



Working to build common understanding and facilitate collaborative efforts toward a healthy and equitable food system for all. - Purpose Statement of the Whatcom Food Network Planning Committee

Whatcom Food Network Forum, May 11, 2011

Session I Agenda

8:30 Registration Open

9:00 Welcome and overview of the day
(Facilitator)

9:10 Introduction
Presenters: Whatcom Food System Network Planning Committee Members

9:40 The Big Picture: The food system and why it matters in our community
Presenter: Samya Lutz, Whatcom County Planning Department

10:00 What's your interest in the food system?
Small group activity

Break 10:45

11:00 Findings of the Whatcom County Community Food Assessment
Presenter: Colleen Burrows, WSU Whatcom County Extension

11:20 Equity and the Food System
Presenter: Rosalinda Guillen, Community to Community Development

11:35 Participatory Activity
Gaining a better understanding of our roles in the food system.

12:15 Lunch: soup, salad and fresh baked focaccia bread

12:45 Film Shorts: Two Perspectives on Food Systems

1:00 Weaving the Food Network
Momentum for local food system coordination
Examples from local catalyst projects and model communities
Whatcom Food System Network process & structure

Presenters:

Holly O'Neil, Whatcom Farm to School, Crossroads Consulting
Nicole Willis, Whatcom County Health Department
Mardi Solomon, Whatcom Farm to School, Crossroads Consulting
Laura Ridenour, Sustainable Connections

1:35 Participatory Activity
Asset mapping across the food system

2:10 Break

2:20 Participatory Activity

Assessing our food system coordination needs

3:05 Network next steps, events and evaluation

Presenter: Holly O'Neil, Whatcom Farm to School, Crossroads Consulting

3:15 Closing remarks

3:30 Adjourn

September 2011 Whatcom Food System Forum: Second Session

Keynote speaker from Vancouver Food Security Forum and further development of the Network