

Gud t'alang h!Ganggulaang/ We Are Working Together

Gaw Tlagee (Old Massett), Haida Gwaii



Who We Are

Old Massett Village Council's Food Bank and Elders Centre offers daily meal programs for Elders, serves as a food hub for our community, and runs our local food bank twice a month. We host children from Chief Mathews weekly to participate in food growing, preserving, and cooking. We also have a local food pantry on-site that sources, stores, and distributes local food to our island schools, hospital, and community programs.



Project Overview

The Gud t'alang h!Ganggulaang/ We Are Working Together project enhances local food access and food literacy in Gaw Tlagee/Old Massett. Goals include increasing the availability of traditional foods, teaching preservation skills, and strengthening the local food system. Activities involve sourcing, processing, and distributing local foods, as well as hosting workshops on cooking, canning, and venison butchering.

Key Highlights

The Old Massett Food Bank and Elders Centre distributed 7,000 lbs. of local fish and \$30,000 of island-grown produce, hosted 25 food and preservation workshops, and diverted 6,000 lbs. of grocery waste into meals and compost. Over 6,000 meals featuring local food were served to Elders throughout the year.



Stories of Impact

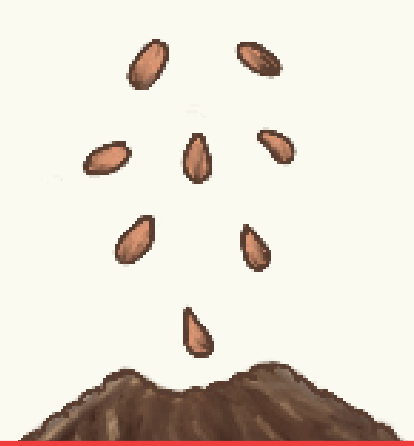
"When parents see their children happy eating and working on traditional foods, they get that sense of growing understanding and connection, and that creates a healthy family."

- Elizabeth Moore, Haida leader in the Local Food 2 School program

Next Steps

We are continuing to strengthen our local food system by supporting community harvesting, fishing, and hunting; local processing with schools and food banks; and mentorship programs that build youth skills. We're developing an island food strategy (early 2026), restoring salmon streams, adapting to warming oceans, and expanding local food processing infrastructure.

Stages of Food Systems Transformation



Seeding

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



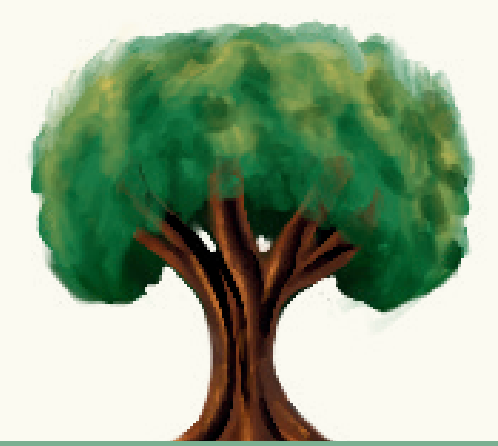
Germinating

- 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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