



Season 2, Episode 4:

“We can’t simply redistribute food waste to hungry people”: Food Waste, the Right to Food, and Municipal Solutions in Vancouver

Featuring Jaime-Lynne Varney

Discussion Questions

1. What are the differences between food waste and food surplus? Why is the difference in language important for food charity that relies on surplus food? How might the use of those terms impact the people accessing food charities?
2. What are some differences you notice between a charity model of food access and a Right to Food framework? How might a Right to Food framework impact current charity models that imagine the redistribution of food waste as a key solution to food insecurity?
3. After hearing about the work done in Vancouver, what changes do you think could be made in your own city regarding food waste and equity?
4. What are some ways you think that the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted food access and equity?
5. Choose a processed food that typically follows a linear food supply chain (e.g., beer) and consider what might need to change for this product to be part of a more circular economy and to reduce food loss.