

Vision 2020: A National Conversation about Food Security

In the last two decades, the food movement has grown from a small base of civil society organizations concerned with food security, to a network of community organisations, researchers, farmers and other food providers, public health practitioners, private sector actors and local food activists. Over the years, municipalities, provinces and territories have followed the leadership of local activists and practitioners to establish a patchwork of policies that address food insecurity. Now, with a federal government set to create the first National Food Policy, we can truly say the movement has come a long way. But we all know that the work must continue: building bridges across social issues, making more space for marginalized voices, and identifying evidence-based strategies for change. As we move forward, we must ask ourselves: what can organizations concerned with food security and food justice do together that we cannot do alone?

To answer these questions, Food Secure Canada, in partnership with the Social Planning Council of Sudbury, is excited to announce **Vision 20/20: a National Conversation on Food Security**.

Vision 20/20 is a three year project aiming to bring together leaders from the private, public and civil society sectors across the country, who have a shared commitment to deepening capacity for effective and meaningful food security interventions. This group will be organized in a community of practice (CoP), which describes a network of people with shared interests and a commitment to collective learning and collaboration.

In partnership with local partners, Vision 20/20 will engage in and support conversations in communities across the country in order to foster a deeper common knowledge of food security, and identify opportunities to help the food movement grow together. Intended outcomes include:

- Taking stock of the work that is being done across the country and surfacing innovative grassroots projects that can be scaled or modified to new contexts
- Elevating common local challenges to the national level
- Fostering new collaborations and diversifying participation within the food movement.
- Learning from each other and identifying common gaps in our knowledge
- Cultivating a deeper awareness of and commitment to Northern and food security issues among diverse stakeholders
- Increased public awareness of food security issues

With the project in the initial stages of implementation, FSC and SPC Sudbury are engaging in some exploratory conversations with our members and partners, in order to ensure Vision 20/20

moves forward with a framework that prioritizes equitable participation, and outcomes that are valuable to food security stakeholders across the country.

Please stay tuned in the coming months for more information on how to become involved. In addition to the community of practice that will be capped at about 40 participants, the project will invite a broader network of organizations and individuals to get involved via local and national events. For more information contact:

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Food Secure Canada has convened many conversations over the years: the [People's Food Policy](#) from 2008 to 2011, community conversations with the [UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food in 2012](#), the [Eat Think Vote Campaign](#) in 2015, and Recipes for a Better Food System in 2017. We believe that there is an appetite to discuss food security in our communities, and that building awareness and common ground will lead to change. Join us!