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Food Secure Canada's 9th National Assembly

Ryerson University, Toronto - October 13-16, 2016

We all have something
to bring to the table



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Back to the beginning: the idea of Food Secure Canada first emerged at a conference - Working Together: Civil Society Input for Food Security in Canada - which was held on 15-17 June 2001, at Ryerson Polytechnic University, Toronto. This conference brought together representatives of various civil society organizations and networks from every province and territory to develop strategies for increasing Canada's commitment on Food Security, both domestically and internationally.

Food Secure Canada has held an assembly every two years since 2001, each time in a different part of the country. These assemblies provide an incredible opportunity for members of the food movement to meet, exchange ideas and strategize for collective projects.

Our Past Assemblies

Working Together: Civil Society Input for Food Security in Canada
Toronto, 2001

Growing Together: Cultivating Food Security in Canadian Society
Winnipeg, 2004

3rd National Food Security Assembly
Waterloo, 2005

Bridging Borders Toward Food Security
Vancouver, 2006

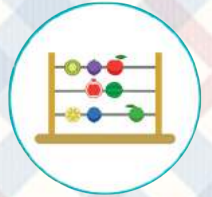
Reclaiming Our Food System: A Call to Action
Ottawa, 2008

Weaving Together Food Policy and Community Action: an Agenda for Change
Montreal, 2010

Powering Up! Food for the Future
Edmonton, 2012

Waves of Change: Sustainable Food for All
Halifax, 2014

Resetting the Table
Toronto, 2016





Resetting the Table brings Food Secure Canada back to the place we were created 15 years ago, Ryerson University. The seed was planted here at an event in June 2001, where 150 people gathered to provide input on Canada's Action Plan on Food Security, which was being discussed five years after the 1996 World Food Summit. Rod MacRae and Mustafa Koc, among others, worked to strengthen civil society's analysis and input into the policy process. This led to the creation of the Canadian Food Security Network, which later grew into Food Secure Canada. The report *Working Together: Civil Society Working Together for Food Security in Canada* tells the detailed history.

So much has happened since then – the food movement network has grown tremendously and the beloved, late Cathleen Kneen, whose legacy we shall be celebrating this Assembly, wove FSC into a network of activism and friendship that lives on in countless ways. The People's Food Policy, involving over 3,000 people, laid out a bold new vision for Canada's food system. Eight biennial Assemblies of Food Secure Canada have been hosted in different parts of the country. Food Secure Canada supported the visit and report of the UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food. With our members, we ran the Eat Think Vote campaign during the 2015 federal election, and we won the promise of a new national food policy.

Food Secure Canada has grown stronger over the past 15 years, even under challenging funding and political circumstances. But we have also watched the number of people living in food insecurity grow, including the exacerbation of the crisis of hunger in northern and remote communities. We have seen more and more corporate consolidation all along the food chain and the epidemic of diet-related diseases as a driver of unsustainable increases in health care costs. We are witnessing alarming declines in our fisheries, our biodiversity, and the viability of family farming, and climate change poses new challenges to our food system

All of this speaks to *the need to both build the food movement and work for policy change, and that is what this Assembly is all about.* Along with our hosting partners, Ryerson University, the Toronto Food Policy Council, Sustain Ontario, FoodShare Toronto and New College, we are looking forward to an exciting program jam-packed with innovative ideas, incisive analysis, and stimulating dialogue. We are immensely grateful to our many sponsors and supporters, and to all of you who made the journey to join us. This is your event: Build your networks, learn from others, listen to viewpoints you may not have heard before, teach what you know and have a great time!

Over the next three years, Canada will develop a new national food policy. We intend to be involved every step of the way, and the Board and staff of Food Secure Canada will look forward to your input, your collaboration, and your assistance in making that happen.



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Aart Schuurman Hess
Chair of the Board of Directors



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Diana Bronson'.

Diana Bronson
Executive Director

Minister
of Agriculture and
Agri-Food



Ministre
de l'Agriculture et de
l'Agroalimentaire

Ottawa, Canada K1A 0C5



On behalf of the Government of Canada, let me extend a warm welcome to Food Secure Canada as you gather in Toronto for your ninth national assembly, “Resetting the Table”. What a great opportunity to bring stakeholders together to advance your work in reducing hunger, while securing a sustainable, safe and healthy food system. These are certainly priorities for the federal Government as well. Through investments in innovation, markets and competitiveness, we are working with industry, the provinces and territories to ensure Canada’s food producers and processors have the tools they need to meet growing global demand for food, and strengthen food security here in Canada and around the world. Like you, we recognize the importance of developing a food policy for Canada to help to bring common focus and direction to this vital issue.

Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada is already reaching out across Government, and we will be starting broad public consultations towards the development of a food policy with stakeholders and Canadians next year. I’m excited to get the dialogue underway. I look forward to engaging with Food Secure Canada and other stakeholders, along with our provincial and territorial partners and Canadians to develop a national food policy that delivers. We all have something to bring to the table! Best wishes for a productive meeting.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lawrence MacAulay".

Lawrence MacAulay,
Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food

Canada 



ASSEMBLY PROGRAM UPDATES

Clarifying Plenary Event Locations

There are no Assembly events in THR or RAC locations.

Plenary sessions and meals will be in the following locations:

Ryerson Gym, located in Kerr Hall West - KHW

Ryerson Theatre, located in Kerr Hall North – KHN

Announcing New Speakers

Julie Dabrusin, Member of Parliament, Toronto-Danforth

Greg Meredith, Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic Policy, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada

Plenary - Friday, October 14, 8:30am–10:30am

Canada's New Food Policy: Opportunities, Challenges and Dilemmas

Ryerson University, KHN, Ryerson Theatre

Dr. Carolyn Bennett, Minister of Indigenous and Northern Affairs

11 am Plenary - Sunday, October 16

Building the Food System We Want

Ryerson, Engineering Building, ENG 103

Our MC's for the Assembly will be distinguished Toronto Food Movement Organizers Wayne Roberts and Melana Roberts (no relation).

Shuttle Bus – Ryerson and New College

A shuttle bus will be available for travel between Ryerson and New College for workshop sessions. Bus will depart promptly.

Friday, October 14, 2016 Shuttle Schedule:

Ryerson Departures, 55 Gould St:

10:00 am, 11:00 am, 12:00 pm, 1:00 pm, 2:00 pm, 3:00 pm, 4:00 pm, 5:00 pm

New College Departures, 45 Willcocks St:

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Session Schedule Changes

Indigenous Circle meeting space

Thursday – Saturday

Location: Ryerson University, Shadd Room, OAK

FoodReach: Bringing Good Food to Community Agencies and Student Nutrition Programs at Wholesale Prices

Updated time: Fri Oct 14, 11:00 - 12:30 pm

Updated location: Ryerson University, ENG LG13

Healthy City - Healthy Food System

Friday, October 14, 4:00 - 5:30 pm

Updated location: Committee Room 2, City Hall

Updated speakers: Justine McIntyre, Montreal City Councillor; Ghalia Chahine, Système alimentaire montréalais; Jessica Reeve, Toronto Food Policy Council; Mary Fragedakis, Toronto City Councillor; Joe Mihevic, Toronto City Councillor & Chair of the Board of Health; Stephanie Lim, Vancouver Food Policy Council; Sarah Carten, Social Planner, City of Vancouver

Food Champions Meet-up: Pursuing Food Justice through Strengthening Food Networks

Friday, October 14, 2:00 - 3:30pm

Session cancelled

Getting the National Food Policy We Want

Friday, October 14, 11:00am - 12:30pm

Location: Ryerson University - Room ENG 103

Updated speakers: Olivier de Schutter, former United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food (video message); Cecilia Rocha, Ryerson University; Tim Lang, (by Skype); Wayne Roberts, food policy analyst; Joseph Leblanc, Food Secure Canada; John Ikerd, Professor Emeritus, University of Missouri. Chair: Charles Levkoe, Lakehead University

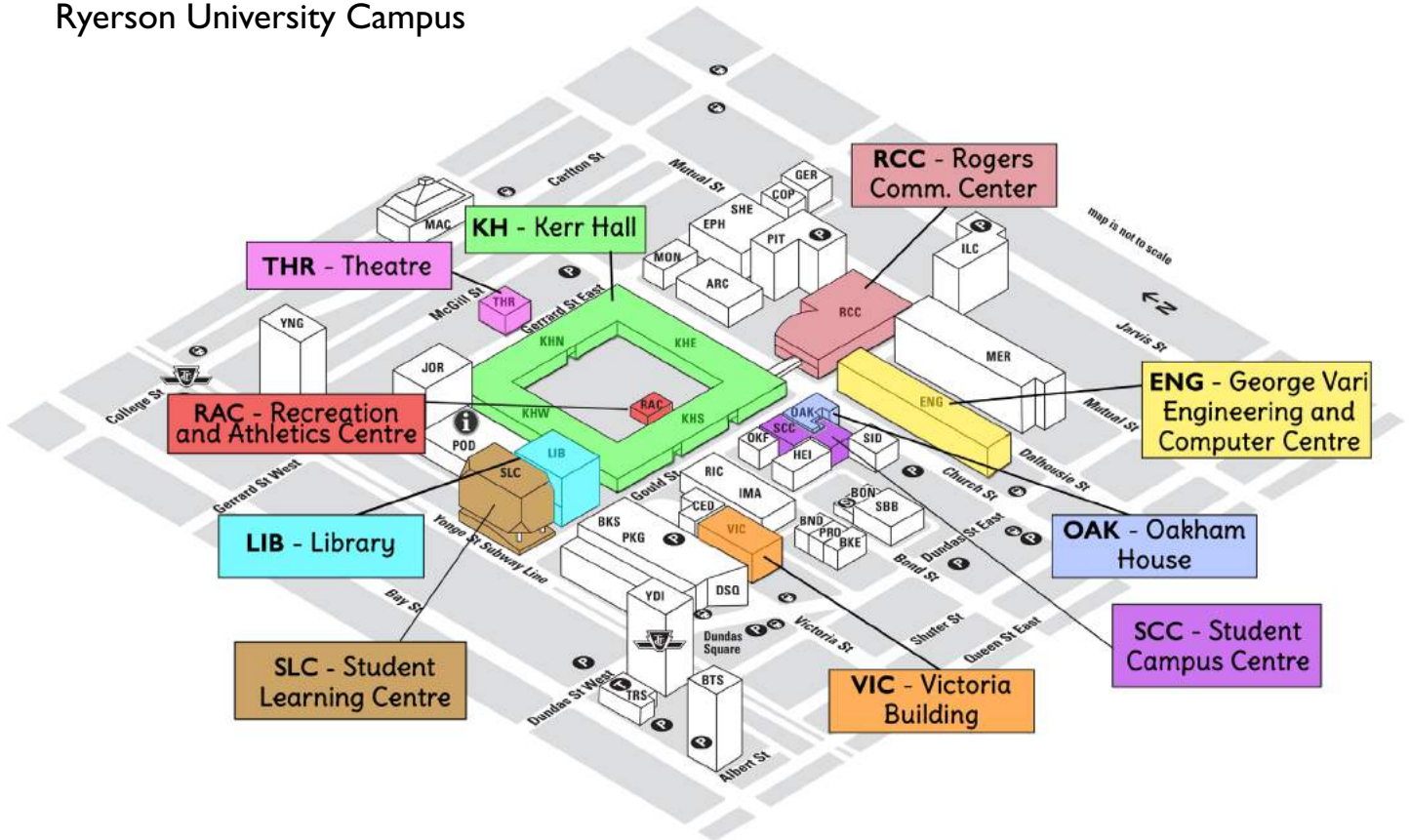
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Ryerson University Campus




