

GOOD FOOD GATHERING 2025

THURSDAY 27TH NOVEMBER

8:30AM

DOORS OPEN, COFFEE TEA AND NETWORKING

9:00AM

OPENING SCENE: WELCOME & SETTING THE STAGE

We begin in a good way; acknowledging the land, grounding ourselves in why this work matters, and introducing the day's theme. We'll explore our food system as a "story" we are shaping together.

WHO'S IN THE ROOM? NETWORKING & CONNECTION

A lively session to meet others, discover the different roles people play in our food and agriculture system, and build connections for the rest of the day.

LOOKING BACK: WHAT HAS CHANGED IN 10 YEARS

Food systems expert Dr. Kent Mullinex will share an evidence-based look at what has shifted in our region – food security, affordability, land use, farming, cultural foods, climate impacts, and more—and where major gaps remain.

THE STORY LOUNGE: VOICES FROM OUR COMMUNITIES

Sit back in our "Story Lounge" and hear from people across the region, funders, farmers, youth, Indigenous leaders, community food organizers, educators, and others; about the real experiences behind the data. These stories highlight the key areas of our Good Food Collective Impact Strategy, breakthroughs, and lessons learned.

STORYBOARDING: WHAT STORIES NEED TO BE TOLD?

At your tables, identify key moments of change or challenge from your own experience. What signs of progress are emerging? What issues continue to hold us back? Groups will record their ideas for deeper exploration.

12:30PM

A WEST COAST FEAST & GALLERY WALK

Enjoy a locally sourced meal by *Open Water*, explore storyboards and visual maps, visit the Network Wall, and stop by our photo and video storytelling booths.

1:30PM

STORY LAB: TURNING IDEAS INTO EPISODES

In small "writers' rooms," participants dig deeper into the themes identified earlier—exploring what happened, what made a difference, and what we can learn how we might better focus our advocacy, energy and resources going forward.

FINALE: WHAT DOES THIS ALL MEAN?

Together we reflect:

- What opportunities are emerging?
- What should we focus on next as a region?
- How can we collaborate more effectively?

These reflections will help shape future planning, partnerships, and community-led initiatives.

CELEBRATION OF GOOD FOOD CHAMPIONS!

