

Utilizing urban agriculture to promote social justice: A roundtable discussion

Friday, March 10, 4-6pm
Culinaria Research Centre Kitchen, SW-313
University of Toronto Scarborough

Speakers from academia, government, and civil society in Toronto will discuss the place of social justice in today's urban agriculture movement. Urban agriculture is increasingly considered a valuable tool for creating more socially just cities around the world. Yet it does not necessarily create this change as the movement faces challenges in providing access to fresh and affordable food for residents with fewer resources. This event will attend to the importance of bringing social justice considerations to the table through addressing questions such as: How can we support farmers to make a living while also making sure good food is available to those who can't pay high prices for it? What are specific areas in which we can push for change in the food system to improve conditions for farmers, consumers, and the environment? What role can urban agriculture projects play in dismantling oppression?

Speakers:

- Councillor Mary Fragedakis, Ward 29, Toronto-Danforth
- Dr. Kristin Reynolds, Lecturer, The New School, Author of *Beyond the Kale: Urban Agriculture and Social Justice Activism in New York City*
- Leticia Boahen, Director, Black Creek Community Farm
- Rhonda Teitel-Payne, Co-Coordinator, Toronto Urban Growers
- Ziadh Rabbani, Green Access Community Health Worker, AccessPoint on Danforth Hub

