What is 350Brooklyn's mission?
350Brooklyn is an affiliate of the international climate group 350.org. 350Brooklyn works locally to solve the climate crisis through education, organization, and direct action. We sponsor community panels, film screenings, book groups, protests and rallies, letter-writing campaigns, lobby days, parties, and even parades.

What does 350 mean?
The number 350 refers to the safe level of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere. The goal is to reduce the CO2 level from 400 parts per million, the current level, to 350 ppm or lower. If the level of carbon dioxide continues to rise, we risk triggering irreversible effects that could send climate change spinning beyond our control, threatening human life.

What is divestment?
We believe that educational and religious institutions, governments, and other organizations that serve the public good should divest from fossil fuels. Divestment simply means getting rid of stocks, bonds, or investment funds that are unethical or morally ambiguous. Fossil fuel investments are a risk for both investors and the planet, so we’re calling on institutions to divest from these companies. More than 500 institutions, representing $3.5 trillion dollars worth of total investments, have committed to divesting from fossil fuels.

What do you mean by “Keep it in the ground”?
In order to keep the earth’s temperature from rising beyond 2 degrees Celsius – a level scientists agree would be disastrous – we must greatly reduce the emissions produced by the burning of fossil fuels. If fossil fuel companies burned all their current coal, oil, and gas reserves, global temperatures could rise by more than 5 degrees Celsius, leading to catastrophic changes in the climate. In order to keep the earth habitable for human life, fossil fuel companies must keep an estimated 80% of their reserves in the ground.

What are some things 350Brooklyn has done?
350Brooklyn started in May of 2015 and has already organized or co-sponsored tens of actions and events. We co-sponsored a town hall meeting with councilmember Brad Lander, who has since become a vocal supporter of 350Brooklyn. We have also organized teach-ins, marches, film screenings, panel discussions and more. As the Paris climate talks drew to a close last December, we joined 350NYC and 350New Jersey to “Draw the Red Line” at the Statue of Liberty. This event drew 300 people – wearing red and holding red scarves – to New York harbor to warn against crossing the line into a climate danger zone.

When do you meet?
We hold bi-weekly general meetings on Tuesday evenings at St. Lydia’s Church at 304 Bond Street in Gowanus at 7pm. Meetings often include planning for future events and guest speakers. You can find our calendar at 350brooklyn.org and more information at www.facebook.com/350brooklyn.

How can I get involved?
You can help by showing up at meetings and events and by getting the word out to your networks about what we do. We need help planning events, designing flyers and postcards, and posting on social media. 350Brooklyn is an all-volunteer “open-source” activism group, so if you have a skill you want to share or a project you’re passionate about, we want to work with you.

Where can I find out more?
Visit our website 350brooklyn.org to learn more about us and to find a calendar of upcoming events.

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