Food Justice Toolkit
for University Students

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Overview of the Food Justice Toolkit

Goals of the Food Justice Toolkit

• Educate students about food justice and provide them opportunities to advance food justice efforts in our region
• Connect students to food justice resources
• Use student knowledge to engage with the student body using stewardship-based learning

Connecting food and environmental justice to sustainability

• Sustainable food systems must be equitable
• Our region still needs support to enact justice for food access, land access and food work (including sustainable and just food procurement)
• Food systems are closely connected to food worker and agriculture worker injustices
Food Justice Toolkit Sections

1. Background
   - Introduction
   - “What is food justice?”
   - Terms and definitions
   - Related fields
   - Student projects

2. Curriculum
   - Related courses in each college
   - Local courses available for everyone
   - “How can I learn more about food justice?”

3. Engagement
   - Individual, local, and national opportunities
   - Volunteer, job, and internship opportunities
   - ”What can I do?”
Example of Student Content Created in Background Section
Why Food Justice?

**Food Justice**: equal and universal access to healthy, affordable, culturally-appropriate food for all, and advocacy for the safety and wellbeing of those who work in the food & food production industry

Why did we choose this niche?
- Not many place-based, local, and specific toolkits
- Create an accessible living document for assistance, education, and opportunities that is created by students for students

Why are we focusing on students?
- **Audience** – learn about available resources, navigate the Movement, and provide platform for interested individuals
- **Student work** – know how to engage with other students, introduction to Food Justice, and create a community-based environment
Collaborations and Partnerships

- **Center for Science Communication** - creative science storytelling projects from students in JTC319

- **Graphic Design and Art departments** - students creating a brand kit, posters, and other marketing materials

- **Organizations and institutions**
  - NGOs
    - The Growing Project, FoCo Café, Vindeket, Rams Against Hunger, Fort Collins Cultural Enrichment Center, Too Good To Go
  - Colleges on campus - curriculum design
  - United Food and Commercial Workers Local 7
  - Food Systems Institute - Michael Carrolan
  - Larimer County and City of Fort Collins - Food Banks and Plant it Forward programs
Food Justice Week – Toolkit Launch

- The Toolkit will be available beginning April 25, the start of Food Justice Week of Earth Month.
- Overlap with Food Justice activities that the CEJ is hosting throughout the week:
  - Includes field trips, tours of local organizations and farms, and activities to engage students in the movement.
- Used as a baseline of information for students to refer to during Food Justice Week and beyond.
Next Steps:

• Impact measurement system/tool
• Team up with the Food Systems Institute
• Use toolkit to advance other aspects of EJ
• Branch out to create toolkits focused on other aspects of EJ (air quality, transportation, natural disaster effects, etc.)
• Curriculum development and interdisciplinary design
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