

SESSION 1: FOOD SHARING  
DIVERSE THEORIES & PRACTICES

# FOOD SHARING: UNITY IN DIVERSITY?

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FOOD SHARING: CONTEMPORARY CULTURES, PRACTICES  
AND ECONOMIES

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# DIVERSE DEFINITIONS

## share

verb • UK  /ʃeə/ US  /ʃer/

- ★ **A2** [I or T] **to have or use something at the same time as someone else:**

*She's very possessive about her toys and finds it hard to share.*

*Bill and I shared an office for years.*

*I share a house **with** four other people.*

- ★ **A2** [I or T] **to divide food, money, goods, etc. and give part of it to someone else:**

*Will you share your sandwich **with** me?*

*Let's share the sweets (**out**) **among/between** everyone.*

*We should share (**in**) the reward.*

- ★ **B2** [I or T] **If two or more people share an activity, they each do some of it:**

*Shall we share the driving?*

*We shared the preparation for the party **between** us, so it wasn't too much work.*

- ★ **B1** [I or T] **If two or more people or things share a feeling, quality, or experience, they both or all have the same feeling, quality, or experience:**

*We share an interest **in** sailing.*

*All hospitals share some common characteristics.*

*I don't share your views/beliefs.*

*The management and the union both share **in** the responsibility for the crisis.*

*She knew that he was the person she wanted to share her life **with**.*

- ★ **C1** [T] **to tell someone else about your thoughts, feelings, ideas, etc.:**

*He's not very good at sharing his worries.*

*It's nice to have someone you can share your problems **with**.*

*Come on, Bob, share the joke (**with** us).*

- ★ [T] **to put something on a social media website so that other people can see it, or to let other people see something that someone else has put on a website :**

[Cambridge English Dictionary, 2017]

## sharing economy

noun [C, usually singular] • SPECIALIZED

- ★ **an economic system that is based on people sharing possessions and services, either for free or for payment, usually using the internet to organize this:**

*The article discussed Uber, Airbnb, and the consequences of **the** sharing economy.*

[Cambridge English Dictionary, 2017]



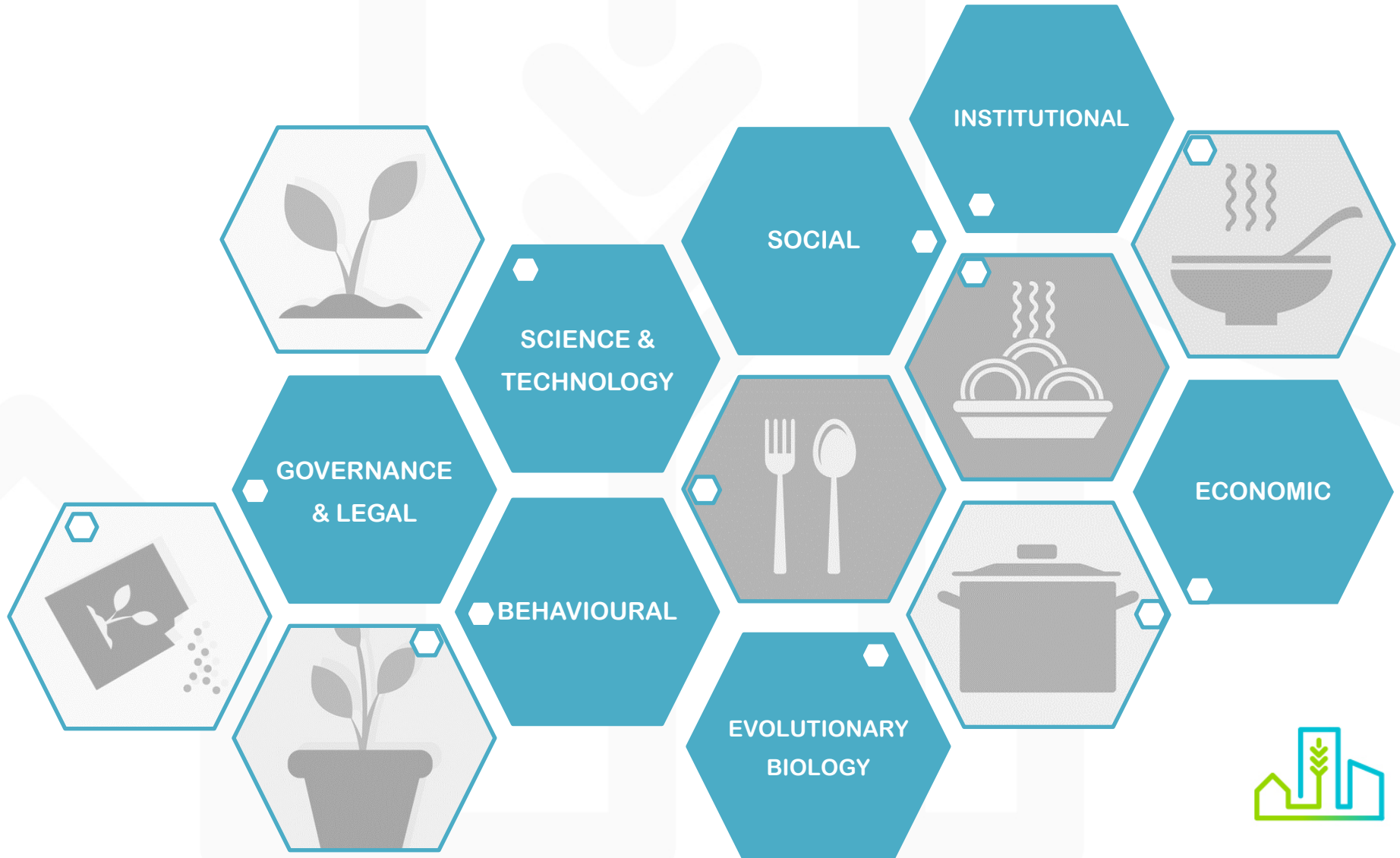
[Boyko et al, The little book of sharing in the city, 2016]



