

2018 Year in Review



FOOD
INNOVATION
NETWORK

a program of Global to Local

Food Innovation Network's mission is to enhance the local food system, increase access to healthy food, create pathways for success, and support resource and idea-sharing that engages the diverse communities of SeaTac/Tukwila and South King County.



Food Access

We added a new Tukwila Village location to Namaste Farm Stand, in addition to the Matt Griffin YMCA, where we sold produce grown by immigrant and refugee farmers in South King County. Together with our partners at IRC New Roots, we became authorized to accept SNAP/EBT payment as well as Fresh Bucks, and we made locally grown produce affordable and accessible for hundreds of customers. [Hear from a few of them in this video.](#)

Eighteen community leaders joined our two-part [workshop on food access resources](#). Participants then shared these resources with their communities through presentations at ESL classes, social media posts, and other outreach.

We began facilitating the South King Urban Agriculture Network of more than 15 partners focused on supporting land access opportunities and resource coordination for aspiring food growers.



39

farm stand days

28

cook demos

300+

people accessed fresh,
locally grown foods

40+

aspiring refugee and
immigrant growers
connected to resources

Food Business Incubator

We supported local food entrepreneurs in launching and growing their businesses; [hear from some of them in this video](#). Five businesses opened. More than 20 people showed interest in the program, and five [new businesses](#) enrolled.

Our Taste Around the Globe booth was established at the Renton and Federal Way farmers markets, giving entrepreneurs an opportunity to build a customer base.

Meanwhile, we worked on the architectural designs for the future home of our Food Business Incubator, Tukwila Village Food Hall, set to open in early 2020.



7

businesses incubated

55

catering orders

21

farmers market days

Community Engagement

We work to create an equitable community by bringing community members together. This is primarily done through our Community Food Advocates, leaders who represent the diverse multicultural communities of South King County. In 2018 we expanded the cohort from six to nine. Advocates spent over 400 hours in community engagement, leadership trainings, and guidance of FIN's work plan.

Thanks to advocate support and collaboration with more than 15 partner organizations, we reached hundreds of families and individuals through six Community Kitchen Dinners, a Food and Community Resource Fair, and four cooking classes.



9

advocates contributed
over 400 hours of service

6

Community Kitchen Dinners

1

annual Resource Fair