

LFS Group 6 Proposal. T.V. LEGION

Purpose

To conduct a case study of Legion 044's institutional food system focusing on kitchen infrastructure and community programming, in order to relate the role of food and the Legion's goals.

Significance

Through our interaction with the Legion at West Point Grey, we understood that the legion is not just a space for veterans but anyone interested in being part of the community. In Marpole and Oakridge in the South Vancouver area, there are a higher percentage of seniors and less community-based food assets (Vancouver Food Strategy, 2013).

This project will give us a better understanding on the Legion, it's presence in the community and impact on food security in the area.

It will also allow us to enhance the Legion's role as a food assets in the community to facilitate assets based community development.

Objectives

- Analyze the institutional food system of the Legion through assessing food storage, preparation and waste disposal infrastructure
- Analyze food supply chain of the Legion by assessing where they are getting food and how much they are spending.
- Assessing the types of food-related or potential food-related activities provided by the Legion
- To determine the relationship between the Legion's organizational goals and the community food assets.
- To determine the link between Vancouver City goals through the Vancouver Food Strategy and the Legion's food assets.

Background + Context

We will be assessing the Vancouver TV Royal Canadian Legion (Branch #44), which is located in Hastings-Sunrise, Vancouver. This legion was originated from an organization called Tuberculous Veterans' Association that aimed to provide support for the Tuberculous Veterans of WWI (The Facts, 2016). Tuberculosis is an infectious disease that affects the lungs (Mayo Clinic 2016). In 1925, this organization merged with the Canadian Legion and a year later, Vancouver TV Royal Canadian Legion was formed. The total population number of the local area is 33,990, and 24% of which are 19 year-old and under; 34% 20-44; 27% 45-64; and 15% 65 year-old and above. There are 33,695 people (99% of the regional

population) living in private households, and 2,900 of them are living alone. Additionally, 40% of the regional population speak English as their first language. (City of Vancouver, 2011).

The Legion's mission is to serve veterans, including military and RCMP members, as well as their families. (The Facts, 2016). They do so to not only promote Remembrance but also to serve the community and the county (The Facts, 2016). The Legion also supports seniors, youth, low-income families and other groups of people (The Facts 2016). They promote Remembrance by organizing commemorative programs, such as ceremonies and the Poppy campaign (The Facts 2016). The Legion members volunteer and fundraise which helps support their local community (The Facts 2016).

The Vancouver's Food Strategy expresses that the goal of the Vancouver community is to develop a sustainable food system (Vancouver Food Strategy). This involves the increase in opportunities of growing and supplying local food, which may potentially facilitate access to affordable food for the communities. This program also encourages community composting programs, while promoting food-related events. ("Legion Food System – Vancouver T.V. | Land, Food + Community II (LFS 350)", 2016)

Research questions

- What is the food storage, preparation and waste disposal infrastructure of the Legion?
- What are the avenues of procurement of food and food-related expenses of the Legion?
- What are the types of food-related or potential food-related activities provided by the Legion?
- What are the relationships between the Legion's organizational goals and the community food assets?
- What is the link between Vancouver City goals through the Vancouver Food Strategy and the Legion's food assets?

Methodology + Methods

- Use a standardized questionnaire to interview Legion representatives and community members.
 - Prior to interacting with the Legion and community members, our group is going to complete a course on ethics. We are going to complete Tri-Council Policy Statement: Ethical Conduct for Research Involving Humans (TCPS 2): CORE (Course on Research Ethics) as suggested by our LFS 350 class. To ensure that our interaction is ethical, we will be providing consent forms provided by our lecturer to every person we interact with.
 - "We understand that:

- Consent shall be given voluntarily.
- Consent can be withdrawn at any time.
- If a participant withdraws consent, the participant can also request the withdrawal of their data or human biological materials." (The Consent Process:The Interagency Advisory Panel on Research Ethics (PRE)", 2016)
- Conducting site visits to assess properties and characteristics of the Legion infrastructure
- Review Legion's financial spending on events and food

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