





- Food is a central and essential part of our lives
- We live in one the more verdant and agriculturally productive parts of Canada
- Drive 15 minutes in any direction and we find ourselves in high quality farm land



- The Western Fair where we are this evening embodies some of this rich food producing history
- Much of our food comes from far away
- Arguably we have developed sophisticated if not demanding palettes



- We live in a global world where much of what we buy comes from far away and what we produce goes far away
- However all is not rosy- while many of us have enough food too many have not enough
- Food is a human right- not having it a human wrong



- So in the midst of all of this is it possible to re-rationalize our food system?



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Middlesex-London Community Food Assessment



- Food literacy
- Food processing and distribution
- Food waste reduction
- Small-scale agricultural production



- Out of this process the Middlesex London Food Policy Council was created
- 20 members of rural, First Nations and urban constituencies
- Wide expertise on matters related to: food production, food processors, food security, politicians



- We've spent the last year getting ourselves organized and are getting the ball rolling on some projects
- The Middlesex London community **sustains** a healthy, safe, equitable and ecologically **responsible local** food system, that **nourishes** all residents and is economically viable.



- Check out our web site and media platforms
<https://www.mlfpc.ca>, [@MLFPC](#)



- We are starting to find our way...
- Our working groups:
 - Food literacy
 - Food accessibility
 - Rural, urban and indigenous connections
 - Local food distribution

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- Working to find some parts of this Strategy that we can help roll out



- Our Food Accessibility group has chosen to work on a project related to school gardens:
 - Engage school boards to increase the number and capacity of school gardens
 - Create linkages between school boards, the City, community groups, and parent councils in order to promote the goal of a garden in every school.
- Our Food Literacy group is developing a project
- Food hub??



- A key role of the Council is to help connect people to how food is grown and distributed
- We are always looking for new energy to help us on our working groups: info@mlfpc.ca