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<http://foodsecurecanada.org/cfice-community-food-security-hub>
<http://www.carleton.ca/communityfirst/>

CFICE: CFS Hub Learning and Initial Findings

As a Hub, we have the opportunity to learn a variety of lessons from, and alongside our project partners. Lessons learned include the necessity to address tensions between the different needs and goals of community and university partners, to acknowledge the changing nature of these relationships, and to constantly re-evaluate and renew them. Initial findings underline the importance of building respectful relationships, using food as a bridge-builder when developing partnerships, and the necessity of creating institutional incentives for faculty and community partners to work collaboratively.



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Introducing the CFICE: CFS Hub

The Community Food Security (CFS) Hub is one element of Community First: Impacts of Community Engagement (CFICE). Launched in 2012, CFICE is a seven-year partnership project that aims to support Canadian non-profits, universities, and colleges to build more innovative and resilient communities by exploring the question: How can community campus partnerships be designed and implemented to maximize the value created for non-profit, community-based organizations?

The CFS Hub examines existing models of community-university partnerships that strengthen CFS and food sovereignty. We define CFS broadly to include activities that strengthen food systems, including those that seek to address poverty and hunger in our

communities, enhance well-being through public health and ecological sustainability, and enable all communities to assert their food sovereignty. Partnering with nine demonstration projects to date, we aim to articulate and share our collective learning in community-engaged teaching and community-based research.

In the coming year, the CFS hub is looking forward to reconnecting with existing partners, developing relationships with new partners, and planning collaborative action projects. These longer-term projects include a focus on Indigenous-settler relations, building infrastructure for collaboration within Food Secure Canada and the Canadian Association for Food Studies, and engaging with provincial food networks.

The CFICE: CFS Hub works in partnership with:

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The CFICE: CFS Hub 2012/2013 and 2013/2014 Partner Projects

The **Regina Community Food Assessment** is a participatory process to improve the community's food system through collaboration between the Community Food System Steering Committee, the University of Regina, Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region, and Regina Education and Action on Child Hunger.



In **The Edible Campus: From Showcase to Living Classroom** Santropol Roulant and McGill University create green, edible community spaces, support innovative research and dissemination, and provide a unique experimental classroom that pushes the boundaries of organic urban agriculture.



Models of Community University Collaboration examines the partnership between the Waterloo Food Systems Roundtable and the University of Waterloo to compare two models in Waterloo Region that advance visions of a healthy community food system.



In **Creating a Food Hub** the Guelph & Wellington Task Force for Poverty Elimination and the University of Guelph use an iterative cycle of community based research, knowledge mobilization, and action, to support the development of a food hub in the region.



In **Local Food Multipliers and Accessibility in Northern Ontario**, the Food Security Research Network, the North Superior Workforce Planning Board, the Thunder Bay Social Planning Council, and Lakehead University investigate the work-force multiplier effect on local food production.



In the **Campus Food Initiative Study**, Meal Exchange and Ryerson University partner to examine how student-led campus food system initiatives begin, how to maintain them, and how partnerships work throughout the process.

This **Developmental Evaluation** examines the collaboration between Long-Term Inmates Now In the Community and the University of British Columbia in their work on how offenders and ex-offenders facilitate healthy, sustainable, community food systems.



The graduate service learning course **Planning for Change: Community Development in Practice** seeks to develop, and reflect on a research and practice partnership between the University of Toronto, Sustain Ontario: The Alliance for Healthy Food & Farming and other community-based organizations.



The **Cross-Cultural Food Networks** project examines the successes and challenges experienced by members of the British Columbia Food Systems Network and food movements while engaging cross-culturally between Indigenous and non-Indigenous networks, projects, organizers and agencies.

