Cultivating Change
A JUST TRANSITION TO A REGENERATIVE FOOD SYSTEM
November 12 – 18, 2020

Funders report
Thank you for supporting us at Cultivating Change: A Just transition to a regenerative food system.

With your help, we had over 1,200 registrations for our first ever online Food Secure Canada gathering. Despite the distance, we shared dozens of photos, exchanged over 1100 messages, all while participating in bilingual and sometimes trilingual sessions. We prioritized accessibility and provided simultaneous interpretation for most of our sessions and were able to offer registration by suggested donation.

We hosted 17 sessions and panels, which included one-on-one therapy sessions, debriefs, a musical performance and a film screening. Most sessions translated between English and French, with the session on labour rights translated into Spanish so that a migrant worker could participate as speaker.

1244 participants

61 speakers

17 sessions in English, French and Spanish

9 countries
Sessions included:

Opening plenary
Thursday, November 12, 2020
5:00 - 2:15 pm ET
- Dan Mccrea, Working Group on Indigenous Food Sovereignty
- Laura Collier, Food Sovereignty
- Sarah Young, Indigenous Medicine Collective
- Mavis Namatluk, Inuit Food Sovereignty
- Dead Reck’s, Young Approach

Film screening: Red Chef Revival
Tuesday, November 10, 2020
7:00 - 8:00 pm ET
- Peter O’Neill
- Paul McMillan
- Kevin Franks

 Fireside chat: Reflections on Black food sovereignty in Canada
Friday November 13, 2020
3:00 - 3:15 pm ET
- Annalisa, A Food First Board
- Dawn Dixon, Territorial First Nation
- Myleene Pinder, Inuit Food Sovereignty

How to embed anti-racism principles in school food programming
Friday November 13, 2020
10:30 am ET

Musical performance: Buffy Sainte-Marie
Friday, November 13, 2020
4:00 - 4:15 pm ET

Changing face of advocacy: Solidarity across movements
Friday, November 13, 2020
4:00 - 4:15 pm ET
- Alex Colville
- Phyllis Lee
- Wanda Robson
- Toronto Local Food Movement
- People for Food Justice Canada

Catalysts for a Just Society: A social economy perspective
Monday, November 9, 2020
1:00 pm ET

Allyship in labour rights and decent work
Monday, November 9, 2020
4:00 - 5:00 pm ET

Lessons from Indigenous-led school food programs
Tuesday, November 10, 2020
12:00 - 1:00 pm ET
- New York City
- Nova Scotia
- Ontario

Leadership from the Frontlines: Black Food Sovereignty Perspectives from Across the Food System
Monday, November 9, 2020
4:00 - 5:00 pm ET

Indigenous food sovereignty: Creating ethical spaces of engagement
Wednesday, November 11, 2020
3:00 - 4:00 pm ET

Connecting local and global movements: Food sovereignty for all
Wednesday, November 11, 2020
2:00 - 3:00 pm ET
- Elizabeth Mean, La Vida Cocina
- Debra McIlreath, Living Food First
- Sue Diestel, Reimagining Food Sovereignty
- Sarah Nash, Food Sovereignty

Your support allowed us to host a national event, looking at the intersections between food systems, anti-racism, decolonization, and environmental justice movements. We learned from Indigenous, Black and racialized food leaders, building our collective consciousness and capacity for anti-racist and decolonized approaches to allyship within the food movement. In this difficult year, support from partners and funders allowed us to offer tickets at a sliding scale, to ensure that as many people could participate as possible. It also allowed us to remunerate all speakers for their time and expertise.
Despite having to move our national gathering online for the first time, support from partners like you allowed our team to hire support staff, offer simultaneous interpretation, make recordings available, and offer a robust event application called Whova.

Whova is an application that is much like a conference centre in real life: it allows for participants to interact with one another through message boards, for the organizer to send announcements, for people to network and meet new people, and for our partners to get exposure to attendees.

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