

CROSS-SECTORAL FOOD CONFERENCE LAUNCHES REGISTRATION

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Conference provides forum for innovative cross-sectoral approaches to food system issues facing Ontario

Sustain Ontario and its presenting partners are proud to announce the launch of registration for the 2013 **Bring Food Home Conference**.

Taking place in Windsor, Ontario on November 17-18-19, Bring Food Home is Ontario's sustainable food system conference. With dozens of workshops and presentations by producers, educators, chefs, poverty advocates, First Nations' leaders, and more, the three-day conference offers a forum to share experiences and expertise in assisting and directing the development of a better food system for the province. Like many other places, Ontario is facing challenges such as climate change, health crises such as high rates of obesity and diabetes, and food insecurity among various communities. Now is the time to talk about how we grow, process, promote, and consume our food to confront these challenges.

This year's theme "Building Bridges Together" acknowledges our collective need to bring together individuals and organizations from diverse sectors to generate action on food and farming issues. From public policy to accessibility, business support to the environment, this year's program will cover a wide range of issues and make space for new and on-going conversations.

In addition, Deb Stark, Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Food for the province of Ontario, will be in attendance to speak on the continued effort to build bridges between the local food movement, government, traditional agriculture organizations, and large food processors.

Confirmed sessions at the conference include:

- Innovations in Land Use Policy and Preservation
- Bridging Agriculture: A Cross-Cultural Conversation
- Forest, Foraged and Wild Foods
- Nutrition Programs in First Nations Communities
- Distributors: The Key to Institutional Local Food Procurement
- Small Food Businesses: Challenges and Successes
- The True Cost of Meat: Challenges and Successes of Independent Meat Processors

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In addition to the many exciting sessions being offered, the conference will include formal and informal networking opportunities, an on-going tradeshow, site tours highlighting the best of the Windsor-Essex region, and the Feast of Local Flavours, a dinner showcasing beautiful food from across Ontario.

With an expected attendance of over four hundred people, Bring Food Home offers the ideal setting for diverse actors with a common interest in a more sustainable, equitable, ecological, and financially viable food system to share skills, knowledge, and ideas. These exchanges will identify opportunities for collaboration in moving Ontario toward a brighter food future.

Online registration is now available on the [Bring Food Home Registration page](#). Attendees can register for the full conference or for single day passes. Earlybird pricing ends October 18th.

About Sustain Ontario

Sustain Ontario is a province-wide, cross-sectoral alliance that promotes healthy food and farming. This organization takes a collaborative approach to research, policy development and action by addressing the intersecting issues related to healthy food and local sustainable agriculture. Sustain Ontario is working towards a food system that is healthy, ecological, equitable and financially viable. Visit the Sustain Ontario [website](#) for more information. Twitter [@SustainOntario](#)

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