



Making Food Matter

Putting Food and Food Policy On the Table

News Bites

Food Buying Decisions for Public Institutions on Vancouver Island

Local Food Means Local Sustainability...

A group of Vancouver Island agencies and businesses are collaborating on a community research project that is designed to help unravel the local food access puzzle by gathering evidence of the demand for local foods. The project will be reaching out to all non-profit and public agencies that serve food on Vancouver Island and the smaller islands to understand how they make decisions about their food purchases.

This research is intended to reveal the extent of interest in shifting food-purchasing practices to support local producers. The project is funded by the BC Medical Services Foundation.

Outreach to over 700 island agencies has begun, and local non-profits and public agencies that serve food should be expecting a phone call from a community researcher very soon. The survey is on-line and should only take a short time to fill out, but the benefits of participating will go a long way towards supporting local agriculture.

There will also be a series of community meetings held across the Island for interested agencies to see the results of the research and to discuss possible next steps. If you would like to find out more about this research project, fill out the survey or would like to attend a public meeting in your area to find out about the results, please contact Darlene Gage, Research Coordinator at 250-334-3795 or email darlenegage@shaw.ca.

For more details about the project, visit <http://www.ediblestrategies.com/gfb.html>.