

BC Food Systems Network Membership

The Network is a non-profit Society. Membership is open to any person, non-profit / community group or co-operative who supports the mission and principles of the Society.

BC Food Systems Network Mission and Principles

Mission:

To work together to eliminate hunger and create food security for all residents of British Columbia.

Principles:

1. Food security requires a sustainable food system in which:
 - a. everyone is able to acquire, in a dignified manner, adequate quantity and quality of personally acceptable food;
 - b. people are able to earn a living wage by growing, producing, processing, handling, retailing and serving food;
 - c. the quality of land, air and water, the well-being of animals, and the integrity of plants and seeds are maintained and enhanced for future generations; and
 - d. food is recognized as the basis of health and celebrated as central to family, community and cultural integrity.
2. We recognize that food is essential to life and is therefore a human right. It is also a gift from the Creator so that both the food and its sources must be honoured.
3. We encourage initiatives to reclaim local ownership of community food systems and develop food self-reliance by sharing food, information, skills, and resources.
4. We develop and advocate policies to redesign food and related systems that contribute to hunger or are unsustainable. This includes food production, processing, transport or retail; it also includes health, welfare, education, institutions, economics, and trade.
5. We work to ensure that the voices of grassroots organizations and marginalized groups are heard in the process of policy formation at all levels.
6. Our network therefore includes people who experience hunger and food insecurity, who produce food, who work to protect the environment, and who develop policy frameworks that foster food security for the whole population. We link provincially, nationally and internationally with organizations and networks committed to the same goals.

BC Food Systems Network Membership Form

Name of person or organization: _____

Organizational affiliation, if applicable, of individual member:

Your role in the organization: _____

Your involvement in community food security: _____

Mailing address: _____
_____ Postal Code _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____
email: _____

There is no set fee for membership in the Network. A donation towards the work of the Network according to your means would be welcomed. For organizations, a donation of \$100 or more per year would be considered appropriate.

I/we support the mission and principles of the BC Food Systems Network.

signature date

Retain the Network's Mission and Principles page and mail this sheet to:

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