

Making Change in the Food System

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Groups identified key factors that made food system change possible:

- Listen to problems and solutions – equal exchange.
- Funding that is innovative and provides for flexibility
- Engaging and building capacity of those who have a stake in food systems work.
- Using partnerships that lead to a shared vision of where this movement is going to communicate internally and externally.
- Real value of having comprehensive and quantitative analysis of food system issues
- Policy at various levels: on the ground experience forms policy and policy builds on ground level work
- Funding can support ideas that become fact. Remember that this work is long-term.
- Beyond the need to persuade people to think locally and now need to facilitate change in the broader communities.
- Bring in broader voices – farming, planning, nutrition, dietetics, etc.
- The ability to network within our communities and around the country
- Building communities through asset
- Partnerships and networking
- Organizational flexibility – incredible changes in the way the public accepts our ideas – have organizations in place that have the flexibility for change.
- Creative funds for entrepreneurial work
- Organizations that are broad based (not working in silos)
- Involve large organizations and find beneficial relationships with those we don't usually work with.
- Being able to connect with and institutionalize streams of funding
- Communications to help people connect to all levels of the food system – that bring food to the table – and how they connect.