

# FEED BACK, *MOVE FORWARD*: RESPONDING TO 2020

**4th ANNUAL SUMMIT  
WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 24 – THURSDAY FEBRUARY 25, 2021**

## **CALL FOR PRESENTER SUBMISSIONS:**

**Craigardan is pleased to announce that the North Country's annual *Feed Back* Summit will be held virtually in a two-day format for 2021.**

How do we create a fair food system? How do we build an equitable future for the North Country? And how do we move our region toward stronger and more accessible, inclusive, nutritious, and just systems for everyone?

These questions frame our annual summit and bring together community leaders, business owners, farmers, consumers, healthcare professionals, educators, students, and more to discuss advocacy, politics, programs, and grassroots organizing. Our goal is to bring creative, scholarly, and frontline perspectives together into dynamic conversation. *This year's theme reflects the urgency of inequities that 2020 laid bare and the challenges we must meet in 2021.*

*We invite proposals that address the intersections of food justice, racial equity, healthcare, and education in our rural region.*

*We seek to engage active dialogue between presenters and participants, to identify obstacles, recognize successful initiatives, and engender collaborative networks.*

To learn more about previous summits visit [www.craigardan.org/foodjustice](http://www.craigardan.org/foodjustice)

We encourage proposals in the following suggested topic areas for the 2021 summit:

- Improving food access during and post-COVID
- Overcoming disruptions in health care and child care during the pandemic and beyond
- Protecting arts and culture sectors during times of crisis
- Confronting racial inequity in northern New York
- Increasing food sovereignty within communities that are under-resourced
- Supporting systems for farmers, producers, small businesses, and organizations
- Addressing transportation and other rural-specific challenges
- Using technology: how we can improve our tools and resources across systems
- Accessing funding for the short- and long-term
- What additional crucial topic areas have you identified?

**Please return the form below to [janelle@craigardan.org](mailto:janelle@craigardan.org)**

**by 5PM on Friday, December 18, 2020.**

**Presenter forms can also be submitted online at: [www.craigardan.org/events/summit2021](http://www.craigardan.org/events/summit2021)**

CONTACT INFORMATION

**PRESENTER NAME:** (as you want it to appear in all summit correspondence. If multiple presenters, each presenter will need to complete this form)

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**PRESENTER INFORMATION:** (e.g. life experience and/or professional credentials, business or organization representing, education, certification, etc.)

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**TITLE and AFFILIATION:** (as you want it to appear in all summit correspondence)

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PRESENTATION (please fill in or attach)

**TITLE OF PRESENTATION OR PANEL DISCUSSION**

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**PRESENTATION ABSTRACT (summarize your presentation in 250 words or less)**

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**OBJECTIVES OF PRESENTATION (tell us why you want to present at the summit and what you plan to achieve)**

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**PRESENTER BIO (as you want it to appear in all summit correspondence. Please no more than 4 sentences)**

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## PRESENTATION SUBMISSION AND INFORMATION

- By checking this box you agree to submit your slide presentation to [janelle@craigardan.org](mailto:janelle@craigardan.org) no later than February 1, 2021.
- By checking this box you agree to participate in a short training session for presenters prior to the summit. Time and date TBD.
- FEED BACK PRESENTER POLICY: All confirmed summit presenters are eligible to receive travel and presentation reimbursements.

**After reviewing each presenter's application, we will respond by Friday, January 1, 2021. Please reach out to Janelle Schwartz at [janelle@craigardan.org](mailto:janelle@craigardan.org) with questions. All presenters who are selected will be automatically registered for the summit.**