



The screenshot shows a web page with a dark header containing the Center for an Urban Future logo and a city skyline silhouette. The main content area has a light blue header with the text 'JULY 2008' and 'www.nyfuture.org'. Below this is a large, bold title 'OPPORTUNITY COSTS'. Under the title, a sub-headline reads: 'With immigrants comprising a growing share of the city's workforce, New York City ought to be expanding ESOL programs; however, this year's budget reduces critical city funding for English language instruction by 55 percent.' A photo of Tara Colton is in the top right of the main content area. The bottom of the page contains several paragraphs of text and a link to 'Read the full commentary (PDF)'.

Commentary/Op-Ed - July 2008

Opportunity Costs

Our latest Off the CUF commentary criticizes City Hall for slashing the budget of a critical ESOL program at a time when immigrants make up a growing share of the city's workforce and there is a huge unmet need for English language instruction.

by Tara Colton

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