

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

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Background

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

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Curriculum

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

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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.






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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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