[Rachel Botsman 2015]

# DIVERSE THEORIES

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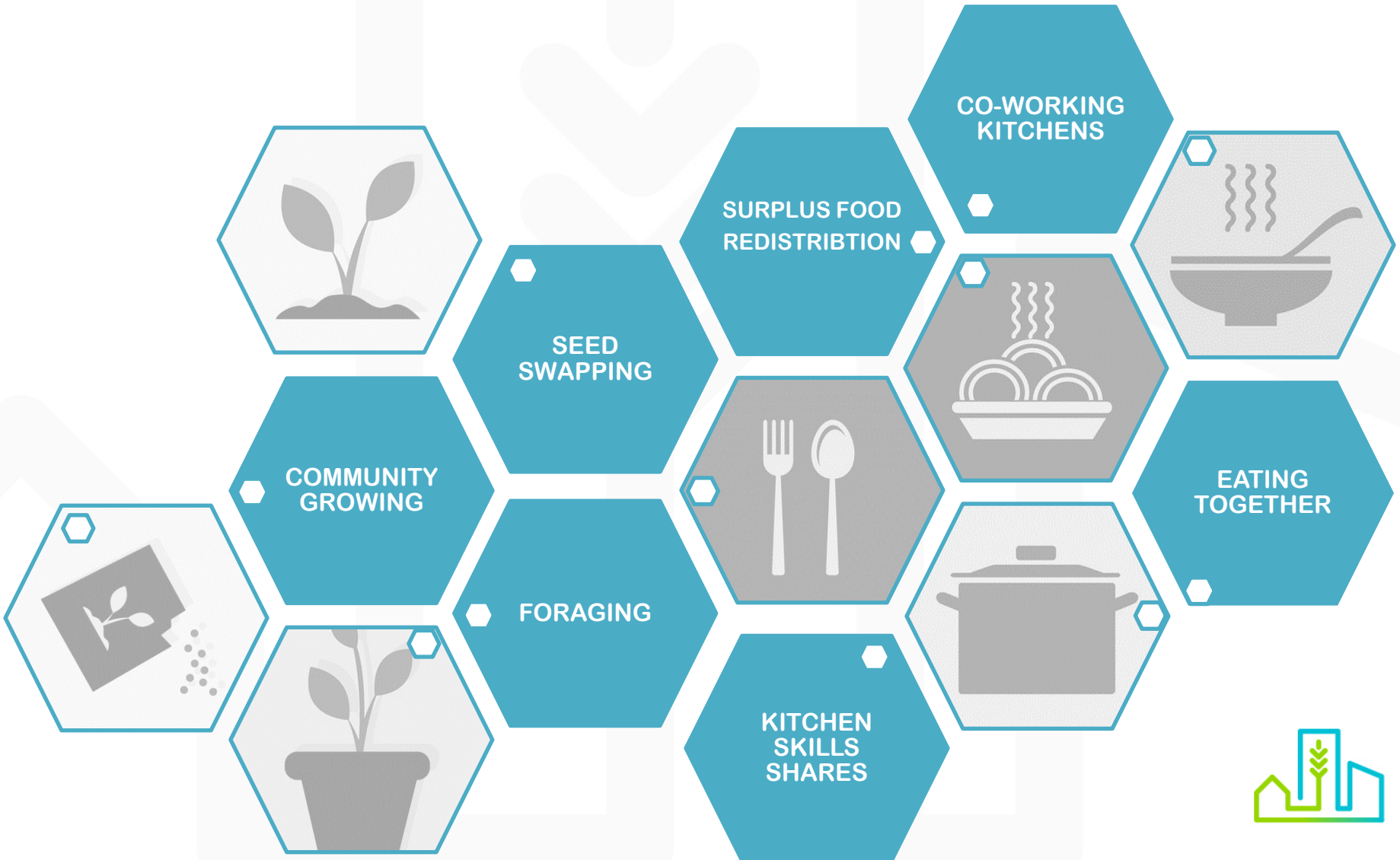
