

Chat Cascade Results

Sectors*:

Consumption/Retail/Food Access:

Distribution

Farming

Fishing

Labor (one comment at the end)

Land

Processing

Waste

Water

*Highlighted sectors either not identified as in attendance or only made one comment (Labor)

What made you want to join this event today?

Consumption/Retail/Food Access:

- From Faith Whaley- Farm-Food Access to Everyone: 10:05 AM
To find out how I can help with food access
- From Sara Southerland-Farming, Consumption to Everyone: 10:05 AM
Connect with others in the Food System and learn how we can best work together
- From Miranda | Consumption/Retail/Food Access to Everyone: 10:05 AM
Connecting with my community
- From WFN / Naomi Siegel: Food Access to Everyone: 10:05 AM
hear what is happening and find more opportunities for collaboration
- From Nathaniel Allister: Food Access to Everyone: 10:05 AM
I'm interested in how food systems are reacting to COVID-19.
- From Doug Robertson-Miracle Food Network to Everyone: 10:05 AM
To meet more people in our food system
- From Catherine Chambers Consumption/Retail/Food Access to Everyone: 10:05 AM
Connect with others interested and working in food growing and distribution.
- From Summer Starr - Food Access to Everyone: 10:05 AM
To learn about food access support in my region

Farming:

- From Tiffany Bell: Farming to Everyone: 10:05 AM
To find what is going on in the local food community
- From □WFN | Rhys-Thorvald Hansen | they/them | Land/Farming to Everyone: 10:05
Find out who in our food networks need support
- From Hannah Allen-Young Common Threads (Farming/Food Access/Ed.) to Everyone:
10:05

to connect with the community and learn more about what others are doing around food access

- From WFN: Cloud Mountain: Farming to Everyone: 10:05 AM
Check in/collaborate/introduce Elizabeth (Farm Director) to the group
- From Maressa Valliant - Consumption/Farming to Everyone: 10:09 AM
I always appreciate connecting with our food community. I am especially wanting to hear the most pressing needs, and how Sustainable Connections can best be of service.
- From Krista Rome to Everyone: 10:05 AM
Land access for local food. Intersecting all the different food sovereignty movements I've been involved in these past few months

Land/Water:

- From WFN | □Ander Russell, Land&Water (they/them) to Everyone: 10:05 AM
I love our local food system and am committed to make it stronger. And I wanted to connect with you all!
- From WFN - Becky Snijder - Land to Everyone: 10:05 AM
Part of WFN steering committee and interested in hearing how everyone is affected

Public health:

- From WFN Amber Noskoff - public health to Everyone: 10:05 AM
Connect with our local community and make sure needs are being met for all.

Fishing:

- From □ WFN Elma B (she/her) to Everyone: 10:05 AM
looking forward to more resiliency on the other side of the pandemic in our food system

Funder:

- From suewebber to Everyone: 10:05 AM
understanding the gaps in food security
- From Stephanie Schmitt, WCC Foundation - Food Access to Everyone: 10:05 AM
Challenges with making food accessible to our students due to COVID.
- From Samya Lutz, Funder/Convener (City of Bellingham) to Everyone: 10:05 AM
Food Security issues, gaps, needs
- From Sam Martinez - Philanthropy to Everyone: 10:05 AM
Hoping to learn both the challenges and opportunities that folks are seeing

No sector selected or sector not on our list:

- From Maria deCorpo - BTC Culinary Education to Everyone: 10:05 AM
The desire to find a way to be of service to the community
- From Kenley C to Everyone: 10:05 AM
education on how to help to community
- From Roxana Karim | Employment Specialist to Everyone: 10:05 AM
To connect with employers in the food industry, as I work with job seekers

- From Jenna Deane/Food Education to Everyone: 10:05 A
To gain a better understanding of local food issues
- From Page, Housing, Youth and Families to Everyone: 10:05 AM
To find my way into the work of fostering local food resiliency beyond my own neighborhood.
- From Dana Briggs to Everyone: 10:05 AM
The food system is essential
- From Suneeta (Whatcom Community College) to Everyone: 10:05 A
I wanted to learn more how higher institutions and educators can better serve our community
- From Gabriella Mednick (Whatcom CD) to Everyone: 10:05 AM
Connect with local farmers
- From Jennifer Moon Health Care to Everyone: 10:05 AM
Concerns about food security right now.

What are the chronic gaps or roadblocks in the local food system that have become apparent during the pandemic?

