



Rethinking Food: Local and Global Stories

Event Summary

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Event Purpose

In the Fall of 2017, nine undergraduate students from the University of the Fraser Valley in Abbotsford, British Columbia received scholarships from the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Scholars program to participate in research internships in East Africa. The interns were placed at Ardhi University in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, and the Aga Khan University and United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) in Nairobi, Kenya. After contributing to research projects in urban food systems, it became evident that upon returning to the Fraser Valley, there was an opportunity to connect the research from East Africa to current projects in Abbotsford and surrounding areas. Therefore, after contacting Field House Brewing from Abbotsford, an evening of story-telling and research presentations was planned to showcase experiences examining food systems and sustainability on both a global scale and in local contexts. Featuring interactive presentations from recent interns and special guests working to increase food security in Abbotsford at the community level, the event provided a space for dialogue and networking between residents of the Fraser Valley from different backgrounds.

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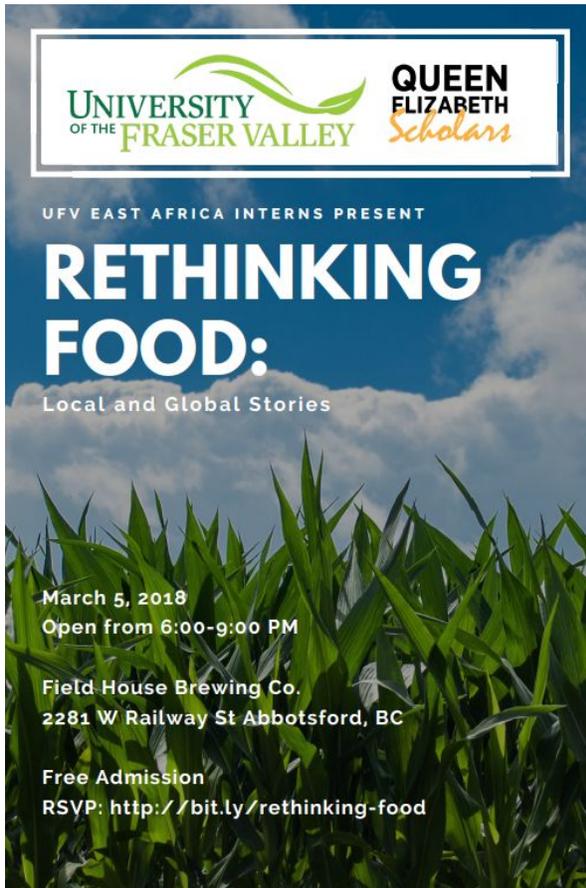
The event connected students, faculty, and staff from the University of the Fraser Valley with individuals from Abbotsford, Chilliwack, Langley, and Surrey. As an open-house style event, guests came through between 6:00 pm and 9:00 pm and were greeted at the doors of Field House Brewing by Chelsea, who introduced the format of the event and spoke about the global partnerships between the University of the Fraser Valley, the Queen Elizabeth II Scholarship, and agencies like UNOPS. Inside the Field House's tasting room, six more interns had posters and visual presentations to share with stories from Kenya, Tanzania, and the Fraser Valley of British Columbia. Day 1 Urban Farm, which is located down the road from the event venue, was featured prominently with their director, Marina Gibson, providing materials and information on the purpose of urban farming and its place in Historic Downtown Abbotsford. Field House Brewing Company provided a large supply of Faspa boards with local meats, cheeses, preserves, pickled vegetables, and fresh kales picked from one of Field House's farms that day. Chef Bonnie Friesen was available to speak with guests about the Field House's farm projects and commitment to promoting sustainable agriculture in the Fraser Valley. Field House also had beer for sale at a special event rate, and the dialogue of sustainable food, agriculture, planning, and policy continued both inside and outside on the brewery's heated patio.

Event Photos





Promotional Materials



Promotional Poster



Instagram Graphic

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Global Partnerships: QES, UFV and UNOPS

Chelsea Krahn

Visualizing Food Systems

Karlene Dowhaniuk

Food Sources of Nairobi, Kenya

Karl Krahn

Coffee Cultivation in Moshi, Tanzania

Amy Chiasson and Josie Dyck

Urban Farming in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

Priyanka Kaul and Alissa Cook

Urban Farming in Downtown Abbotsford

Marina Gibson, Day 1 Urban Farm

Sustainable Local Food and Agriculture

Field House Brewing Co.