BUILDING CODE, NAME, STREET ADDRESS

ARC Architecture Building, 325 Church Street	OKF O'Keefe House, 137 Bond Street
BKE 110 Bond Street	PIT Pitman Hall, 160 Mutual Street
BKS Campus Store, 17 Gould Street	PKG Parking Garage, 300 Victoria Street
BND 114 Bond Street	POD Podium, 350 Victoria Street (area connecting Jorgenson Hall to the Library Building)
BON Capital Projects & Real Estate, Security, 111 Bond Street	PRO Projects Office, 112 Bond Street
BTS Bell Trinity Square, 483 Bay Street	RAC Recreation and Athletics Centre, entrance through archway at 40 and 50 Gould Street
CED Heaslip House, The G. Raymond Chang School of Continuing Education, 297 Victoria Street	RCC Rogers Communications Centre, 80 Gould Street
COP Co-operative Education, 101 Gerrard Street East	RIC Ryerson Image Centre, 33 Gould Street
DSQ 10 Dundas Street East – Yonge-Dundas Square	SBB South Bond Building, 105 Bond Street
ENG George Vari Engineering and Computing Centre, 245 Church Street	SCC Student Campus Centre, 55 Gould Street
EPH Eric Palin Hall, 87 Gerrard Street East	SLC Student Learning Centre, 341 Yonge Street
GER Research/Graduate Studies, 111 Gerrard Street East	SHE Sally Horsfall Eaton Centre for Studies in Community Health, 99 Gerrard Street East
HEI HEIDELBERG Centre – School of Graphic Communications Management, 125 Bond Street	SID School of Interior Design, 302 Church Street
ILC International Living/Learning Centre, entrances at 133 Mutual Street and 240 Jarvis Street	THR Theatre School, 44/46 Gerrard Street East
IMA School of Image Arts, 122 Bond Street	TRS Ted Rogers School of Management – 575 Bay Street (entrance at 55 Dundas Street West)
JOR Jorgenson Hall, 380 Victoria Street	VIC Victoria Building, 285 Victoria Street
KHE Kerr Hall East, 340 Church Street/60 Gould Street	YDI Yonge-Dundas I, 1 Dundas Street West
KHN Kerr Hall North, 31/43 Gerrard Street East	YNG 415 Yonge Street
KHS Kerr Hall South, 40/50 Gould Street	
KHW Kerr Hall West, 379 Victoria Street	
LIB Library Building, 350 Victoria Street	
MAC Mattamy Athletic Centre at the Gardens, 50 Carlton Street	i Undergraduate Admissions and Recruitment
MER Merchandise Building, 147/159 Dalhousie Street	i Direct underground access from the Ted Rogers School of Management to the Dundas Subway
MON Civil Engineering Building, 341 Church Street	S Security
OAK Oakham House, 63 Gould Street	P Parking
	T TTC Subway stop
	SC TTC Streetcar stop

Maps




 Chelsea Hotel to Ryerson: 6 mins
 Ryerson to City Hall: 12 mins
 City Hall to Chelsea Hotel: 12 mins
 Ryerson to New College: 30 mins
 visit bit.ly/walktonewcollege for directions



Ryerson University
 350 Victoria Street
 Toronto, ON M5B 2K3

City Hall
 100 Queen Street W
 Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

Chelsea Hotel
 33 Gerrard Street W
 Toronto, ON M5G 1Z4

New College - William Doo Auditorium
 45 Willcocks Street
 Toronto, ON M5S



Walking directions to New College:
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Streams

We have crafted several streams featuring a minimum of 3 events each on particular topics of specific importance.



Agriculture: Farming for the Future

Canadians want to learn more about farming and to meet the people who grow our food. We shall look at a broad range of agricultural issues from GMOs, to trade agreements, to the economic and succession challenges farmers face in Canada and abroad. How can we begin to transition to more local, ecological and organic agriculture, and begin to move in the direction of food sovereignty?

Climate Change, Food and Waste

Between 30-50 per cent of greenhouse gasses are generated by the food system and yet we rarely hear about how shifts in our food system could be leveraged to reduce climate change. Food waste is a big culprit, as are deforestation, transportation and agricultural practices. What does the research say about food and climate change? What tools, practices and programs are addressing this issue? How are we working across sectors to address this complex issue? How can the next generation be empowered to become responsible food citizens?



Food Justice Affects Us All

Household food insecurity in Canada remains unacceptably high (12.6%), and the rates are disproportionately higher for most racialized communities. While numerous food organizations aspire to work across diversity, they can fall short in practice, often perpetuating marginalization. What are the tools, programs and practices that are helping to address inequity and food justice in food systems and in the organizations / businesses we are building?

Food Policy: Bringing Civil Society to the Table

The Trudeau government undertook to “develop a national food policy that promotes healthy living and safe food by putting more healthy, high quality food, produced by Canadian ranchers and farmers, on the tables of families”. What are the different perspectives that need to be brought to the table? How can we ensure that civil society is heard and the right to food protected? What are the next steps?



Food Security: Towards Zero Hunger

Over 4 million Canadians live in food insecure households, and the problem is also growing worse internationally. Food insecurity will be a recurring theme throughout the assembly with topics ranging from the transformation of food banks to the adoption of advocacy strategies for higher incomes to keep these issues on the government agenda.

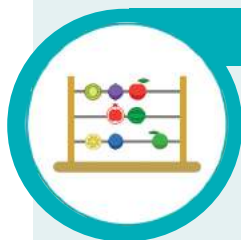


These are by no means the only subjects that are covered during the Assembly but they help us advance our work on these key themes. Some themes that will cut across the entire assembly include: health, sustainability, collaboration for change, work across difference, and the role of youth.

Global Food System: Canadian Connections



How do we reconcile global markets and increasing corporate concentration and Canadians' taste for local food? What are food sovereignty movements doing globally and what is the future of agroecology? How can American and Canadian food policy advocates better coordinate their efforts in Ottawa and Washington? What is happening with international food policy discussions?



Healthy School Food: What's for Lunch?

Canada remains one of the only industrialised countries without a national school food program. Despite this, regional programs are finding innovative models for feeding children in schools. What are the challenges faced by school food programs across Canada and how are people resolving them? What strategies have been used to gain school board and government support for programs? What evidence and research has emerged recently to support school programs and what are opportunities for further research?

Local Food Economies: Procurement, Infrastructure, Hubs



The food movement continues to build momentum with creative ways to localize our food systems. What has been learned about building infrastructure and businesses to bring local, sustainable food to those who want it? What partnerships are advancing this work? What can be done to scale up these efforts to reach even more people and markets? How is procurement by healthcare facilities, campuses and schools driving change? What are the opportunities available to support youth involvement?



Northern and Indigenous Food Sovereignty

Northern and Indigenous food systems are subject to many challenges that make it hard for people to get enough healthy and traditional food to eat: traditions have been displaced by colonialism; store bought food is expensive; climate change is decreasing the availability of country foods; and government programs are inadequate. What is working to address these challenges in communities, nations and regions across Canada?

Other Key Food Issues



It's clear that the above streams don't cover it all. This stream will explore other topics that raise current debates or tensions, and those that bring together an interesting cross-section of people, sectors and issues.

Plenaries

Decolonizing the Table: An Evening on Indigenous Food Sovereignty

Thursday October 13; 7:00pm - 9:00pm at Ryerson University (Ryerson Theatre)

Indigenous food systems are deeply connected to Indigenous economies, cultures, health, and wellbeing. Fundamental values of respect, responsibility, reciprocity, regeneration, and redistribution once guided relations in the diverse networks of Indigenous foods systems. Across Canada, Indigenous food actionists are undertaking to decolonize the body, mind, and spirit by rebuilding food sovereignty in their households, communities, and nations. This opening plenary will explore the front-line stories and struggles of Indigenous peoples as distinct nations working to build food sovereignty.

Presenters:

MC:



Fulvio Gioanetto
Agroecology Consultant,
Purépecha Nation



Joseph Leblanc
Food Secure
Canada



Dan Longboat
Trent University



Dawn Morrison
Working Group on
Indigenous Food
Sovereignty



Leese Papatsie
Feeding My Family,
Nunavut.



Ryan McMahon
Anishinaabe writer
and comedian

Canada's New Food Policy: Opportunities, Challenges and Dilemmas

Friday, October 14; 8:30am - 10:30am at Ryerson University (Ryerson Theatre)

Starting with our history, which began 15 years ago at Ryerson University, this panel will examine the opportunities, challenges and dilemmas involved in building a new food policy that will lead us in a more equitable, healthy and sustainable direction. From the family farm to the front lines of the struggle against climate change, the voices for food justice and human rights, these leaders will provoke Assembly attendees to think carefully about how we organize ourselves to achieve deep and lasting policy change over the coming years. Where have we come from and where are we going together?

Part 1 presenter:

Part 2 presenters:

Chair:



To be confirmed
Government of
Canada



Joanna Kerr
Greenpeace
Canada



Mustafa Koc
Ryerson University



Jan Slomp
National
Farmers Union



Paul Taylor
Gordon
Neighbourhood
House



Diana Bronson
Food Secure
Canada





The Imperative to Innovate: Solutions for Food System Transformation

Saturday, October 15; 9:00am - 10:30am at Ryerson University (Ryerson Theatre KHN)

As Canada moves towards developing a national food policy, how do we ensure it enables healthy, sustainable and equitable food systems across the country? This will require new food systems innovations, as well as the scaling up and out of current initiatives. Innovation is a buzzword, but what does it really mean? What are the qualities of innovation, and what are examples from food or other sectors that embody these qualities? How can environment, equity and economics be brought into balance through innovation? This panel will explore these themes and more as we continue to build our movement.