Consumption/Retail/Food Access:

- From Catherine Chambers Consumption/Retail/Food Access to Everyone: 10:58 AM
value added products, lets take the opportunity with the closing of Intalco to see what other productive ideas could the facility be used for.
- From Miranda | Consumption/Retail/Food Access to Everyone: 10:56 AM
Centralization of our food systems is preventing access to resources
- From Sara Southerland-Farming, Consumption to Everyone: 10:57 AM
I saw someone mention an app to connect with local farms - I wanted to share about the Food Atlas - a web portal to find local farms, food, delivery, restaurants, etc - www.eatlocalfirst.org
- From Doug Robertson-Miracle Food Network-distribution to Everyone: 10:37 AM
we're too centralized in our distribution
- From Emily Weaver to Everyone: 10:37 AM
not all people that need help are willing to ask
- From Kenley C consumption - restaurant to Everyone: 10:56 AM
an app that connects local farmers and the public, that gives information about harvest times, locations to buy produce and direct purchase perhaps?
- From Sara Southerland-Farming, Consumption to Everyone: 10:56 AM
Connecting local food systems support with food security needs - more value-added processing so we can have staples/storage crops to feed our community, while supporting local farms
- From Karla Anderson - consumption (WSU Ext SNAP-Ed) to Everyone: 10:56 AM
Communicating to consumers on how to help our local food system

Farming:

- From lauraplaut to Everyone: 10:47 AM
Noticing that for folks whose food access was fragile to begin with - it's becoming even more fragile!
- From Faith Whaley-Food Access, Farm to Everyone: 10:56 AM
we talked about how some issues with food access doesn't have anything to do with the food itself but with the supplies needed to move that food... gloves, boxes, etc
- From ☐WFN | Rhys-Thorvald Hansen | they/them | Land/Farming to Everyone: 10:56 AM
Interruptions in local/regional food distribution
- From Katrina Goering - Farming to Everyone: 10:56 AM
lack of culturally appropriate food donations for indigenous farmworker communities. Specifically looking for more fresh fruits/veg, masa and less canned food
- From Maressa Valliant - Consumption/Farming to Everyone: 10:56 AM
Language barriers to sharing information and resources
- From Krista Rome - Land/Farming to Everyone: 10:58 AM
A big gap for everything is FUNDING

Land/Water:

- From WFN | ☐Ander Russell, Land&Water (they/them) to Everyone: 10:56 A
Food Access and Labor sectors inequality is highlighted now more than ever

Public health:

- From Ali Jensen consumption to Everyone: 10:56 AM
fragility across sectors

No sector selected or sector not on our list:

- From jegbert to Everyone: 10:56 AM
connect haves and have nots haves need to know where their money and time are needed local picture needs to be clarified
- From Dana Briggs to Everyone: 10:56 AM
The homeless and low income many of whom are "essential" need support
- From Emily Weaver to Everyone: 10:57 AM
crisis breeds actions
- From Shirley Williams to Everyone: 10:59 AM
The wealth resource inequity has been magnified in the last 165 years. The natural laws of Coast Salish -- food/land/water sovereignty of the Salish Sea was degraded and the Potlatch system was outlawed.

What patterns did you discover that made success possible? What are the patterns you heard in your groups of 5?

Consumption/Retail/Food Access:

From Faith Whaley-Food Access, Farm to Everyone: 11:20 AM

By not just pulling our boot straps up and doing stuff ourselves.. but looking to local people who do things well and work together

Farming:

From lauraplaut to Everyone: 11:13 AM

The fine art of not taking “no” for an answer... always looking for the “yes”

No sector selected or sector not on our list:

From Dana Briggs to Everyone: 11:22 AM

Invite everyone to two hour meetings per month about the local food systems, proactively go to all socioeconomic groups

What are the simple yet potent steps YOU could take to continue to catalyze these successes, or increase collaborations and support a stronger food system?

Consumption/Retail/Food Access:

