

Call for Breakout Session Proposals for 2025 Vermont Farm to Plate Annual Gathering

Vermont Farm to Plate is excited to invite you to be part of our 15th Annual Gathering on **November 20th and 21st** at **Burke Mountain Resort!**

This year's theme, "**Keep Calm, and Collaborate on: Working Better Together as a Region in Uncertain Times**" calls for sessions that are interactive, hands-on, solutions-focused, action-oriented and collaborative. We're looking for sessions where participants will come away equipped with practical tools, skills, relationships, and next steps to effectively tackle real food system challenges and build a food system that is more resilient, prosperous, and just.

We're looking for interactive 1.5-hour sessions that fall into one of two categories:

- **Skill-Building workshops** focused on practical tools (e.g., consensus-building, equitable financing, advocacy strategy, restorative practices, etc)
- **Experiential Deep Dives** into real-world issues (e.g., land access, farm viability, food access, urban ag, supply chains, climate resilience, etc)

All proposals must connect to at least one of the [Vermont Agriculture and Food System Strategic Plan's four goal areas](#):

1. Economic Development
2. Environmental Sustainability
3. Healthy Local Food for All
4. Racial Equity

Equity and inclusion are essential. Sessions should reflect diverse voices and explicitly integrate DEI-B values in both content and facilitation.

We are committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion, prioritizing proposals featuring a diverse mixture of backgrounds, voices, and perspectives, including farmers, farm workers, food entrepreneurs, and underrepresented groups.

We offer a \$100 honorarium plus mileage reimbursement for facilitators not otherwise compensated.

Applications will be reviewed by a panel comprised of Farm to Plate Steering Committee members and staff. Submissions are due by **Friday, August 15, 2024**. Please reach out to Hannah Baxter, Vermont Farm to Plate Network Manager, with any questions: hannah@vsjf.org.

For more information and to submit your proposal, click here: [Request for Breakout Session Proposals for 2025 Farm to Plate Network Gathering](#)

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🌟 Calling All Vermont Food System Innovators! 🌟

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🤝 We prioritize diversity and encourage proposals from all backgrounds

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📅 Submit by **Aug 15**. For more details and to apply [Click Here](#)

✉️ Questions? Reach out to Hannah Baxter at Hannah@vsjf.org

Let's drive transformative food systems change together! 🌱

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