Presenters:

Chair:



Debbie Field
FoodShare



Jean-Martin Fortier
*La Ferme des
Quatre-Temps*



John Ikerd
Professor Emeritus
from the University
of Missouri



Nancy Neamtan
*Le Chantier de
l'économie sociale*



Bidakanne
Sammamma
*Deccan
Development
Society*



Lauren Baker
*Global Alliance for
the Future of Food*

Building the Food System We Want

Sunday, October 16; 11:00am - 12:30pm at Ryerson (Engineering Building - Room ENG 103)

What bold actions will we take to create deep and lasting change? How will we work together toward action on comprehensive food policy? The closing panel weaves these threads into a message on how we can continue to strengthen the food movement, change policy and build health, sustainability, economic viability and equity. Hear from food movement leaders from coast to coast to coast on what they've learned and how we can move forward as a movement.

Presenters:



Kristie Jameson
Food First NL



Norma Kassi
*Arctic Institute of
Community-Based
Research*



Joshna Maharaj
TVO



Tabitha Martins
University of Manitoba



Jane Rabinowicz
USC Canada

Schedule at a glance

Thursday, October 13 - Day One



TIME	EVENT
8:30 - 6:00	Meetings and Trainings (various locations - page 10)
11:00 - 12:00	Indigenous Prayer Circle (Ryerson Outdoor Quad - page 11)
11:00 - 6:45	Registration (Student Campus Centre, Lobby SCC)
1:30 - 5:00	Sessions (various locations - page 12)
7:00 - 9:00	Plenary: Decolonizing the Table (Ryerson, KHN, Ryerson Theatre - page 13)

Friday, October 14 - Day Two



TIME	EVENT
All day	Take a Stand: Exhibitor showcase (Ryerson Gym RAC - page 15)
7:30 - 8:45	Registration (Student Campus Centre, Lobby SCC)
8:30 - 10:30	Welcome and Plenary: Canada's New Food Policy (Ryerson, KHN, Ryerson Theatre - page 15)
10:30 - 11:00	Break
11:00 - 12:30	Multi-format break-out sessions (Ryerson - page 16)
12:30 - 2:00	Lunch and Networking (Ryerson Gym RAC)
2:00 - 3:30	Multi-format break-out sessions (Ryerson and New College - page 18)
3:30 - 4:00	Break
4:00 - 5:30	Multi-format break-out sessions (Ryerson and New College - page 21)
6:00 - 8:00	City Hall Social - Welcome to Toronto (City Hall Rotunda - page 25) Youth Space at the Table: Networking, Discussion and Social (City Hall Chambers - page 25)





Saturday, October 15 - Day Three

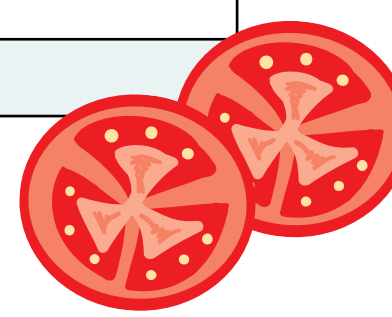


TIME	EVENT
7:30 - 8:45	Registration (Student Campus Centre, Lobby SCC)
9:00 - 10:30	Plenary: The Imperative to Innovate (Ryerson, KHN, Ryerson Theatre - page 27)
10:30 - 11:00	Break
11:00 - 12:30	Open Space (Ryerson, Kerr Gym - page 27)
12:30 - 2:00	Lunch and Networking (Ryerson Gym RAC)
2:00 - 3:30	Multi-format break-out sessions (Ryerson and New College - page 28)
3:30 - 4:00	Break
4:00 - 5:30	Multi-format break-out sessions (Ryerson and New College - page 30)
7:00 - 9:00	Feast (Churchill Ballroom, Chelsea Hotel - page 33)

Sunday, October 16 - Day Four - World Food Day



TIME	EVENT
9:00 - 10:00	Food Secure Canada's Annual General Meeting (Ryerson, Engineering Building, Room ENG 103 - page 34)
10:00 - 10:30	Break
10:30 - 11:00	Cathleen Kneen Award (Ryerson, Engineering Building, ENG 103 - page 26)
11:00 - 12:30	Plenary: Building the Food System We Want (Ryerson, Engineering Building, Room ENG 103 - page 35)
12:30 - 2:00	Lunch and Networking (SLC Amphitheatre)
2:00 - 5:30	Meeting Space



Meetings and Trainings



A number of trainings and meetings are organized in and around the Assembly to take advantage of having so many food movement actors converge from across Canada. Unless indicated, they are by invitation only.

Tuesday, October 12 - Wednesday, October 13

Transformational Communications: Tools for Cross-Cultural Understanding and Inclusion Training

Tues Oct 12, 8:30am - 5:30pm and Wed Oct 13, 8:30-11:30am, George Brown College, 341 King E., Main lobby

Facilitators: Nancy Luna Jimenez, FoodShare; Bert Debusschere, Luna Jimenez Seminars & Associates

Pre-registration required

Thursday, October 14

Cultivating our Capacity - Municipal Regional Food Policy Network Meeting

8:30am - 4:00pm at Ryerson University (Tecumseh Auditorium, Oakham House OAK)

Host: Sustain Ontario

The Ecological Farm Internship Workshop: Models, Experiences and Justice

Registration: \$10

9:00am - 5:00pm at Father Madden Hall (Carr Hall) 100 St Joseph St., University of Toronto

Host: Food and Labour

Inland Small Scale Fisheries International Learning Circle

9:00am - 11:00am Ryerson University (Layton Room, Oakham House OAK)

Host: Arthur Bull, Bay of Fundy Marine Resource Centre

The Food Security Policy Group is pleased to sponsor the Global Food Systems stream of workshops. FSPG is made up of the following organizations, working together on policy dialogue with the Canadian government on global food security issues.



Sponsored by the Canadian Food Security Policy Group



 **Coalition for Healthy School Food Meeting**

10:00am - 5:00pm at Ryerson University (Thomas Lounge, Oakham House OAK)

Host: Food Secure Canada

 **Indigenous Prayer Circle (All Assembly participants welcome!)**

11:00am - 12:00pm at Ryerson University - Quad (KH)

The Indigenous prayer circle will set the spiritual intention of the Assembly and will include a formal welcoming into the traditional territory from an Elder of the Mississauga New Credit. The prayer circle will bring us together as one mind to collectively remember and let go of our beloved late Cathleen Kneen who is on another journey in the spirit world.

 **Northern Networking and Information Sharing Gathering**

12:00pm - 5:00pm at Ryerson University (Margaret Laurence Room, Oakham House OAK)

Host: Arctic Institute for Community-Based Research

 **Getting to an Abundance Mindset in Health Care Food Service**

Pre-registration required

1:30pm - 4:30pm at CSI - Spadina, 215 Spadina Ave

Hosts: Nourish: The Future of Food in Health Care, Duck Goose Strategies, the J.W. McConnell Family Foundation, and Food Secure Canada.

 **Sustain Ontario's Annual General Meeting**

Open to all Sustain Ontario members

4:30pm - 6:00pm at Ryerson University (Layton Room, Oakham House, OAK)

Host: Sustain Ontario

 **Indigenous delegates - Meet and greet prior to Decolonizing the Table**

5:00pm - 6:00pm in Ryerson Theatre

Host: Indigenous Advisory Circle



Friday, October 15

 **Turning the Tide: Making Agricultural Policy Work for New Farmers**

Pre-registration required

11:00am - 3:30pm at Ryerson University (Oakham House, Layton Room OAK)

Host: New Farmer Initiative and Innoweave

Join the New Farmer Initiative and Innoweave for a policy advocacy workshop. Innoweave will guide us through the ins and outs of developing policy asks, engaging decision-makers and how to implement an effective policy-shift strategy.

 **Food Distribution Networking Lunch - To the North and Back**

1:00pm - 2:00pm at Ryerson University (Margaret Laurence Room, Oakham House OAK)

Host: Greenbelt Fund

This is an open session and invitation to join us for a brainstorming session to identify key transportation and distribution assets and trade routes in Northern Ontario. Our aim is to investigate how we can collaborate on distribution to improve food access to northern and fly in communities and to identify opportunities for reciprocal distribution of northern produced products to southern Ontario.

Participants are invited to bring their conference lunch into the session

 **Indigenous Circle: Open Meeting**

7:00pm - 9:00pm Location to be determined (Check at Ryerson, Oakham House, Layton Room OAK)

History of Indigenous Food Sovereignty Movement with discussion. Friends and allies welcome.

You're going to eat it up!

Global Food Equity at New College, University of Toronto



What's on the menu?

- » World Food Day celebrations and other co-curricular events integrated into classroom learning
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- » Field trips featuring Toronto's unique food culture
- » Prominent speakers
- » Service learning placements with leading food organizations
- » A chance to get your hands dirty in the New College garden
- » Opportunities for international travel to study food and Indigenous cultures



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Thursday: Sessions



NORTHERN AND INDIGENOUS

Streams to Rivers: Indigenous Inland Fisheries Struggles and the Canadian Food Sovereignty Movement

1:30pm - 3:00pm

New College (William Doo Auditorium)

Presenters: Arthur Bull, The Bay of Fundy Marine Resource Centre; Sherry Pictou, World Forum on Fisher Peoples

How can we connect Indigenous inland fisheries' struggles with the Canadian food sovereignty movement? This session will be a sharing circle aimed at exploring how we can draw upon our past experience to create a space for sharing stories and strategies, and building solidarity between Indigenous inland fishing communities while building alliances with the wider food sovereignty movement. This session will also look at how connecting with international movements, such as the small scale fisheries movement, can help to make this a reality.



NORTHERN AND INDIGENOUS

Indigenous Food Sovereignty in the Americas

3:30pm - 5:00pm

New College (William Doo Auditorium)

Presenters: Sherry Pictou, Bear River First Nation; Filiberto Penados, Mayan scholar; Michael Sacco, founder of ChocoSol Traders; and students from the New College Belize Program. Moderator: Lori Stahlbrand, University of Toronto

Indigenous peoples across the Americas are struggling with many of the same issues around food sovereignty, heritage foods and spiritual food traditions. They also share many farming, fishing and foraging practices. This panel presents perspectives from Mexico, Central America, and the East Coast of Canada.



OTHER KEY FOOD ISSUES

Dangerous Ideas: Bringing the Sacred into our Activism

4:00pm - 5:30pm

Ryerson University - Room ENG 105

Presenters: Jodi Koberinski, Beyond Pesticides; Desmond Cole, journalist; Dan Longboat, Trent University

The Dangerous Ideas Festival challenges our underlying assumptions about "what is so" and allows us to envision "what is possible". Join two well-received and distinct voices in the region, Desmond Cole and Dr. Dan Longboat for a panel and performance piece that will allow for audience engagement. Our guests will reflect on their experience participating in our festival and offer wisdom on the value of bringing the sacred into our work for justice.

