each child left the event with a gift bag brimming with art supplies and educational toys, lovingly prepared by volunteers from East Side House and Hydroquebec. This gesture underscores the collective effort to enrich the educational experience of young learners through engagement in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) disciplines.

The collaboration between East Side House and the Champlain-Hudson Power Express underscores a shared commitment to fostering educational opportunities that pave the way for a sustainable and bright future. The CHPE project, in line with New York’s Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA), is poised to significantly contribute to New York City's transition to a clean economy, powered by 70 percent renewable energy by 2030.

Daniel Diaz, Executive Director of East Side House Settlement, expressed his enthusiasm for the partnership: "East Side House is excited to partner with the Champlain Hudson Power Express team, embracing the potential this holds for empowering our youth and broadening their horizons in STEM fields. Through 'Alicia in Wonderland' and other initiatives, we are committed to providing a platform where young minds can unleash their creativity and curiosity, paving the way for a sustainable future. Thank you CHPE, together, we are setting the stage for our youth to play a pivotal role in New York City's clean economy."



Pete Rose, Senior Director at Hydro-Québec, echoed this sentiment: “The Champlain Hudson Power Express project team is thrilled to support 'Alicia in Wonderland'. We wholeheartedly encourage youth to take a journey through the rabbit hole to discover science, technology, engineering, and math. This knowledge will help open doors on the pathway to careers in the clean economy right here in New York City. Thanks as always to East Side House Settlement for being such a terrific partner and involving us.”

This initiative is more than just a day of fun and learning; it's a testament to the power of partnership in shaping the future leaders of our world. As these young minds embark on their journey of discovery, the community stands united in its mission to inspire, educate, and empower.

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