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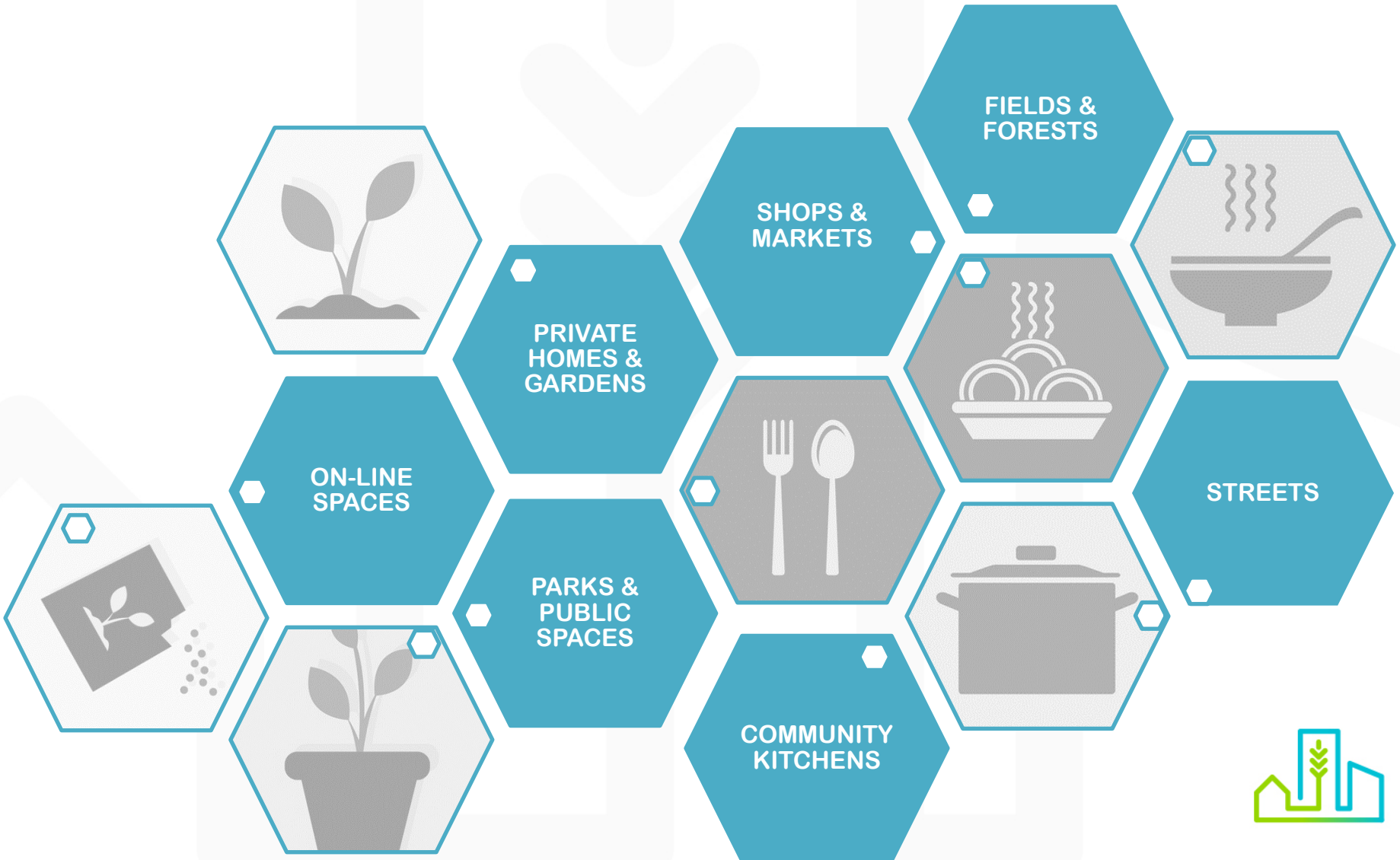
# DIVERSE PRACTICES