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Decolonizing the Table

An Evening on Indigenous Food Sovereignty

Thursday, October 13; 7:00pm - 9:00pm
Ryerson University, Ryerson Theatre KHN



Northern and
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Sovereignty

Join Indigenous leaders from across Canada exploring the front-line stories and struggles of Indigenous peoples as distinct nations who are working to build food sovereignty.

Serving as the launch event of FSC's 9th Assembly, *Resetting the Table* in Toronto, this gathering at the Ryerson Theatre on Thursday 13th October at 7pm is open to the public.

Indigenous food systems are deeply connected to Indigenous economies, cultures, health, and wellbeing. Fundamental values of respect, responsibility, reciprocity, regeneration, and redistribution once guided relations in the diverse networks of Indigenous foods systems. Across Canada, Indigenous food actionists are undertaking to decolonize the body, mind, and spirit by rebuilding food sovereignty in their households, communities, and nations. This opening plenary will explore the front-line stories and struggles of Indigenous peoples as distinct nations working to build food sovereignty.

Presenters:

Fulvio Gioanetto Agroecology Consultant, Purépecha Nation

Joseph Leblanc Food Secure Canada

Dan Longboat Trent University

Dawn Morrison Working Group on Indigenous Food Sovereignty

Leesee Papatsie Feeding My Family, Nunavut.

The event will be MCed by Anishinaabe writer and comedian Ryan McMahon, MC (Red Man Laughing)

Following the shocking evidence of high food prices revealed in FSC's latest research *Paying for Nutrition: A Report on Food Costing in the North*, this event is timely. Hear how Indigenous food actionists are decolonizing body, mind, and spirit by working to rebuild food sovereignty in their households, communities, and nations.



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Friday 9:00am - 10:30am: Plenary



Canada's New Food Policy Opportunities, Challenges and Dilemmas Friday, October 14; 8:30am - 10:30am, Ryerson Theatre

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 Second part: Joanna Kerr, Greenpeace Canada; Mustafa Koc, Ryerson University; Jan Slomp, National Farmers Union; Paul Taylor, Gordon Neighbourhood House
 Chair: Diana Bronson, FSC

Starting with our history, which began 15 years ago at Ryerson University, this panel will examine the opportunities, challenges and dilemmas involved in building a new food policy that will lead us in a more equitable, healthy and sustainable direction. From the family farm to the front lines of the struggle against climate change, the voices for food justice and human rights, these leaders will provoke Assembly attendees to think carefully about how we organize ourselves to achieve deep and lasting policy change over the coming years. Where have we come from and where are we going together?

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Friday 10:00am - 5:30pm Take a Stand! Exhibitor Showcase

On Friday, make sure you take the time to walk over to the Take a Stand! Exhibitor Showcase in the Ryerson Gym (RAC) and see who has interesting information to share. You can sample something delicious, meet new people, or join a campaign. Don't miss Friday's lunch offered by Real Food for Real Kids, with service supported by RU Eats in the same location.



Friday | 11:00am - 12:30pm: Sessions



AGRICULTURE

How the Organic Value Chain Meets Consumer Demands

Ryerson - ENG LG24

Presenters: Tia Lofstgard, Canadian Organic Trade Association; Krysten Cooper, Yorkshire Valley; Matt Lurie, Owner of Organic Garage Health Food Shop; Carolyn Young, Organic Council of Ontario; Additional speaker TBC

Fuelled by rising consumer awareness and demand in Canada and abroad, the organic movement continues to build momentum. Come and learn about what is behind the trends in organic production, sales and consumer perception. Participants will outline their successes and challenges in developing the organic value chain and supporting transitioning farmers.



FOOD JUSTICE

Moving Grassroots Organizations Toward Health, Community and Good Food

Ryerson - ENG LG12

Presenters: Emily Van Halem, Community Food Centres Canada; Bill Crawford, Eden Food for Change; Daniel Rotman, NDG Food Depot

Many organizations are exploring how food programs can act as catalysts for community and individual change — by offering healthier food, creating more leadership opportunities for community members, developing programs that inspire people to make the best food choices within their reach or finding ways for community members to take action on systemic issues. Using a set of “Good Food Principles”, CFCC offers a framework for organizations to move toward food programs that support health, equity and dignity. This workshop will explore these principles and feature two organizations that are working to gradually shift their values and practices.



FOOD POLICY

Getting the National Food Policy We Want

Ryerson - ENG 103

Presenters: Olivier de Schutter, former United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food (video message); Jennifer Clapp, University of Waterloo; Tim Lang, University of London (by Skype); Graham Riches, University of British Columbia

The federal government’s announcement of a national food policy has raised significant questions about the role of civil society in this process. How will this policy protect the right to food? How can we ensure that civil society voices have a say in its development and a voice once it is adopted? How can we link up our concerns around equity, health and sustainability? What can we learn from the experiences of other countries? This panel will attempt to answer these questions and begin to think through how we can get the national food policy we want.



FOOD SECURITY

Socially Innovative Practices at North American Food Banks

Ryerson - KHW 061

Presenters: Aart Schurmann Hess, Greater Vancouver Food Bank; Janine De La Salle, Urban Food Strategies; Shawn Pegg, Food Banks Canada; Danielle McIntyre, Interfaith Food Banks Society of Lethbridge.
Moderator: Trish Kelly, Greater Vancouver Food Bank

Food banks are increasingly taking a critical look at their work to focus on longer-term strategies that address the core causes of hunger. How are food banks innovating to work towards community food security? This workshop presents a continuum of socially innovative practices in the sector by sharing the stories of three food banks’ stories of change. Together, we will explore how food banks can work with others towards an inclusive community food security and justice movement.



GLOBAL FOOD SYSTEM

Agroecology IS Feeding the World

Ryerson - ENG 106

Presenters: Ilsa Sà, West African farm movement COPAGEN, Tiniguena, Guinea-Bissau; Tejaswi Dantuluri, Deccan Development Society, India; Taarini Chopra, Canadian Biotechnology Action Network; Martin Entz, University of Manitoba; Geneviève Grossenbacher, farmer and USC Canada; Bryan Dale, University of Toronto.
Moderator: Eric Chaurette, Inter Pares

We are often told that industrial agriculture is needed to feed the world. Evidence shows the contrary. To truly feed ourselves in a sustainable way and reduce our impact on climate change, we need to scale up agroecology. Hear from farmers and researchers from Canada and the Global South how agroecology and food sovereignty are building a just and sustainable food system. Find out about practical ways that you can support the growth of agroecology and contribute ideas for a just transition to a fossil-free economy. Session will use a fishbowl format.



Friday



SCHOOLFOOD

Creating a Groundswell of Support for Healthy Kids

Ryerson - Thomas Lounge, Oakham House OAK

Presenters: Stephanie Segave, VON Canada; Susan Roberts, Alberta Food Matters; Carolyn Ferns, Ontario Coalition for Better Child Care/Child Care Advocacy Association of Canada

Across the country, people are advocating for increased investment in healthy food for children. Members of the Coalition for Healthy School Food are building support to gain federal investment in a healthy school food program through public engagement campaigns. Alberta Food Matters and its partners are advocating for a Universal School Food Strategy in Alberta. Child care advocates are looking to ensure quality food becomes part of a quality child care system. Join an interactive discussion on how we can collectively build public support to get more healthy food in schools and child care facilities.



LOCAL FOOD ECONOMIES

Food by Ward: Mapping Food Assets and Opportunities to Strengthen Local Food Economies in Toronto

Ryerson - KHE 129

Presenters: Melana Roberts, Toronto Youth Food Policy Council; Rachel Gray, Toronto Food Policy Council

Food by Ward is a food asset mapping tool that supports the development of strong local food economies, providing baseline information regarding existing food assets and opportunities across Toronto. This interactive presentation explores how food mapping can advance and guide community-led food priorities, engage city staff and Councillors in important food policy conversations, and increase the appetite for food in city planning. Food mapping can aid in understanding issues of food access as they relate to poverty reduction initiatives, transit equity, and present opportunities to bridge gaps.



NORTHERN & INDIGENOUS

Intergenerational and Intercultural Exchange of Knowledge to Transform the Food System: Co-Creating Visual Tools Through the Legacies Project

Ryerson - Tecumseh Auditorium, Oakham House OAK

Presenters: Dianne and Dan Kretschmar, Ryan DeCaire, Fernando Garcia, Grenville Farms; Dawn Morrison, Working Group on Indigenous Food Sovereignty of the British Columbia Food Systems Network; Fulvio Gioanetto, Mexican Agroecology Networks; Deborah Barndt, Lauren Baker, Alexandra Gelis, Legacy Project

The Legacies Project supports the food sovereignty movement by creating intergenerational and intercultural dialogues, in particular between Indigenous and settler communities aiming to decolonize and restore food systems and movements. Join presenters from Ontario, BC and Mexico working on documenting intergenerational projects and relationships, conserving bio-cultural heritage through Indigenous food practices, and reclaiming and reinventing traditional food practices. This workshop will share videos from participating projects and the exchanges among them, to foster broader discussion among workshop participants.



OTHER KEY ISSUES

Pecha Kucha - Research for/with Food Movements

Ryerson - RCC 204

Presenters: Sally Miller, Local Organic Food Co-ops Network; Natalie Dyck, Edible Alchemy CoLaboratory; Melanie Kurrein, Provincial Health Services Authority, Kelsey Speed, University of Waterloo; Sarah Hargreaves, Ecological Farmers Association of Ontario; Hannah Wittman, University of British Columbia; Lynn Roblin, Ontario Public Health Association Chair; Hugo Martorell, Food Secure Canada

This session will highlight research conducted for and with food movements from a range of non-profit organizations, food networks and universities across Canada. Each pecha kucha-like presentation will share the big ideas from the research with a focus on how it matters for food movements. Topics include fermentation, food waste, linking food safety and food security, farmer-led research, community consultations with food bank users and more. Following the presentations, we will invite questions and discussion.

Friday 2:00pm - 3:30pm: Sessions



CLIMATE CHANGE

Good Food Comes from Good Seed: How Regionally Adapted Seeds Build Food Security in the Face of Climate Change

Ryerson - ENG LG13

Presenters: Aabir Dey, The Bauta Family Initiative on Canadian Seed Security, USC Canada/Everdale; Jane Rabinowicz, The Bauta Family Initiative on Canadian Seed Security, USC Canada; Bob Wildfong, Seeds of Diversity; Kim Delaney, Hawthorn Farm Organic Seeds

The Bauta Family Initiative on Canadian Seed Security supports the movement to build resilient seed systems in Canada. This session will focus on its national programs that conserve biodiversity in gene banks and community seed collections, and introduce new ecological field crop and vegetable varieties through innovative farmer-breeder collaborations. These programs shape new discussions on agricultural policy and on the need to prioritize biodiversity conservation, agricultural extension, and public plant breeding to build a resilient national seed and food system.



