

Edible Education Community of Practice #2

June 2nd, 2021 @12.30PST/3.30EST

Meeting Notes and Links

Click here for [the English slides](#)

Click here for [the French slides](#) (see notes in comments for French translation of what was said during the presentation)

Click here for the [video recording of the presentation](#).

1. Welcome

2. Land recognition and the Kamloops residential school

We extended our heartfelt condolences to the families and home communities of the 215 children whose remains were discovered this past week at the former Kamloops Indian Residential School on the land of the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc people.

3. Values and Principles - Theme

The aim of the CoP is to provide a supportive space for those working on food education initiatives to connect, learn, and collaborate with other practitioners across the country. At the last meeting, we collectively developed a set of CoP values and principles, which are still being finalised.

The CoP values we focused on during this meeting were:

- We believe in supporting and celebrating the achievements of all members of the food education community of practice.
- We value indigenous food sovereignty and the rebuilding of just and sustainable food systems in our communities.

4. Check-in - Icebreaker & Networking

In small groups, participants had 10 minutes to introduce themselves and discuss the following questions:

- i. Introductions - Who are you? Where do you come from? What organization are you representing?
- ii. How are you arriving to this meeting today?
- iii. What fruit or vegetable are you today, and why?

5. Guest Presentations

1. Growing Chefs!

- a. Selma Van Halder from Growing Chefs! shared one of the changes due to COVID and explained how the restrictions caused by the pandemic helped them to reach new schools and communities through a new opportunity: their virtual field trip programme.
- b. Click here for the [recording of this presentation](#), Selma's presentation is from 15:16-31:36.
- c. For more information, go to [Growing Chefs' website](#), or email Selma at selma@growingchefs.ca.

2. Kids' Growing City

- a. Leila Mireskandari, from Kids' Growing City, came to share her advice and latest projects. In 2021, they developed their entire curriculum online, so that teachers could run it in their classrooms while they stay at home. They also focused on scaling and expanding Oasis Box for parents. Their approach: Urban Permaculture Educational Business.
- b. Click here for the [recording of this presentation](#), Leila's presentation is from 32:25-49:18.
- c. For more information, go to Kids' Growing City website, or email Leila at leilam@kidsgrowingcity.ca.

6. Breakout Groups

- a. **Networking:** In small groups, participants had 20 minutes to introduce themselves and discuss the following questions:
 - i. Introduction
 - ii. Overcoming challenges - What challenge did you face during the year, and how did you overcome it? What lessons have you learned from the past year? What successes or failures have you celebrated over the past year?
 - iii. Looking to the future - Looking to the next school year, what makes you hopeful? What (literal or metaphorical) seeds did you plant this school year, and what are you looking forward to "harvesting" in the future?
 - iv. Resources and activities - What resources or activities are you using to celebrate National Indigenous History Month?
- b. **Report back:** We heard back from each group about one lesson they have learned this past year in one sentence and any helpful resources for National Indigenous History Month they had in mind. See [the jamboard](#) for notes from these conversations.

7. Closing - How are you feeling after this meeting?

We heard enthusiasm and inspiration from our audience! They shared a lot with their colleagues across Canada, and said they felt supported in their projects and their ideas.

Some examples from the chat box included people saying they felt:

- Grateful, hopeful
- Connected, together
- Inspired, re-energized, encouraged
- Aware

We look forward to our next meeting in October 2021!