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# DIVERSE SITES

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# VARIETIES OF FOOD SHARING

Mode of sharing What is shared	Informal	Gifting	Bartering	Selling Not-for-profit	Selling For-profit
<b>Stuff</b> From seeds, to unprocessed and processed foodstuffs including utensils, food waste or compost	<b>Sharing the food that has been 'liberated', foraged or gleaned</b> e.g. 510 fruits, Berkeley, USA	<b>Providing foodstuff for free</b> e.g. FoodCloud.ie	<b>Swapping foodstuff</b> e.g. Adelaide Hills Produce Swap, Australia	To <b>redistribute excess food</b> on a not-for-profit basis e.g. Foodsharing.de	<b>Selling homecooked food that generates income beyond the costs of production</b> e.g. Cookisto, Athens
<b>Spaces</b> From shared growing spaces to shared food preparation and shared eating spaces	<b>Guerilla gardening of public open spaces</b> e.g. Elephant and Castle roundabout, London	<b>Providing spaces for growing for free</b> e.g. The Monroe Sharing Gardens, USA	<b>Providing spaces where food can be exchanged for labour</b> e.g. Local foodstores	<b>Providing spaces for people to grow food on a NFP basis</b> e.g. Milwaukee Urban Gardens	<b>Providing spaces for supper clubs</b> e.g. The Underground Supper Club, Dublin
<b>Skills</b> Including the sharing of knowledge and experiences around food from growing to eating and food waste disposal	<b>Identifying places</b> where gleaning or foraging might occur e.g. Fallen Fruit, Los Angeles, USA	<b>Providing skills</b> around growing, e.g. 3000 acres, Melbourne, Australia	<b>Opportunities to swap learning</b> about growing food, swap seeds and produce e.g. Grow stuff, Melbourne, Australia	<b>Providing training</b> around nutrition or growing e.g. Hunger mountain co-op, Montpellier, USA	<b>Opportunities for travelers to eat at home with locals</b> e.g. Eat With, operating in cities globally

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Modes of sharing Organisational forms	Collecting	Gifting	Bartering	Selling (NFP)	Selling (FP)
<b>For-profit</b>	Gleaning, <a href="#">Fruit magpie</a> , London, UK	Community growing, <a href="#">The Joinery</a> , Adelaide, Australia	Community garden, <a href="#">Citizen Gardening</a> , Bengaluru, India	Community farm, <a href="#">Mill Creek Farm</a> , Philadelphia, USA	Mealsharing, <a href="#">Eat With</a> , Global
<b>Social enterprise</b>	Gleaning, <a href="#">SEND</a> , Tokyo, Japan	Food redistribution, <a href="#">Espigoladors</a> , Barcelona, Spain	Community composting, <a href="#">Kokoza</a> , Prague, Czech Rep.	Meal sharing, <a href="#">Dinner Exchange</a> , Berlin, Germany	Shared kitchens, <a href="#">Sambucus</a> , Barcelona, Spain
<b>Co-op</b>	Food rescue, <a href="#">Fruta Feia</a> , Lisbon, Portugal	Food growing, <a href="#">The dirty beanstalk</a> , Canberra, Australia	Community supported agriculture, <a href="#">Jivabhumi</a> , Bengaluru, India	Co-operative gardens, <a href="#">Rooftop Garden</a> , Johannesburg, South Africa	Shared food processing, <a href="#">Three Stone Hearth</a> , Berkeley, USA
<b>Charity, Not-for-Profit</b>	Gleaning, <a href="#">Boston Area Gleaners</a> , Boston, USA	Food skills sharing, <a href="#">3000 Acres</a> , Melbourne, Australia	Seed swapping, <a href="#">Seed Savers</a> , Sydney, Australia	Food surplus redistribution, <a href="#">Your Local</a> , Copenhagen, Denmark	City Farm, <a href="#">Newham City Farm</a> , London, UK
<b>Association</b>	Mapping harvests, <a href="#">New Zealand Fruit and Food share map</a> , Wellington, NZ	Community growing, <a href="#">Roots and Rays</a> , Chicago, USA	Seed swapping, <a href="#">Southern Seed Exchange</a> , Wellington, New Zealand	Community gardens, <a href="#">Kleingärtnerverein Köln-Braunsfeld</a> , Cologne, Germany	Urban growing, <a href="#">Dallas Urban Farms</a> , USA
<b>Informal</b>	Mapping urban harvests, <a href="#">Fruktkartan</a> , Stockholm, Sweden	Food gifting, <a href="#">Food not bombs</a> , Global	Collective food processing, <a href="#">Preserving Traditions</a> , Ann Arbor, USA	Informal food parks, <a href="#">Houston Food Park</a> , USA	Urban growing, <a href="#">Urban Oyster</a> , Dublin, Ireland



