Local Spokes is the Lower East Side/Chinatown Bicycling Coalition, a group of nine community based organizations that engage local residents to envision the future of bicycling in our diverse neighborhoods:

- Asian Americans for Equality
- Good Old Lower East Side
- Green Map System
- Hester Street Collaborative
- Recycle-A-Bicycle
- Time’s Up!
- Transportation Alternatives
- Two Bridges Neighborhood Council
- Velo City

We seek to understand the community’s various perspectives through multilingual outreach and a youth ambassadors program. This participatory process has led to the development of a neighborhood action plan that will result in additional resources to address potential barriers and increase accessibility to bicycling.

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Local Spokes 2012 Youth Ambassador Program

Explore Your Neighborhood by Bike was created by the Local Spokes Youth Ambassadors, a group of local teens that participated in a six week summer program on the Lower East Side. The art installation is a series of signs that encourage people to ride bikes and convey themes that the Youth Ambassadors were learning about in their program. These signs are located along bike paths and greenways in the Lower East Side and Chinatown.

Many of these themes are evident in their artwork. For example, they learned about bike mechanics and created stencils of bike parts (12); they practiced the rules of the road, and that when people incorrectly ride against traffic that is sometimes referred to as “Salmon-ing” (16); they frequently rode along the East and Hudson River Greenways (15); and they expressed that biking in the city made them feel free (4).

Youth Ambassador Program Artwork

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