

# RAISING THE ROOF

Cultivating an urban garden space for Gordon Neighbourhood House



## What's Growing On?

### Community Food Security

- \* 1 in 9 households in BC are considered food insecure
- \* By 2050 67% of the population will live in urban areas



### Gordon Neighbourhood House (GNH)

- \*Community Hub in Vancouver's West End
- \*Food Centred Philosophy
- \*Community Lunches, Food Hub, Urban Farming, Capacity Building



### Our Role

- \* An interdisciplinary team with a passion for food literacy and sustainable agriculture
- \* Newcomers to urban farming, eager to learn more!



## Our Objectives

- \* Assist GNH in creating a productive rooftop garden
- \* Build a space that aligns with GNH's Food Philosophy

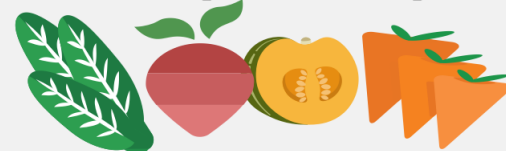


## Sowing the Seeds: Our Approach

### Seed Inventory



### Crop Map



## Why this Matters



Volunteer engagement builds community and awareness around urban agriculture



Community Lunch Program Increases access to nutritious food

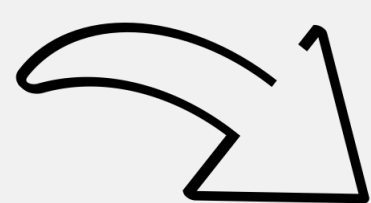


An opportunity to learn, engage in, and connect to the food system

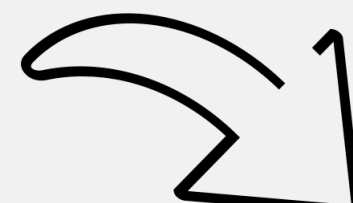
"Although the community gardens are not a solution to community food security indefinitely, it should be used as an example for other communities as well as stepping stone towards a more secure local food system" Joey Liu, Head Farmer, GNH



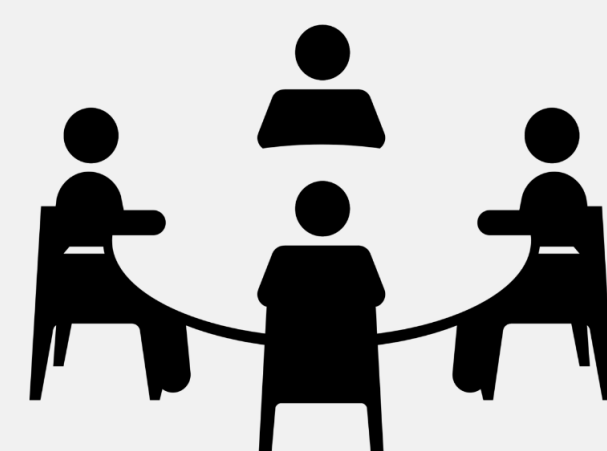
## Take Home Message



Urban farming isn't just about growing vegetables, it's also about growing community



Food is a unifying medium that connects people to each other and to the food system



Check out our story: <https://blogs.ubc.ca/urbanfarmhands101/>

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