

Supporting and Celebrating Food Production in the North

Northwest BC: Gitsan Territory



Who We Are

- FarmFolk CityFolk is committed to strengthening sustainable food systems where people and the planet thrive.
- Tea Creek is an award-winning, Indigenous-led, culturally safe, land-based Indigenous food sovereignty and trades training initiative.
- Groundbreakers mission is to provide local food education, growing opportunities, and involvement in local agriculture.
- Young Agrarians is a farmer to farmer education resource network for new and young ecological, organic and regenerative farmers in Canada.



Project Overview

This project supported apprenticeship, mentorship, and on-farm training by funding new farmers and honouring producers for sharing their skills and knowledge. Community meals and farm tours, co-hosted with local chefs, celebrated regional foods—raising awareness of abundant fruits, vegetables, meat, and seafood while strengthening sustainable food and seed systems in the North.

Key Highlights

Producers and supporters of local food and seed engaged with various distinctive production types through hands-on learning, farm visits, and shared meals. New farmers gained experience on diverse farms, while experienced growers were recognized for their knowledge. These strengthened relationships support a more resilient, connected, and sustainable Northern food and seed system.



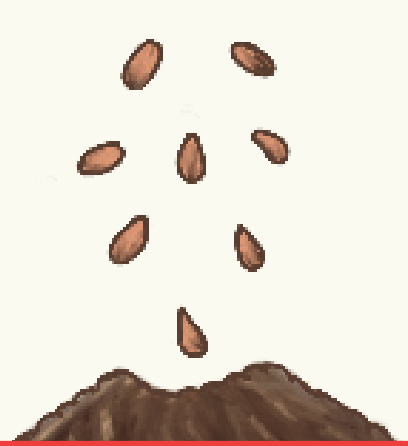
Stories of Impact

During farm workbees and tours, attendees sampled local and traditional foods, from sea lion and herring roe, to vegan potato cheese and beet hummus. Indigenous names for these foods sparked dialogue about cultural knowledge. Sharing these experiences on farms reinforced the possibilities and accessibility of local and traditional foods.

Next Steps

Long-term goals focus on expanding mentorship, strengthening partnerships, and building a resilient, community-led food and seed sovereignty network. Next steps include securing funding for workshops and gatherings next season, with some raised during this project. Potluck-style events and fundraising feasts may help sustain momentum.

Stages of Food Systems Transformation



Seeding

- Create spaces and opportunities for communities to gather
- Build skills, competencies and leadership
- Engage in critical reflection



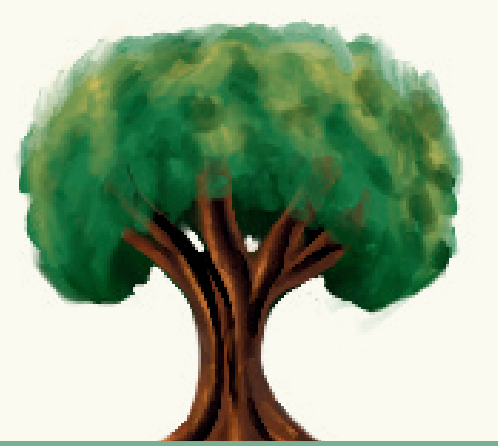
Germinating

- Strengthen networks and coalition building
- Foster equitable relationships and collaboration
- Create processes for accountability and transparency



Rooting

- Facilitate mutual knowledge and resources sharing
- Stimulate co-creation of knowledge
- Leverage community leaders and assets



Growing

- Engage in transformative collective action projects
- Engage in transdisciplinary action research
- Strengthen social movements

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