

HCI Brown County 11/12/18

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Partner Groups and their rolls

Brown County Community Foundation: Funding management and source

RDC: Collaborator and funding source

Schools: Community outreach space and education

Peaceful Valley Haritage: Partner on cultural projects

LEAP: Community engagement

Others: Purdue Extension: Outreach space, facilitator resources

Soil and Water Conservation: funding source

Ideas on how to start and conduct Food Project

- What we know:
 - 53% of BC children fall under national poverty line; Mother's Cupboard serves on average 170 meals/ day; BC has two seasonal farmers markets; Only three sources of local (within county) food available for our schools to purchase from; HCI survey conducted in early 2018 showed #1 want "Source for fresh local food"; BC has three Community Supported Agriculture (CSA); Families have requested raw milk, eggs and animal shares be available.
 - IGA and other commercial business will and should be invited to participate.
- Available resources to explore: volunteers
 - What is a Food Summit defined
 - Ask for donations and participation from local businesses currently using local food sources ie; Hard Truth, Birds Nest, Hob Nob...
 - Space to host summit; supplies for facilitators
 - Networking with not-for-profits educating on what a food summit is and the benefits of participating
 - Personal emails and phone call should be used to reach out to educate and get commitment to participate.

Group Structure

The rules for Co-op were discussed: based on democracy, volunteers and open to all, autonomous, educational, open to collaboration, are businesses... Are we a business?

Should we be more of a "Commons"? Commons Principals:

Clear defined boundaries; what is out of scope?

Rules fit local circumstances

Participatory decision making: develop a quarum

Some sort of monitoring

Sanctions for people who abuse.

Easy conflict resolution.

The ability to organize.

Should be a function of a larger network facilitating smaller networks.

We like the idea of keeping the name HCI Brown County for future grant opportunities through OCHRA...