

Hello, and welcome to the upcoming World Environmental Education Congress (WEEC 2017) in Vancouver, and especially to the Community Engagement Day!

You are receiving this because you signed up for the WEEC conference activities on Monday September 11 from 10:00-3:00 at the [UBC Farm and Centre for Sustainable Food Systems](#) at the University of British Columbia.

The Centre for Sustainable Food Systems (CSFS), located at the UBC Farm, is a teaching and research centre that aims to understand and fundamentally transform local and global food systems towards a more sustainable, food secure future. The CSFS is a living laboratory, committed to finding solutions to both the local and global challenges facing food systems sustainability and translating solutions to improve personal, community, and environmental health.

The UBC Farm is a 24-ha teaching and learning space, and integrated production farm. The farm is situated within a 90-year old coastal hemlock forest that comprises a mosaic of cultivated annual crop fields, perennial hedgerows and orchards, pasture, teaching gardens, and forest stands. The UBC Farm is [certified organic](#) through [NOOA](#), and grows over 200 varieties of fruits, vegetables, and herbs. The farm also features honey beehives and egg-laying, open-pasture hens.

Schedule - (subject to change)

10:00 - registration and check-in

10:15-11:15 - UBC Farm Tour, focusing on food literacy and environmental education projects

11:15-12:00 - Dr. Lisa Powell, Discussion and Workshop on [Farm to School partnerships](#)

12-1:00 - Shared Lunch (light lunch provided) and networking with the Cultivating Learning Network. The CLN is a network of teaching and learning gardens at the University of British Columbia (UBC) that supports research, teaching and learning and community engagement for garden-based learning.

1:00-2:30 - Dr. Will Valley, Discussion and Workshop on [Sustainable Food Systems Education](#)

A couple of logistical details:

Please let us know by responding to this email if you need **any accommodations for mobility or other needs** (for example, if you need accommodation because you are using a walker, have low-vision, etc.)

How to get to the Farm!

Travel by public transit:

We will be meeting at 10:00 AM on Monday September 11 at the UBC Farm Yurt near the Farm Centre at **UBC Farm (3461 Ross Drive, on the south campus of UBC)**.

To get to UBC Farm by 10:00 AM by public transit that morning from the Convention Centre in downtown Vancouver takes approximately an hour, so you will need to leave around 9:00 AM. [Here is a Google maps link](#) that gives several different public transit options. (I suggest taking the 44 express bus at 9:00 and connecting with the C20 small community bus on campus, but any of these routes will work fine). Note that there is some construction blocking a bit of the east part of Ross Drive, so you may need to walk around by Gray Avenue to get to the UBC Farm entrance.

When you get to the UBC Farm gate, go inside, turn right, and walk about 300 m till you get to the UBC Farm Yurt

What to wear and bring:

The [14-day weather forecast for September 11](#) (for what it's worth) is predicting temperatures between 20 C (68 F) and 16 C (61 F), with a mix of sun and cloud and a likelihood of light rain. That means you will need to bring layers of clothes, including a waterproof rain jacket (with a hood) and a sweater or fleece, closed-toe shoes or boots suitable for walking on a farm, sun hat, sunglasses, and a water bottle. Prepare for a variety of temperatures and possible light rain showers as we will mostly be outside!

Please feel free to email with any further questions or just to say hello!

Looking forward to meeting you in Vancouver soon,

The UBC Farm Team