

Connecting Food in the North Networking Event

Smithers BC, on the unceded traditional territory of the **Gidimt'en Clan and Wet'suwet'en Peoples**



Who We Are

- School District 52 is on the unceded traditional territory of the Ts'msyen, colonially known as Prince Rupert.
- School District 91 is on the unceded, ancestral territories of fourteen First Nations representing the Dakelh, Nedut'en and Wet'suwet'en peoples.
- Farm to School BC supports programs that engage K-12 students with healthy local food, hands-on learning, and school community connectedness.



Project Overview

In April 2026, a networking event is being planned that aims to bring together stakeholders in the Northern B.C. food system to create new connections and potentially distribution pathways for our regionally produced/processed products.

Key Highlights

- Building relationships with local farmers, food producers and processors.
- Local farmers, food producers and processors are excited by the opportunity to support the local public schools.
- Connecting with distribution pathways, building the bridge between farmers, producers, processors and distributors.



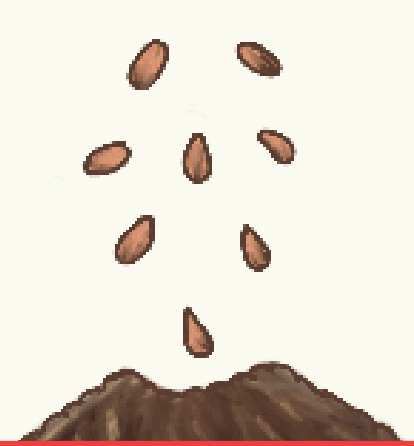
Stories of Impact

As plans are being made for the networking event, knowledge about the event is being shared with partners, like the host location, farmers, producers and processors. There is excitement from each encounter as they share value in supporting the local economy, and building a Northern food system.

Next Steps

- Continue to plan the networking event.
- Expanding the reach of the event through partnerships with other organizations.

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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