Community and outreach organizations
in the Center for Neural Science, the Department of Psychology, and the Neuroscience Institute

**Growing up in Science (GUIS)**
GUIS is a monthly mentorship series in which a faculty member tells their life story, with an emphasis on doubts, detours, struggles, and failures. We talk about topics such as impostor complex, bad advisors, and work-life balance. Some guests are former academics.
More info: [www.growingupinscience.com](http://www.growingupinscience.com), Wei Ji Ma (weijima@nyu.edu)

**Neuroscience Outreach Group at NYU (NOGN)**
NOGN coordinates outreach efforts (mostly classroom visits) of NYU scientists to schools and communities throughout New York City. NOGN has reached over a thousand K-12 students and their families.
More info: [www.nogn-nyu.com](http://www.nogn-nyu.com), Heather McKellar (Heather.McKellar@nyumc.org)

**Greater NYC Chapter of the Society for Neuroscience (BraiNY)**
Like its parent organization, BraiNY works to increase public awareness and understanding of brain science, and to promote career development for young neuroscientists. BraiNY organizes events such as Brain Awareness Week.
More info: [comebebrainy.com](http://comebebrainy.com), Heather McKellar (Heather.McKellar@nyumc.org)

**Scientist Action and Advocacy Network (ScAAN)**
ScAAN is an NYU-based organization of scientists who provide pro-bono services to community-based non-profits working on social and environmental causes. Services include writing knowledge briefs, data visualization, and data analysis.
More info: [www.scaan.net](http://www.scaan.net), Jennifer Laura Lee (jenn.laura.lee@nyu.edu)

**NeuWrite Downtown**
NeuWrite Downtown brings together scientists and journalists from NYU and beyond to foster exceptional science communication. In monthly workshops, we discuss and develop (usually written) pieces submitted by our members.
More info: [wp.nyu.edu/nyuneuwrite](http://wp.nyu.edu/nyuneuwrite), Huayi Wei (nyuneuwrite@gmail.com)

**Graduate Student Organizing Committee (GSOC)**
GSOC is the graduate student union at NYU. GSOC is not only a formal collective bargaining agent, but also a group of people coming together to recognize their shared conditions and coming up with collective solutions. Off-campus, GSOC works in coalition with other activist organizations.
More info: [makingabetternyu.org](http://makingabetternyu.org), Jennifer Lenow (jklenow@nyu.edu)