CLIMATE CHANGE

Our Power: Lessons from Food Justice for Renewable Energy Organizers

Ryerson - Thomas Lounge, Oakham House OAK

Presenters: Keith Stewart, Greenpeace; Donald LaFleur, CLC; Utcha Sawyers, Food Secure Canada/ FoodShare; Representative from Toronto Renewable Energy Coop

The movement for community-controlled renewable energy faces many parallels with food justice organizing. Projects are often community-led, require new regulatory policies and structures to thrive, do best when backed by diverse coalitions, and face well-organized corporate opposition with millions to lose. A panel will share perspectives on parallels between the two movements, then break into smaller groups to explore specific lessons, strategies and case studies. Join us and help build cross-movement power for clean energy and food justice in Canada.



FOOD JUSTICE

Food Champions Meet-up: Pursuing Food Justice through Strengthening Food Networks

Ryerson - ENG LG21

Presenters: Rachel Gray, Toronto Food Policy Council/The Stop Community Food Centre; Tara Pearson, Toronto Youth Food Policy Council; Tania Fernandes, Rexdale Community Health Centre

Join us for a discussion on how to address food justice issues by strengthening local food networks. Meet food champions from across Toronto's dynamic food landscape and learn about the successes, challenges and opportunities to better integrate food justice principles in your food work. The session will facilitate a conversation on food justice principles, including tackling a dialogue around access to good food, inclusion in food work and organizing, and how to build alliances and collaborate across difference. Participants will also benefit from learnings gathered as part of the Toronto Food Policy Council's Food Champions Initiative, highlighting the development of city-wide priorities identified by local food champions.



FOOD POLICY

National Perspectives on a National Food Policy

Ryerson - VIC 203

Presenters: Ron Bonnett, Canadian Federation of Agriculture; Diana Bronson, Food Secure Canada; Jean-Charles LeVallée, Centre for Food in Canada; David McInnes, Canadian Agri-Food Policy Institute; Kim Scott, Assembly of First Nations
Chair: Peter Andrée, Carleton University

The government of Canada is working on a national food policy that promises to "include promotion of healthy living and safe food, and food security." This interactive roundtable brings together the leaders of major national organizations seeking to influence Canada's national food policy to better understand their unique perspectives, including both their differences and where they might find common ground.





Friday



The Hand You're Dealt: A Board Game About Food Insecurity in Nova Scotia

Ryerson - KHE 119

Presenters: Patty Williams, FoodArc

The Food Action Research Centre (FoodARC) has been examining the affordability of a nutritious diet in Nova Scotia using Participatory Food Costing since 2002. FoodARC developed a board game to communicate our findings and focus responsibility for food security on policy-based solutions. The game has been played with diverse groups and has proven to be an incredible way to create empathy and challenge judgements about people facing food insecurity. Workshop participants will play the game, be provided with some supplementary tools for facilitating group game play and debrief, and discuss the use of scenario-based pedagogical and communication strategies in their own work.

FOOD SECURITY



Global Perspectives on Sustainable City Region Food Systems

Ryerson - KHE 121

Presenters: Bruce Frayne, University of Waterloo; Fiona Yeudall, Ryerson University; Zhenzhong Si, Mary Caesar, Cameron McCordic, Balsillie School

This sustainable city region food systems panel explores two international collaborations. The Hungry Cities Partnership includes partners from South Africa, Kenya, India, Jamaica, Mexico, Mozambique and China and focuses on innovation in the informal food economy in the context of rapidly growing cities and expanding food markets in the Global South. The Municipal Food Policies and Practices Project includes partners in Canada, Kenya, Netherlands and South Africa who have developed training for municipal actors to build capacity and understanding of intersectoral food systems approaches. Participants can share their experiences and draw on examples from around the globe of actions for more sustainable food systems.

GLOBAL SYSTEM



Is Canada back? Aid and Global Food Security

Ryerson - ENG 105

Presenters: Paul Hagerman, Canadian Foodgrains Bank; Cecilia Rocha, Ryerson University; Melissa Matlow, World Animal Protection; Renaud DePlaen, International Development Research Centre; Amrane Boughmar, Global Affairs Canada

Canada has been a leader in global food security, but recent reductions in aid put this at risk. Food security was not prominent in Global Affairs Canada's 2016 policy discussion paper. This workshop will hear directly from experts who deliver Canada's aid for agriculture around the world. They, and audience members, will discuss what Canada does well in global food security and where Canada should focus its resources for best results.

GLOBAL SYSTEM



Can Policy Increase Healthy and Local Food for Students?

Ryerson - ENG LG24

Presenters: Adrienne Levay, University of British Columbia; Margo Riebe-Butt, Nourish Nova Scotia; Alejandra Dubois, Ottawa Food Policy Council. Moderator: Mary McKenna, University of New Brunswick

Influencing policy and implementing change is challenging, but lessons can be learned from the Canadian school food policy landscape. This session will include presentations and an interactive discussion around school food policies and guidelines; how to strategically align to support provincial government policies, strategies and legislative acts; the role of policy and more. The sessions will be moderated by policy expert Mary McKenna, who will provide highlights from her research and experiences with school and nutrition policies in Canada and abroad.

SCHOOLFOOD

Friday 2:00pm - 3:30pm: Sessions



Sustainable Food Businesses - What Does Policy Change Have to Do with it?

Ryerson - LIB 72

LOCAL FOOD

Presenters: Andrew Heintzman, InvestEco; Paul Sawtell, 100km Foods; Lulu Cohen-Farnell, Real Food for Real Kids; Ryan Turnbull, Eco-Ethnomics; Dan Donovan, Hooked

Many successful businesses are responding to the growing consumer demand for sustainable food and driving change in our food system. This panel will explore which policies, regulatory changes and incentives could foster greater innovation in businesses that deliver on the triple bottom line. How can we develop the infrastructure, markets and supply needed so that all Canadians can benefit from a thriving, sustainable local food economy?



Scaling Sustainable Local Food Systems Up and Out: The Potential of University Procurement

New College - William Doo Auditorium

LOCAL FOOD ECONOMIES

Presenters: Lori Stahlbrand, University of Toronto; Celia White, Meal Exchange, Real Food Challenge Coordinator; Jaco Lokker, Director of Culinary Operations & Executive chef, U of T Food Services; Graham Cox, CUPE
Moderator - Joshna Maharaj, Chef & Activist

Hear about exciting new developments in university procurement from Canada, the US and the UK. Find out how universities are playing a leading role in food-system transformation. Learn about the power of student engagement and leading models for collaboration among students, faculty, administration and food service, including Meal Exchange's newest program, the Real Food Challenge. Sample local and sustainable food from the University of Toronto's newly re-organized food service department.



Decolonizing Food Movements: Building Relationships of Solidarity Through Food Sovereignty in Canada

Ryerson - KHE 117

NORTHERN & INDIGENOUS

Presenters: Dawn Morrison, Working Group on Indigenous Food Sovereignty; Charles Levkoe, Lauren Kepkiewicz, Community First: Impacts of Community Engagement; Abra Brynne, British Columbia Food Systems Network

This session explores aspects of Indigenous and settler relations in our collective efforts to build just and sustainable land and food systems. Drawing on a collaboration between the Working Group on Indigenous Food Sovereignty, the BC Food Systems Network and the Community First: Impacts of Community Engagement's Food Sovereignty Hub, we will highlight experiences of decolonizing research and relationships. Join our discussion about the tensions, challenges, possibilities and strategies for solidarity-based work. This conversation aims to better understand what decolonization looks like and to (re)imagine food movements and food systems transformation.



Advancing Food Security in Canada's North

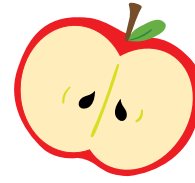
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NORTHERN & INDIGENOUS

Presenters: Lauren Goodman, Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami; Gioia Montevicchi, Martha Winters-Abel, Juliana Flowers, Regina Dicker, Food First NL; Norma Kassi, Mary Jane Johnson, Jody Butler Walker, Arctic Institute for Community-Based Research

In the North, families face significant challenges accessing healthy and culturally appropriate food. The issue of northern food insecurity is complicated, with multifaceted dimensions related to climate change, declining traditional food species, high cost of living, geographic isolation, and reliance on market foods. Just as the issue is multidimensional, so too are the strategies to address it. This session will highlight innovative, community-based solutions to advancing food security across Canada's North, while showcasing stories of resilience and strength.





Friday 4:00pm - 5:30pm: Sessions



Dig In: Cultivating Possibilities for New Ecological Farmers

Ryerson - Thomas Lounge,
Oakham House OAK

AGRICULTURE

Presenters: Heather Pritchard, Farm Folk City Folk; Jean-Martin Fortier, La Ferme des Quatre-Temps

Canada's agriculture is facing a renewal crisis. Meanwhile, an emerging generation of new ecological farmers faces unique barriers in entering agriculture, in terms of access to land, finances, and training. Panellists will speak about innovative projects sprouting across the country to support the success of new ecological farmers. Come and share your ideas on how to help similar initiatives and new ecological farmers thrive and to ensure a vibrant and sustainable food future for us all.



Food Waste in Canada: Unpacking the Problem and Promoting Innovative Solutions Ryerson - RCC 204

CLIMATE CHANGE

Presenters: Annette Synowiec, City of Toronto; Jocelyn Molyneux, Waste Not Worm Farm; Dave Kranenburg, Rhizome Institute; Nick Saul, Community Food Centres Canada. Moderator: Tammara Soma, University of Toronto

An estimated \$31 billion worth of food is wasted annually in Canada. Dominant solutions and ideas promoted to tackle the issue focus on stopgap solutions rather than systems-based solutions. Without understanding the root of the problem and unpacking the issue, we risk exacerbating the problem. The panel, featuring six experts from academia, the public sector, urban farming, the social innovation lab, and community food justice, will explore diverse perspectives and discuss interdisciplinary solutions to the issue of food waste in Canada.



The Leap Manifesto and Food Justice

Ryerson - KHE 125

CLIMATE CHANGE

Presenters: Katie McKenna, Bianca Mugenyi, The Leap Manifesto; Jim Thomas, ETC Group; Sally Miller, food and agriculture researcher; Others TBC

The Leap Manifesto has garnered widespread attention for its call for a transition to a clean energy economy in Canada, based in principles of social and economic justice. Among its demands are calls for "a far more localized and ecologically-based agricultural system" and "immigration status and full protection for all workers" in Canada. This interactive workshop is designed to draw on participants' knowledge and experience to strengthen the Leap Manifesto as a policy and organizing tool, and to broaden the coalition around it.