# SHARECITY100 DATABASE

CITY: **ALL** | WHAT IS SHARED: **ALL** | HOW IT IS SHARED: **ALL**

4009 food sharing activities on map [List View](#)

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**WELCOME TO SHARECITY100 DATABASE!**

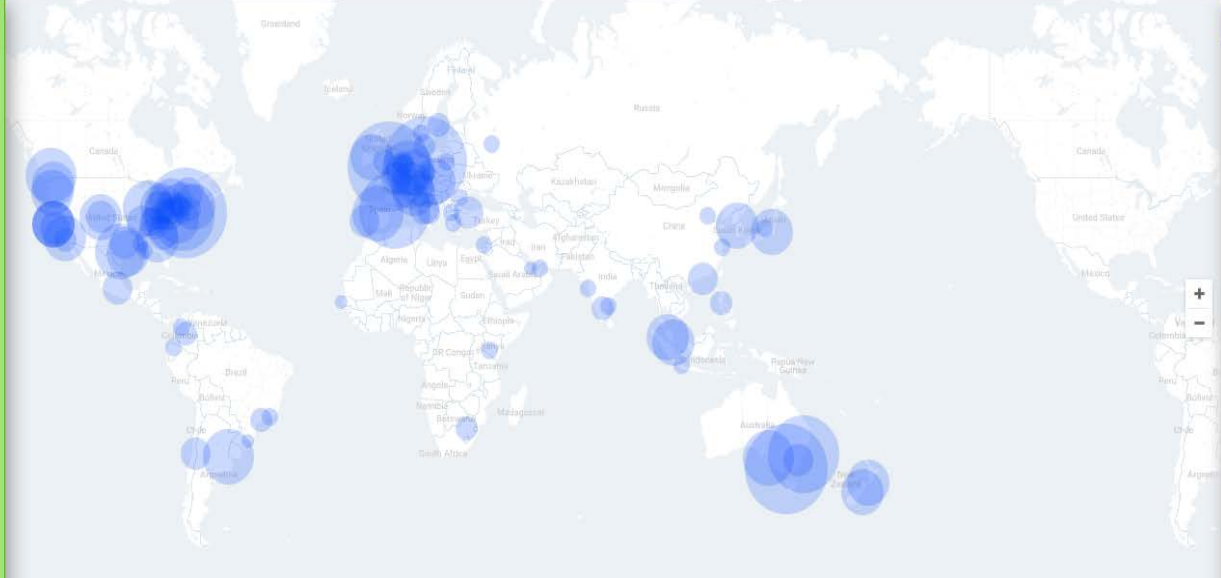
Explore the map or use the drop-down menus to see what and how food is being shared within 100 cities around the world.

Scroll below the map to get more details about the food sharing activities matching your search.

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Not on the map? Have Questions? [Contact us!](#)



**DESCRIPTION**

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**HOW IT IS SHARED**

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**SHARING ORGANIZATION**

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**4009 FOOD SHARING ACTIVITIES ON MAP**

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NAME	CITY	WHAT IS SHARED	HOW IT IS SHARED	SHARING ORGANISATION
<a href="#">Adelaide Central Market Community Kitchen</a>	Adelaide			
<a href="#">Adelaide Hills Produce Swap</a>	Adelaide			
<a href="#">Adelaide Kitchen Gardeners</a>	Adelaide			
<a href="#">Adelaide Local Exchange Trading System</a>	Adelaide			
<a href="#">Australian City Farms and Community Gardens Network</a>	Adelaide			
<a href="#">Blackwood Urban Orchard</a>	Adelaide			

# UNITY?

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- Does food sharing as “doing things together” provide enough common ground for productive analysis?
- Should we be sharpening rather than narrowing definitions around sharing?
- Is it possible to study the geographies of food sharing more holistically?



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