

How Inclusive is your Farm to School Program?

Introductions

- Name
- Preferred pronouns
- Whose land are you on?
www.native-land.ca
- Name a specialty crop your ancestor would have eaten



Where are *you* in cultivating food justice in your Farm to School program?



ZOOM POLL

- Interested in getting started
- Ideas in progress
- Ready to share some success
- Getting my Phd on this topic

Who's on this journey with you?



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“Food Justice is important for everyone because food is culture. Food is your family. Food is part of how we communicate with one another; it's a way we share our love. Being able to enjoy and prepare food that actually nourishes the body and keeps us healthy is connected to our ability to stay sane as human beings.”

Alison Hope Alkon, Julian Agyeman,
Cultivating Food Justice authors

What is Food Justice?



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**Sierra Harvest is on a mission to
transform lives and strengthen
community through fresh, local,
seasonal food.**





We are a team of dedicated educators, farmers, & community members that are working to dismantle the inequities in our national food system.



Agenda

- Understand where the process must start
- Hear what steps Sierra Harvest is taking to cultivate food justice
- Identify opportunities for your own FTS program
- Brainstorm & share food justice resources



Our Process

- Start where you are
- Recognize limitations
- Ask lots of questions
- Develop a plan



Where to Focus

- Land
- Labor
- Access



Harvest of the Month

Integration Ideas

- Diversity of colors in nature
- Location of farm
- Farm ownership



Advisory Group

Members bring voices representing:

- Diversity of backgrounds
- Work with varying populations
- Experiences with diverse target audiences





Specialty Crop Scavenger Hunt

Find the most
interesting
specialty crop you
have on hand



Specialty Crop Scavenger Hunt

Show us your crop
and put in the chat
what it is &
why you chose it

Where are you now?

- **Complicit:** Bystanding, not thinking about it
- **Questioning:** looking for opportunities, no plan yet
- **Dismantling:** actively developing and implementing plans to integrate food justice
- **Frontlines:** tested and proven programs that are cutting-edge inclusive

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Questioning Examples

School gardens:

- meeting the most need?
- or rewarding schools with enhanced resources?



Photos used:

- reflecting diversity?
- or employing tokenism?

Dismantling Examples



Farm Field Trips

Problem: transportation is a barrier

Solution: stipends for schools with high FRPM rates

School Food

Problem: poor quality meals lead to health inequity

Solution: offering scratch cooked meals fills the gap



Group Brainstorm

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How will you cultivate Food Justice in your Farm to School program?
Share what you are currently doing or ideas for what you can do

In the Classroom	In the Garden	In the Cafeteria	Partnersh
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- Add your ideas
- Check out the group brainstorm

Time to Share

**Zoom
Breakout
Groups**



Ideas · Reflections · Questions

Resources our team has used

- Soul Fire Farm Uprooting Racism Training
- Rooting Out Racism, training by Service to Justice
- Justice In June
- Seeing White podcast series from Scene on Radio



Share your ideas in the chat!

Time to take action!

Write down 3 ideas

- What actions?
- Who to engage?
- By when?

Questions?

Throw them in chat



Photo courtesy of Melody Campbell

How inclusive *will* your Farm to School program become?



- Complicit
- Questioning
- Dismantling
- Frontlines



THANK YOU!

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