Pecha Kucha - Food Justice

Ryerson - KHE 221

FOOD JUSTICE

Presenters: Utcha Sawyers (Chair), FoodShare Toronto; Julia Fursova, The Four Villages Community Health Centre; Andrea Moraes, Ryerson University; Anna Levin, Food Matters Manitoba; Susan Belyea, Kingston Food Providers Working Group; Sarah Rotz, University of Guelph.

Join us for a pecha kucha-style session that will cover a variety of initiatives and research actively advancing food justice in Canada. Each pecha kucha will consist of a seven-minute presentation on an initiative that provides solutions to the injustice in our food system. Topics include the infusion of aboriginal content in curricula, youth and food, immigrant and racialized communities in the food movement, Indigenous food sovereignty and more.

Friday 4:00pm - 5:30pm: Sessions



The True Cost of Food in Canada and Beyond

Ryerson - LIB 72

FOOD POLICY

Presenters: Brian Gilvesey, Alternative Land Use Systems; James Hugues, J.W. McConnell Family Foundation; Cecilia Rocha, Ryerson University/International Panel of Experts on Sustainable Food Systems; Ruth Richardson, Global Alliance for the Future of Food.

Facilitator: Beth Hunter, J.W. McConnell Family Foundation

This session focuses on theoretical and practical ways that true cost accounting is applied to the externalities associated with agriculture and food systems. The objective of these efforts is to develop measures that portray the true costs and benefits of food, including externalities such as soil and biodiversity loss and health care impacts. Presentations will highlight a diversity of work on externalities, followed by a discussion about the need and potential to develop this work.



Demonstrating Impact: Tools and Examples to Demystify the Evaluation of School Food Programs

Ryerson - KHW 061

SCHOOL FOOD

Presenters: Kristie Jameson, Farm to Cafeteria Canada; Micheline Turnau, Nourishing School Communities; Rachel Schofield Martin, Réseau des cafétérias communautaires. Moderator: Phil Groff, Sustain Ontario

How do you collect evidence to prove your program is having an impact? Hear tangible examples of how evaluation has been used to build capacity, make evidence-informed decisions and demonstrate the impact of school food programs. Learn more about evaluation practices, tools for evaluating programs, environments and systems, as well as lessons learned from diverse initiatives across Canada.



Good Healthy Food Education for Learners of all Ages

Ryerson - ENG 105

SCHOOL FOOD

Presenters: Brooke Ziebell, FoodShare Toronto; Martine Carrière, Les ateliers cinq épices; Chad Duplessie, Eel Ground First Nation

Join FoodShare's award-winning Field to Table Schools team, Eel Ground First Nation's Healthy Body, Minds, Spirits program, and Les ateliers cinq épices program, for a super-fun, hands-on session highlighting some of the easiest ways to build an appetite for healthy food and to engage kids in important food issues. Participants will leave with replicable ideas and adaptable lesson plans and a stomach full of healthy snacks. Experience how good food education can be integrated into the curriculum, ticking boxes for teachers, parents and students alike.



FoodReach: Bringing Good Food to Community Agencies and Student Nutrition Programs at Wholesale Prices

Ryerson - Layton Room, Oakham House OAK

LOCAL FOOD ECONOMIES

Presenters: Barbara Emmanuel, Paul Coleman, Alvin Rebbick, Toronto Public Health; Mark Pearlman, Enterprise Adoption Leaders

FoodReach is a collaborative venture that has aligned private, public, not-for-profit and foundation partners to help community-based organizations stabilize access to good food and reduce food costs. FoodReach is an e-commerce portal, allowing agencies to efficiently shop for food online and to share ideas and resources in order to build a more effective system of food provision. Presenters will give an overview of the collective impact of FoodReach and the key structures needed for other jurisdictions to develop similar initiatives.





Friday



LOCAL FOOD ECONOMIES

From Field to Patient Tray: How Can Health Care Institutions Build the Value Chain to Provide More Fresh, Local, Sustainable Food?

New College
William Doo Auditorium

Presenters: Brent Preston & Gillian Flies, The New Farm; Grace Mandarano & Paul Sawtell, 100km Foods; Representative CUPE; Wendy Smith, MEALSource; Hayley Lapalme, Nourish/J.V. McConnell Family Foundation; Joshna Maharaj, Chef and activist. Moderator - Jennifer Reynolds, Food Secure Canada.

This session will explore opportunities and challenges of healthcare facilities and local food sellers to develop the value chain from 'the field to patient tray'. What might producers need to do to be more market ready? What issues do distributors face in selling to the institutional market? How can institutions effectively change their purchasing, food services, and policies, and engage stakeholders and staff to embrace change? How can new relationships be brokered to make meaningful connections with the food that patients, families and staff are served in health care institutions?



NORTHERN & INDIGENOUS

Building an Indigenous Food Sovereignty Movement: Past, Present and Future Generations

Ryerson - KHE 121

Presenters: Tabitha Martens, University of Manitoba; Byron Beardy, Four Arrows Health Authority; Melanie Kurrein, BC Provincial Health Services Authority; Karen Isaac, BC Aboriginal Childcare Society

This session will highlight strategic research, economic activities, and policy proposals that are increasing the capacity of present and future generations in Indigenous communities to respond to their own needs for healthy, culturally appropriate Indigenous foods. The session explores how food-related research, action and policy proposals are being developed as a means to empower communities to adapt to the present-day economic reality, while addressing epidemic proportions of food and lifestyle-related illnesses.



NORTHERN & INDIGENOUS

Strategies for Protection, Conservation and Restoration of Indigenous Land, Food and Bio-Cultural Heritage

Ryerson - Margaret Laurence Room,
Oakham House OAK

Presenters: Julian Napoleon, Working Group on Indigenous Food Sovereignty; Martha Stiegman, York University; Sherry Pictou, Bear River First Nation; Tirso Gonzales, Social Policy, Consultant; Larry McDermott, Plenty Canada

This session will feature presentations on what Indigenous food sovereignty looks like on the ground and how it is being asserted in the resurgence of land- and water-defense struggles in Indigenous communities. Projects, policy issues, strategies, and campaigns in northern Ontario, Nova Scotia, and the Peace Valley region of northeast BC will highlight strategies for protecting the complex systems of Indigenous bio-cultural heritage in the forests, fields, and waterways where Indigenous hunting, fishing, farming and gathering societies have persisted sustainably.



OTHER KEY ISSUES

Healthy City, Healthy Food System

City Hall - Chamber

Presenters: Ghaliya Chahine, Système alimentaire montréalais; Jessica Reeve, Toronto Food Policy Council; Mary Fragedakis, Toronto City Councillor; Joe Mihevic, Toronto City Councillor, Chair of the Board of Health; Representatives from Edmonton and Vancouver

In October 2015, 150 cities all around the world, including three Canadian cities (Montreal, Toronto & Vancouver) signed the Milan Urban Food Policy Pact. What can this international movement bring to local, regional and national food initiatives? How can signing the Pact help a city go further to change the food system? At a national level, how do we connect all of these cities to make further change?

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Friday 6:00pm - 8:00pm: Evening Events

City Hall Social - Welcome to Toronto

Toronto City Hall, 100 Queen Street West

Resetting the Table delegates will be welcomed to Toronto by City Councillor and Chair of the Board of Health Joe Mihevc at a reception featuring food and drinks from some of the city's best chefs and brewers. Attendees will have a chance to hear about Toronto's food work, to network, and to enjoy great food and company.

Please bring photo ID. Due to low capacity, only those with tickets can attend. Others can attend the FSC Youth Caucus and Toronto Youth Food Policy Council event in the City Council Chambers upstairs.

Food generously donated and prepared by: Oyster Boy, The Raging Spoon, Joshna Maharaj, and A3 Napoli.

Drinks provided by: Beau's Brewery, Southbrook Vineyards, Frogpond Farm Organic Winery, and Rise Kombucha.

Youth Space at the Table: Networking, Discussion and Social

Toronto City Hall Chamber, 100 Queen Street West

Hosts: Food Secure Canada Youth Caucus, Toronto Youth Food Policy Council, Meal Exchange

Youth are resetting the table in a variety of inspiring ways. From young farmers, to social entrepreneurs, to researchers, chefs and eaters, young folks care about creating just and sustainable food systems. Join the Food Secure Canada Youth Caucus, Toronto Youth Food Policy Council, Meal Exchange and other young organizations and individuals to share in an evening of vibrant discussion and new connections. This event will include a discussion, networking time and an evening social. This event is open to anyone who identifies as a youth.

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Presentation Sunday, October 16 (World Food Day) 10:30am Ryerson, Room ENG 103

We are delighted to announce the winners of the 3rd Cathleen Kneen Award, two women who show extraordinary leadership and embody the spirit of the food movement in their communities and territories: Abra Brynne and Norma Kassi.



Abra Brynne

is a community organizer, scholar and food systems consultant based in rural BC who works with farmers, non-profit organizations and academic researchers from a solid commitment to food sovereignty. Her civil society engagement includes the BC Food Systems Network, Canadian Biotechnology Action Network, Kootenay Co-op, Unitarian Service Committee Canada and Food Secure Canada.



Norma Kassi

is a Gwitchin elder whose deep commitment, especially working with youth, is to healthy, sustainable and inclusive food systems in the North so people can flourish despite multiple challenges to their traditional sustainable food sources and habits. Her civil society engagement includes the Arctic Institute for Community-Based Research, Council of Yukon First Nations and Food Secure Canada.



About Cathleen Kneen

Cathleen was a lifelong social justice activist and feminist who helped found groups from day-care centres to women's shelters to food systems networks, including Food Secure Canada. In 1971 she and her husband Brewster started a commercial sheep farm in Nova Scotia where they spent 15 years learning the food system from the ground up.

Wherever she lived and also more widely, Cathleen created networks. As she pointed out, "if you want to understand a food system, listen to the people who are most oppressed by it, who see it from underneath and can see how it is constructed. Leadership from

the ground up is key to long-lasting, effective work for a just and sustainable food system, as it connects people and reframes the elements of food systems to make something new, strong, human-scale, creative and resilient."

Cathleen, as a founding member of Food Secure Canada, served as its Chair from 2006 until 2011. She helped set up and was one of the leaders of the People's Food Policy Project, which articulated a national food sovereignty policy for Canada, *Resetting the Table*.

Cathleen and Brewster also worked together over many years to provide analysis of food systems through their newsletter *The Ram's Horn* and Brewster's books, including *From Land to Mouth*, *Farmageddon*, and *Invisible Giant*.



Saturday 9:00am - 10:30am: Plenary



Presenters: Debbie Field, FoodShare; Jean-Martin Fortier, La Ferme des Quatre-Temps; John Ikerd, Professor Emeritus from the University of Missouri; Nancy Neamtan, Le Chantier de l'économie sociale; Bidakanne Sammamma, Deccan Development Society.
Chair: Lauren Baker, Global Alliance for the Future of Food

As Canada moves towards developing a national food policy, how do we ensure it enables healthy, sustainable and equitable food systems across the country? This will require new food systems innovations, as well as the scaling up and out of current initiatives. Innovation is a buzzword, but what does it really mean? What are the qualities of innovation, and what are examples from food or other sectors that embody these qualities? How can environment, equity and economics be brought into balance through innovation? This panel will explore these themes and more as we continue to build our movement.

