



PUTTING OUR MONEY WHERE OUR MOUTHS ARE: THE FEDERAL BUDGET AND FOOD INSECURITY

A Panel Discussion on What's Not Happening and What Should be Done

Monday, Feb. 4, 2013

9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Second Floor Conference Room, River Building

The Issue:

The 2013-'14 federal budget will soon be tabled by Finance Minister Jim Flaherty, but it is unlikely to seriously address the problem of food insecurity affecting nearly four million Canadians who are turning to food banks, shelters and other social services to meet their immediate needs. One of the great deficiencies of our nation is that there is no national food policy. How can we ensure that all Canadians have permanent access to affordable, wholesome, sustainably produced foods? The federal budget can, and should, be used to establish forward-looking policies, fiscal measures and spending programs that solve food security problems for the benefit of all Canadians.

The Panel:

Our panel of experts will examine our challenges with food and propose policy and budget measures to address them.

Panelists:

Stephen Huddart (Panel Chair), President and CEO, J.W. McConnell Family Foundation
Diana Bronson, Executive Director, Food Secure Canada
Cathleen Kneen, Editor, The Ram's Horn and Chair, Just Food Ottawa
Peter Andr e, Associate Professor of Political Science, Carleton University
Terry Audla, Inuit leader and President, Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami (ITK)

Co-Sponsors:

This event is a special joint initiative of Food Secure Canada and the CFICE project.

Food Secure Canada (FSC) is a Canada-wide alliance of civil society organizations committed to zero hunger, a sustainable food system, and healthy and safe food. Working at the intersection of agriculture, environment, health, food and justice, FSC works to advance dialogue and co-operation for policies and programs that improve food security in Canada and globally.

CFICE (Community First: Impacts of Community Engagement) aims to strengthen Canadian communities through action research on best-practice community-campus partnerships. Based at Carleton University, CFICE mobilizes non-profit and civic leaders, scholars and students through pan-Canadian research hubs on poverty reduction, community food security, community environmental sustainability, violence against women, and knowledge mobilization.

