



School Food For All:
Nourishing Futures



L'alimentation scolaire pour tous :
Nourrir l'avenir



YYWC as a Foundation for Developing School Programs

Integrating Schools within Local Food Systems: Community mapping, Success sharing, Partnerships, and Problem-Solving

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2. Who We Are

Yes Youth and Women Can (YYWC) is a Canadian nonprofit organization focused on empowering youth, women, and underserved communities through:

- **Education & Workforce Readiness**
- **Community Development**
- **Food Security & Wellness**
- **Financial Literacy**
- **Youth Empowerment**
- **Community Partnerships**
- **Sustainable Community Programs**

YYWC works to create practical, inclusive, and community-driven solutions that improve long-term well-being and resilience.

3. What We Do

What YYWC Is Doing?

- Education and Skills Development Programs
- Community Wellness Initiatives
- Youth and Women Leadership Development
- Family Support and Community Outreach
- Partnership Building Across Sectors
- Cultural and Community Engagement Programs

Our goal is to strengthen communities by connecting people with opportunities, resources, and sustainable support systems.



4. Why This Conversation Matters



Canada is increasingly focusing on:

- *National School Food Programs*
- *Food Equity & Accessibility*
- *Sustainable Food Systems*
- *Local Food Sourcing*
- *Student Wellness*
- *Climate Resilience*



YYWC believes school food systems should:

- ✓ *Improve student health and learning*
- ✓ *Strengthen local economies*
- ✓ *Support local farmers and producers*
- ✓ *Increase food literacy*
- ✓ *Build healthier and more resilient communities*

5. Presentation Overview

Integrating Schools Within Local Food Systems

This workshop focuses on practical strategies for building sustainable school food systems through:

- Community Mapping
- Success Sharing
- Partnerships
- Problem-Solving





6. COMMUNITY MAPPING, SUCCESS SHARING, PARTNERSHIPS & PROBLEM-SOLVING

1. Community Mapping

- *Community mapping helps schools identify assets already available within their communities.*

2. Success Sharing

- *Communities do not need to start from scratch.*

3. Partnerships

- *Strong school food systems depend on collaboration.*

4. Problem-Solving

- *Many families face barriers that impact food access and wellbeing.*

7. EXPECTED IMPACT & STRATEGIC VALUE

Outcomes for Schools and Communities

- Stronger Community Connections
- Increased Food Literacy
- Stronger Local Economies
- More Resilient Communities



Strategic Value for YYWC:

- A Community Connector
- A Partnership Builder
- A Youth and Family Advocate
- A Champion for Food Security and Wellness
- A Contributor to Canada's Growing School Food Movement

8. Final Message



YYWC believes sustainable school food systems are about more than meals.

They are about:

- **Healthy students**
- **Stronger communities**
- **Educational empowerment**
- **Sustainable local economies**
- **Equity & inclusion**
- **Long-term resilience**

Through this presentation, YYWC aims to contribute practical, community-driven solutions that support the future of school food systems in Canada.



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