Saturday 11:00am - 12:30pm: Open Space

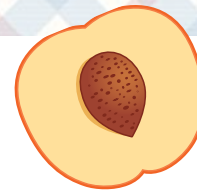
Open Space: Food Policy and Movement Building

Ryerson - Kerr Gym (KHW)

Resetting the Table features sessions as omnivorous and diverse as the food movement itself. This open space will give delegates the opportunity to dig deep and network around a variety of issues. Whether you want to organize around the national food policy, address an intractable question, or raise the profile of food issues in your community, this space will allow you to connect with others and workshop ideas. What bold actions are we going to take to create deep and lasting change? How are food actors from across the country addressing a host of food issues? Which opportunities and obstacles exist as they relate to policy change and movement building?

The open space will host facilitated group discussions and allow delegates to organize discussions of their own. This is your chance to make your voice heard and to hear from others from coast to coast to coast.

Saturday 2:00pm - 3:30pm: Sessions



New Farmers: Developing Policies for Food Sovereignty

Ryerson - ENG LG13

AGRICULTURE

Presenters: Annette Desmarais, University of Manitoba; Ayla Fenton, Dana Penrice, National Farmers Union

NFU Youth and the National New Farmer Coalition are working to promote policies that consider the social value of land, transfer Canadian farmland to responsible stewards and provide ongoing support to new farmers. Hear about our research and policy recommendations, and join in the discussion. We will also hear about lessons learned from Saskatchewan farmers about the value of farmland ownership.



Young Voices Speaking Up for Food Justice Challenge Old Ideas New College - William Doo Auditorium

FOOD JUSTICE

Presenters: Melana Roberts, Alia Karim, Toronto Youth Food Policy Council (TYFPC); Juneja Varhese, Rachel Levesque, Food Secure Canada (FSC) Youth Caucus; Sarah Archibald, FSC Youth Caucus/Meal Exchange; Katie German, Orlando Lopez Gomez, Cali Wilson, FoodShare

This session will host a panel of youth (high school, post-secondary and young professionals) to discuss the innovative and diverse ways young people can engage in food issues and politics. The presentation will include concrete examples from FoodShare's School Grown youth farming program, Meal Exchange's campus driven food work, and the TYFPC's city-wide youth organizing. The presentations will be followed by an interactive Q&A and networking meet-and-greet for all attendees.



Migrant Dreams: Food Justice and Citizenship in Canada

Ryerson - ENG LG14

FOOD JUSTICE

Presenters: Min Sook Lee, Director of Migrant Dreams; Bill Fairbairn, Inter Pares; Chris Ramsaroop, Justice for Migrant Workers (J4MW)

The Temporary Foreign Worker Program has caused the number of foreign workers in Canada to triple over a decade. They work in industries as varied as farming, mining, food processing, construction and restaurant services and do not enjoy the same rights and privileges as Canadian workers, with few pathways to citizenship. The session will feature excerpts from "Migrant Dreams", a powerful new documentary by award-winning director Min Sook Lee focusing on the untold story of migrant agricultural workers in Canada. The screening will be followed by a discussion with Min Sook Lee and workers featured in the film.



Food Security and Social Justice Organizing Strategies

Ryerson - ENG LG21

FOOD SECURITY

Presenters: Yvonne Kelly, Kristine Carbis, Freedom 90 Union of Food Bank and Emergency Meal Program Volunteers/Put Food in the Budget; Mike Balkwill, Put Food in the Budget

After 30 years of emergency food provision, only social justice organizing strategies will ensure that we move beyond charity. This workshop will describe how charitable models that have become societal institutions serve to distract us from what is really needed to reduce growing levels of food insecurity - good jobs, adequate incomes and affordable housing. Speakers from Freedom 90 and Put Food in the Budget campaigns will present a strategy and facilitate discussion on how people involved in food security organizations can incorporate social justice organizing into their food security work.



Making Zero Hunger Real (Part I): Food insecurity 101

Ryerson - ENG LG11

FOOD SECURITY

Presenters: Naomi Dachner, University of Toronto; Anita Abraham, Meal Exchange; Kathryn Scharf, Community Food Centres Canada; Elaine Power, Queen's University

A grounded understanding of food insecurity in Canada is necessary to effectively move forward on FSC's commitment to zero hunger. Drawing on over 20 years of research, this session will present evidence-based fundamentals of food insecurity in Canada - how food insecurity is measured, the current prevalence and trends over time. What are the causes and consequences of food insecurity and how can it be addressed? Workshop participants will identify opportunities for advocacy around issues such as basic income in light of existing evidence.

**Women at the Heart of Food Sovereignty**

Ryerson - Tecumseh Auditorium, Oakham House OAK

GLOBAL FOOD SYSTEM

Presenters: Joan Brady, National Farmers Union/La Via Campesina; Chandra F. Maracle, Kakhwa'on:we/Real People Eat Real Food/Skaronhyaseko:wa Tyohterakentko:wa Tsi Yontaweya'tahkwa/The Everlasting Tree School at Six Nations of the Grand River Territory; Bidakanne Samamma, farmer/seed saver/Deccan Development Society, India. Moderator: Melissa Matlow, World Animal Protection/Food Security Policy Group

Women have played a crucial role in the emergence of food sovereignty as a framework for change, and building organizations and movements to advance it. The workshop will feature testimonials and inspiring stories of women leaders from diverse backgrounds (Indigenous, Global South, rural, urban) in the global movement for food sovereignty. The workshop will build greater understanding of the role of women in our movement and build solidarity among women from Canada, Turtle Island, and the Global South.

**Making Food Choices Meaningful to Shift Narratives**

Ryerson - ENG LG12

LOCAL FOOD

Presenters: Amy Rosenthal, School Food Focus; Meghan Dear, Localize; Hannah Wittman, University of British Columbia; Hayley Lapalme, Nourish/J.W McConnell Family Foundation. Facilitator: Jennifer Reynolds, Food Secure Canada

Communicating the impact of food choices on health, economy and environment can spark change in the behaviour of consumers, students and institutions. What is involved in communicating these messages to encourage a shift towards greater sustainability in food systems? Farm-to-school programs build student food literacy, peer networks support the emergence of champions and collaborations, metrics on institutional purchasing raise awareness of behaviour and impact, and marketing and food chain transparency inform retail consumer choices. The session will explore the differences between these strategies, how they support each other and where they fall short.

**Paying for Nutrition, Poverty, and Indigenous Food Sovereignty**

Ryerson University - Margaret Laurence Room, Oakham House OAK

NORTHERN & INDIGENOUS

Presenters: Gigi Veeraraghavan, Fort Albany First Nation; Kristin Burnett, Lakehead University; Joseph LeBlanc, Anishnaabe; Wilson Mendes, Oka Community Planning and Visual Communication/UBC Faculty of Land and Food Systems

Many people in northern and Indigenous communities live in 3rd world conditions within a 1st world country of Canada. An overview of the FSC report Paying for Nutrition: Food Costing in the North will be followed by a presentation on the lack of access to healthy food in the poverty stricken neighbourhoods where Indigenous peoples are over-represented. The session will also explore strategies to address the underlying disparities in northern and urban Indigenous communities along the James Bay Coast and Vancouver's downtown eastside.

**GMOs: Impacts and Risks in Canada**

Ryerson - ENG 101

OTHER ISSUES

Presenters: Lucy Sharratt, Taarini Chopra, Canadian Biotechnology Action Network, Thibault Rehn, Vigilance OGM

The Canadian Biotechnology Action Network (CBAN) will break down what we know about the impacts and risks of GMOs in Canada after 20 years. Join us for this chance to digest the most important results from CBAN's year-long investigation, the GMO Inquiry. Get real and relevant information on the impacts of GMOs for farmers, the environment, and our democracy. It's time for an evaluation of GMOs - we've started it!

**The Power of Community Art Creates Public Awareness of the Food Movement**

Ryerson - Layton Room, Oakham House OAK

OTHER ISSUES

Presenters: Heather Rigby, Land Over Landings

This presentation will review the history of a small community who came together using various art forms as resistance to activate a larger public awareness around an important cause. We will highlight the power of Community Art relative to the Pickering Federal Lands, prime farmland threatened by development. The Lands offer a unique opportunity to establish small farms and give a start to young farmers who will feed us in the future. This workshop will explore how we can highlight their cause through art.

Saturday 4:00pm - 5:30pm: Sessions



CLIMATE CHANGE

How to Start and Run a Fruit Rescue Program

Ryerson - ENG LG14

Presenters: Carrie Regenstreif, Fruit Rescue Networking Group (moderator); Sue Arndt, Executive Director of Not Far from the Tree; Laura Reinsborough, formerly with/founder of Not Far from the Tree; Katrina Siks, Hidden Harvest Ottawa; Getty Stewart, FruitShare Manitoba

Fruit rescue programs, in which volunteers collect surplus fruit and share it with people in need, work in communities across the country. Speakers from Not Far from the Tree in Toronto, Hidden Harvest Ottawa and FruitShare Manitoba will provide useful advice and help participants avoid the many potential pitfalls involved. The session will be invaluable for those involved with existing programs. Topics will include how to get started, funding models, and how to survive on a tiny budget.



FOOD JUSTICE

Food Sovereignty and Food Justice for Whom?

New College - William Doo Auditorium

Presenters: Jacqueline Dwyer, Noel Livingston, Toronto Black Farmers & Growing Collective. Facilitators: Jenelle Regnier-Davies, Building Roots in Toronto/Toronto Food Policy Council; Sabina Ali, Thorncliffe Park Women's Committee

Join a discussion about our lived experience as grassroots food justice and food security advocates. We recognize the presence of racialized systemic barriers to resources and funding for community food programming and the impacts of the lack of adequate representation and cultural diversity within the 'food movement'. Where do we go from here? Workshop discussions will explore food injustice, opportunities for collaboration and tangible methods for mobilizing change.



FOOD JUSTICE

Good Jobs and Justice in the Food Chain

Ryerson - ENG 106

Presenters: Adriana Beemans, Metcalf Foundation; Syed Hussan, Migrant Workers Alliance; Derek Johnstone, United Food and Commercial Workers; Donald Lafleur, Canadian Labour Congress; Mandie Abrams, Hospitality Training Centre

This session will examine the issues of workers' rights and workers' realities right across the food chain. From the migrant workers in the fields and meat packing plants, to distribution and service industry workers, speakers will explore how good food can strengthen local economies and provide access to quality jobs. There will also be some discussion of the challenges posed by international trade agreements and immigration rules and the need for policy supports, including incentives in Canada's new national food policy.



