

A call for contributions to the annual North Country Food Justice Summit on Thursday February 27, 2020 at the Wild Center in Tupper Lake, NY

RFP: North Country Food Justice Summit
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February 27, 2020
The Wild Center, Tupper Lake, NY
<http://www.craigardan.org/food-justice-working-group/>

Poverty and Food

Previous Food Justice Summit conferences brought together activists, farmers, consumers, and educators to speak about advocacy, politics, and grassroots organizing. This year's summit singles out a particular strand of these previous broad analyses: poverty and food. This theme reflects the urgency about inequalities in our world, and invites conference participants to work collectively as problem-solvers. We seek to identify obstacles and successful initiatives that address the intersection of poverty and food: activism, institutional change, and policy.

Local Farmers: What conditions are necessary for local farmers to be economically sustainable? What challenges do farmers identify that interfere with the affordability of their products? What laws and policies must change to address economic inequality of farm labor, especially migrant farm labor?

Students: What is the inside story about food insecurity on college campuses? How is this problem best addressed, and by whom? We invite students to share what they are learning about poverty and food in their academic courses, service projects, and internships.

Teachers: K-12 educators share their innovative strategies, methods, readings, and lesson plan content for teaching about poverty, inequality, and food.

Health Professionals: What challenges are health professionals facing that fall within the arena of poverty and food? What initiatives are successful in meeting these challenges?

Reports from the front line—food bank directors, food shelf managers, volunteers:
Are invited to speak about the immediate problems that affect your work. What are best practices that you can recommend to others? Do charity solutions to food insecurity impede or interfere with justice solutions?

Types of proposals:

- Presentations: 10 minute TED-style talk
- Panels: 75 minutes; featuring diverse speakers
- Workshops: 75 minutes; active engagement of audience

Please submit an abstract (250 word max) that includes the type of proposal, content, and name(s) and affiliation(s) of presenters. Email proposals to: northcountryfjwg@gmail.com

Proposals due by December 15, 2019.