Untangling smart and sustainable city narratives through food sharing in Singapore

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SHARECITY

SHARECITY is a 5-year research project led by Professor Anna Davies (Trinity College Dublin) and funded by the European Research Council which is exploring the practice and sustainability potential of city-based food sharing economies.

Objectives

- Develop **deeper theoretical** understanding of contemporary food sharing
- Generate **comparative international empirical** data about food sharing activities within cities
- Assess the **impact** of food sharing activities
- Explore how food sharing in cities might **evolve** in the future
Sharing

SHARING AS AN EVERYDAY SOCIAL PRACTICE
Sharing a meal with friends and family; sharing a kitchen with colleagues; sharing garden with neighbors

SHARING ECONOMIES
Stretching contemporary sharing into new spaces and scales; emerging forms of strangers-sharing

ICT MEDIATED SHARING
New forms of networked sociality; co-creation and co-production models; online communities of practices

SUSTAINABILITY CLAIMS BUT LIMITED EVIDENCE BASE
“A means to build community, to distribute (and re-distribute) resources more efficiently, to tread more lightly on our environment” (Gaskins, 2010)
What is meant by food sharing

- Have a portion of FOOD with another or others; [shared consumption]
- Give a portion of FOOD to others; [gifting]
- Use, occupy, or enjoy FOOD jointly; [shared use of space & experiences]
- Possess an interest in FOOD in common; [shared interest]
- Tell someone about FOOD [shared knowledge/skills] (OED, 2014)

Our focus is on food sharing activities enabled by information and communications technologies (ICT)

Community gardens, CSAs, soup kitchens, food banks, potluck, meal sharing apps, collective buying schemes, food rescue, cooperatives, community kitchens, gleaning, foraging, dumpster diving, land and yard sharing, tool libraries, seed exchanges, food swaps, food education programs, skill shares, fermentation club, urban beekeeping guilds, meetup groups, food mapping sites
49 food sharing activities in Singapore

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Food Sharing

- Home chefs
- Supper clubs
- Potluck
- Neighbors sharing
- Community kitchens

- Social Media Platforms
  - Apps
  - Maps
- Websites

ICT

- growing food together
  - Community gardens
  - Urban farming
  - Rooftop-gardens
  - Home growing
  - Edible gardens

- saving food from waste
  - Peer to peer food sharing
  - Soup kitchens
  - Food banks
  - Donors and beneficiaries
  - Composting
  - Public fridges
What is Kampong today?

I personally don’t use the word becoz it’s been co-opted to mean some sort of utopia where everyone was living harmoniously together. Things hv never been so simple and they will never b.

Kampung spirit can be seen through sharing food and having meals together.

When you run short of ingredients half way during cooking, you can ask for oil or pandan leaves from your neighbors.

Also if we go for holiday trip, we help each other water plants and feeding pets. I love my neighbors, we have Kampung spirit.

😊
Want to try home cooked food and share with others!
Please do not remove the containers
If you’re planning a Thai cookout with family & friends we have all 3 key culinary ingredients FREE for pickup today.

(1) Kaffir lime leaves
(2) Thai coriander
(3) Galangal or Blue Ginger

Pickup from 7 Wilton Close, SG 138757 before 7pm. What’s App 97368007 when enroute.

Borage-flavored lemonade and Borage herbal tea recipes, with leaves harvested from a school edible garden. Sharing by Sox at Mother Earth Toastmaster Club!

A shout-out for an initiative by Nizar Bigbear Zalco of Free Food for All. This coming Saturday 8 July dinner time, they are distributing 1,000 meal packets to 3 dormitories:

(1) 48 Sungei Kadut Street 1, Singapore 729377 (300 pkts)
(2) Lorong Lada Hitam @ Mandai (400 Pkts)
(3) Woodlands Lodge 2, 190 Woodlands Industrial Park E7 (300 Pkts)

See more.

1,000 meals for our migrant workers

How do you feel about giving 1000 meals to our migrant workers on 8th July 2017 (Saturday) 5-7pm? You will be distributed at different dormitories.

If you want to volunteer and help distribute the food, please fill up the form below:

More information on Free Food for All:
https://www.facebook.com/food4allsg/
https://www.freedom.org.sg/

- Required

Your name *

Your answer

Your mobile number *

Your answer

1,000 meals for our migrant workers

Free Food for All is planning to serve 1000 meals to our migrant workers on 8th July 2017 (Saturday), from 7 to 9pm, at 3 different locations. If you want to volunteer and help distribute the food, please fill up the form below!
Messy Food Sharing

- Permanent transformations, a sense of temporariness
- Rhizomatic, messy, ad hoc processes and practices of food-sharing
- Spaces – in between, intermediary actors, soft interventions
- Smart Nation vs Technologies of knowledge commoning
- Visceral/lateral messiness through the participation with the initiatives
- Conceptual/methodological messiness of researching an emergent and evolving set of practices in another culture
Thank you!

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