FOOD POLICY

Sustainable Diets and Canada's Food Guide

Ryerson - ENG LG13

Presenters: Cecilia Rocha, Ryerson University; Barbara Seed, PhD, MPH, RD; Pat Vanderkooy, Dietitians of Canada; Fiona Yeudall, Ryerson University. Facilitator: Jennifer Reynolds, Food Secure Canada

Sweden, Brazil, Qatar and Germany have integrated sustainability principles into their national dietary guidelines. With the Senate calling for an overhaul of Canada's Food Guide, Canada has a strategic opportunity to do the same. This session will explore some of the "win-win" recommendations for sustainable diets that promote both human and environmental health. How these can be translated into consumer messages, and how can they be incorporated into other levels of food policy? How can nutrition experts, climate and sustainable agriculture advocates dialogue and work together?



FOOD POLICY

Advanced Workshop on the Nitty Gritty of Joined Up Food Policy

Ryerson - ENG LG21

Presenters: Dr. Rod MacRae, Faculty of Environmental Studies, York University; Hugo Martorell School of Graduate Studies, Concordia University/FSC

The food policy landscape in Canada is uneven, and shifting. Provinces have vital responsibilities, while federal departments have been tasked with new mandates since a new government stepped in. This advanced workshop will provide an overview of provincial food policies, identify the strengths and weaknesses of the current policy arrangements, and discuss upcoming challenges and opportunities for a joined-up, national food policy to advance the goals of health and sustainability. Links to background readings on website program.

Making Zero Hunger Real (Part 2): Defining the Issues, Audiences and Tactics to Advance the Fight Against Food Insecurity Ryerson - ENG LG11

FOOD SECURITY

Presenters: Kathryn Scharf, Community Food Centres Canada; Naomi Dachner, PROOF; Elaine Power, Basic Income Network

This participatory workshop explores opportunities for the food movement to organize to fight food insecurity, tactics to advance them, and the audiences we should target with campaigns. We will explore a number of policy proposals gaining traction in Canada, including: a basic income guarantee; initiatives to address northern and Indigenous food security; the move toward a federal tax credit to incentivize a reduction in corporate food waste through donations to food charities; and indexing the child benefit to inflation. What can we do to ensure that the evolving policy initiatives serve the communities we work with?

Let's Talk School Food: Open Space Dialogue Ryerson - ENG LG12

SCHOOL FOOD

Facilitators: Facilitators: Carolyn Webb, Sustain Ontario; Alejandra Dubois; Ottawa Food Policy Council; Colleen Hill, Heart and Stroke Foundation

Through facilitated group discussions, this open space session will allow participants to come together to continue key conversations that emerged during the school food stream's four panel presentations, and to begin critical discussions. Focused questions will be used during the session to delve into these themes such as, "Which commonalities and differences exist across provinces?"; "What are some challenges that people are running into?"; and "How can we learn from each other and work together to advance the issue of school food?"

Food Hubs - Adding Value and Cultivating Connections Ryerson - ENG 105

LOCAL ECONOMIES

Presenters: Peggy Baillie, Local Organic Food Co-ops Network; Bruce Eric Enloe, Two Rivers Food Hub; Franco Naccarato, Greenbelt Fund

Different models of food hubs are emerging across Canada to help 'rebuild the middle' of the food system – aggregating and distributing local foods from small and mid-sized producers. This session will explore successes and challenges of food hubs in different contexts to access markets and close the loop in regional food systems. For example, how can value-added processing help address the many challenges, including food waste, farm profit margins and distribution gaps?

Turning on the Power – Starting Urban Farms in Hydro Corridors Ryerson - Margaret Laurence Room, Oakham House OAK

LOCAL ECONOMIES

Presenters: Rhonda Teitel-Payne, Toronto Urban Growers; Juneja Varghese, Malvern Family Resource Centre; Ryan Noble, North York Harvest Food Bank; Andrea Boucaud, Flemingdon Health Centre

Urban farms can be sites for reclaiming neighbourhood food sovereignty through community engagement and significant food production, but land access and enabling policies are a major challenge. Presenters will share how they established four urban farms in Hydro corridors with a focus on community economic development, including the ground-breaking collaborations formed, the points of resistance encountered and the tools for overcoming them. Participants will be able to discuss their own related experiences and potential projects.



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Agriculture et Sécurité Alimentaire | (2009-2015)

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Saturday 4:00pm - 5:30pm: Sessions



NORTHERN & INDIGENOUS

Affirming Indigenous Food, Land and Culture - Holistic Health and Community Development

Ryerson - Layton Room, Oakham House
OAK

Presenters: Kelly Gordon, Adrienne Licker, Six Nations Health Services; Daniel Kanu, Food Matters Manitoba; Kaylia Marquis, Ieíenthos Akotióhkwa Planting Group – Kahnawake Schools Diabetes Prevention Project; Nour Attalah, University of Ottawa

This session will highlight projects and programs that are engaging communities in Indigenous food-related activities that build on and promote traditional knowledge, wisdom, values, strategies and relationships to the land, plants, and animals. The presenters will discuss how Indigenous food, land and cultural heritage can address epidemic proportions of diabetes and other food- and lifestyle-related illnesses.



OTHER ISSUES

GM Food Labelling - What Are the Possibilities and Limits?

Ryerson - ENG 101

Presenters: Thibault Rehn, Vigilance OGM; Lucy Sharratt, Canadian Biotechnology Action Network (CBAN); Heather Lee, Terran Giacomini, No More GMOs Toronto

In this participatory workshop, we will break down the issue of labelling genetically modified (GM) foods and present the new Quebec campaign for labelling. For twenty years, 80% of Canadians have said they want GM food labelling – so why don't we have it? Can we get it, and why do we want it? What would labeling achieve and what are its limitations? Join campaigners from across Canada to tackle the question of GM food labelling.

Saturday 7:00pm - 9:00pm: Feast



Feast

Churchill Ballroom, Chelsea Delta Hotel, 33 Gerrard Street West
Saturday October 15, 7-9pm

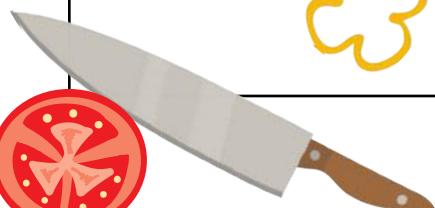
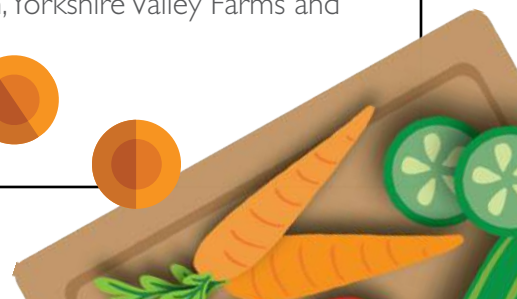
Tickets can be purchased at the registration desk - \$60 plus tax

Celebrate the meeting of the Canadian food movement with a feast featuring organic produce from some of the country's best farmland. The seasonal menu includes our favourite fall foods, with Ontario specialties like pickerel and black walnuts.



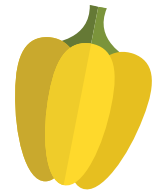
A cash bar featuring local wine and beer will be offered.

Food for the feast has been generously donated by Pfenning's Organic Farm, Yorkshire Valley Farms and Hooked.



Sunday 9:00am - 10:00am

Food Secure Canada Annual General Assembly



(Open only to FSC Members)

AGENDA

We hope that many of you will be able to join us for our Annual General Meeting this year on Sunday, October 16th from 9:00am to 10:00am.

Location: Ryerson University - Engineering Building - Room ENG 103

- Call to order and introduction
- Appointment of minute taker
- Notice of meeting
- Establishment of quorum
- Voting procedure and explanation of consensus
- Adoption of Agenda
- Adoption of Minutes of AGM of November 15th, 2015
- Report from the Chair: Aart Schuurman Hess
- Report from the ED: Diana Bronson
- Report from the Treasurer: Wendy Roscoe
 - Adoption of Financial Statements for FY Sept 1 2014 to Aug 31 2015
 - Review of budget for FY Sept 1, 2016 to Aug 31, 2017
 - Appointment of auditor for FY Sept 1 2016 to Aug 31 2017
- Election of new Board of Directors (Nominations committee)
- Adjournment of Business meeting



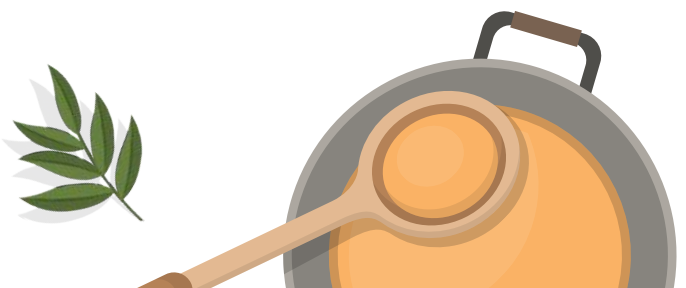
Election of new Board of Directors

Thank you to all of you who have participated in the nominations process for the constitution of the new Board of Directors of Food Secure Canada.

The nominations committee, composed of Eric Chaurette, Lucia Stephen, Susan Roberts, Diana Bronson and Amelie Levesque, proposed a slate of nominations that was then approved by actual Board of Directors. This slate will be presented to FSC members during our AGM on October 16th to be ratified by those present.

The slate proposed is: Elisabeth Abergel (QC), Joan Brady (ON), Christina Craig (YT), Joseph Leblanc (ON), Mary Lou Morgan (ON), Susan Roberts (AB), Wendy Roscoe (QC), Aart Schuurman Hess (BC), Lucia Stephen (NS), Paul Taylor (BC), Ryan Turnbull (ON)

We hope to see you all at the AGM on Sunday!





Building the Food System We Want

Sunday, October 16; 11:00am - 12:30pm, Ryerson University - ENG 103

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Presenters: Kristie Jameson, Food First NL; Norma Kassi, Arctic Institute of Community-Based Research; Joshna Maharaj, TVO; Tabitha Martens, University of Manitoba; Jane Rabinowicz, USC Canada.

What bold actions will we take to create deep and lasting change? How will we work together toward action on comprehensive food policy? The closing panel weaves these threads into a message on how we can continue to strengthen the food movement, change policy and build health, sustainability, economic viability and equity. Hear from food movement leaders from coast to coast to coast on what they've learned and how we can move forward as a movement.

"We remain resilient and determined to maintain our sustainable ways of living ... Please help me to support Inuit rights and stop seismic blasting in the Arctic."
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