



Finding Community Kitchens

Objective: To conduct a case study of Legion 044's institutional food system focusing on kitchen infrastructure and community programming, in order to relate the role of food and the Legion's goals.



The Vancouver Food Strategy

looking for food assets that exist in communities to improve FOOD SECURITY

↳ all people at all times have physical and economical ACCESS to sufficient, safe, and nutritious food¹



Potential Food Asset: Vancouver TV Royal Canadian Legion Branch 44

Location: Hasting-Sunrise, East Vancouver

What they do: Support veterans & people with chest disabilities

Our question: What is their kitchen infrastructure?
How do their goals relate to the Vancouver Food Strategy?

Our Approach: Asset-based community development: focus on the current strengths of the Legion
Interviewed the President of the Legion: Peter Marola



Kitchen Infrastructure:
Office Kitchen
Large gathering space



Current Food Systems
Provide food at Events: Annual Remembrance Day Event, executive meetings and Christmas dinner
Cooking Fundraiser

Community Relationships:
local restaurants donate food
donate fundraised money to charities

Similarities of Goals: Legion Vancouver Food Strategy

help veterans with their disadvantages

increase food insecurity

↳ these disadvantages can cause food insecurity

provide socialization opportunities

improve community involvement

Conclusion:

Through Asset-Based Community Development we were able to *highlight* the strengths of the Legion
Legion Branch 44 could potentially create a *connection* with the Vancouver Food Strategy to use the space for improving food security

Blog Link: <https://blogs.ubc.ca/legionvancouver/tv/>

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