- From Miranda | Consumption/Retail/Food Access to Everyone: 11:26 AM
Volunteer, donate, collaborate, communicate
- From Faith Whaley-Food Access, Farm to Everyone: 11:26 AM
Connect with some of the people I have met here and continue to serve the community and look into more opportunities to fill food gaps
- From WFN / Naomi Siegel: Food Access to Everyone: 11:26 AM
find ways to connect more low-income individuals and families with CSA model as avenue for increased food access, supporting local farmers, and education
- From Rachel Van Boven/ Food Access and Farming to Everyone: 11:26 AM
work to center and empower voices and needs of those who are most in need
- From Sara Southerland-Farming, Consumption to Everyone: 11:26 AM
Share more of these stories of collaboration & resilience with our community - Herald opinion article, social media, newsletters, etc
- From Karla Anderson - consumption (WSU Ext SNAP-Ed) to Everyone: 11:26 AM
Reach out to some of the people I've connected with here.
- From WFN - Mardi Solomon -Consumption to Everyone: 11:26 AM
Capture all this input in the next Community Food Assessment update report
- From Doug Robertson-Miracle Food Network-distribution to Everyone: 11:27 AM
I want to connect with small/hobby farmers to collaborate using our nonprofit resources
- From Catherine Chambers Consumption/Retail/Food Access to Everyone: 11:27 AM
advocate for tighter restrictions on corporate farming that are contributing to climate change and degradation of land. Not all communities currently have access to land and farming. Ethical corporate farming to provide urban areas with the amount of food they need. Continue to support local vegetable, dairy and meat producers.
- From DSHS/CSO - Mike Riber to Everyone: 11:27 AM
Next Step - Look at more outreach for SNAP eligibility?

Farming:

- From Lauraplaut to Everyone: 11:25 AM
Common Threads is committee to planting, harvesting and distributing fresh veggies to families in need. We're also working on patio and Microgreen growing set ups (also with a focus on low-income populations.) We're always happy to look for opportunities for collaboration with others!
- From Krista Rome - Land/Farming to Everyone: 11:25 AM
Start an Agrarian Commons model here for local regenerative farming and land stewardship with a climate-friendly and reciprocity-oriented approach
- From Tiffany Bell: Farming to Everyone: 11:26 AM
Our next step to get cold and dry storage going for our farm and other farms in the area

Fishing:

- From ☐ WFN Elma B (she/her) fishing to Everyone: 11:27 AM
normalizing eating seafood at home and making it affordable - sharing story lines of this communication & following up -advocating for fishery workers

Land/Water:

- From WFN | ☐Ander Russell, Land&Water (they/them) to Everyone: 11:27 A
Even while being isolated working at home I will create more time to stay open to new and innovative ways of collaborating to move our food system to become equitable, resilient and sustainable.

Funder:

- From Stephanie Schmitt, WCC Foundation - Food Access to Everyone: 11:26 AM
Share some of the projects that are going on with co-workers as a step to implementing new steps in our project.

No sector selected or sector not on our list:

- From Susan's iPhone to Everyone: 11:25 AM
share these ideas with coworkers and neighbors and friends.
- From Emily Weaver to Everyone: 11:25 AM
share information on successes and failures to improve for next community crisis
- From Dana Briggs to Everyone: 11:26 AM
Increase advocacy for farmworkers
- From Steve Crider to Everyone: 11:26 AM
Expand local food to those who need it most.
- From Celt Schira to Everyone: 11:26 AM
Sustainable Bellingham has adopted a collaborative local seed resilience project under our non-profit umbrella. The next step is to work with the project participants to develop and implement the plan.

- From Emily Weaver to Everyone: 11:26 AM
share with others lessons learned and not give up
- From Shirley Williams to Everyone: 11:26 AM
WE say it is time to journey back to place, and the place-based practice of our ancestors. Continue to work towards our mission and vision
<https://www.whiteswanenvironmental.org/>
- From Steve Crider to Everyone: 11:27 AM
Stay positive!
- From Celt Schira to Everyone: 11:27 AM
Revive the Sustainable Bellingham newsletter.

Relevant Meeting Wrap Up Comments:

- From David Westerlund to Everyone: 11:30 AM
For more info on my work... BePresentDiscoverJoy.com
- From Emily Weaver to Everyone: 11:30 AM
access to group notes would be very helpful
- From David Westerlund to Everyone: 11:31 AM
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/57K9JLC>
- From WFN Coord - Kerry Eastwood to Everyone: 11:31 AM
I will send recap notes to all

Other relevant comments:

- From Terri Kempton - WWU farm manager to Everyone: 10:54 AM
Thanks so much, everyone! I'm hoping to connect and keep in touch with folks and all the great work being done here. I'm off to harvest at the Outback Farm for our weekly food pantry pop-up on campus - don't hesitate to reach out! kemptot@wwu.edu.
- From Roxana Karim | Labor to Everyone: 11:28 AM
thanks WFN for this session, this has been the most effectively facilitated group zoom/breakout event I have attended so far. breakouts were short, but I appreciated getting to connect with more people in the smaller groups. thanks everyone!
- From Emily Weaver to Everyone: 11:29 AM
Whatcom County is a great place to live and has great people trying to make the World better THANKS