Join us as we chat about garden spaces in Whatcom County, sustainable land use practices, equitable food systems, food education, and access to healthy food. Dig into various food programs that are available with the Bellingham Food Bank, Common Threads Farm, and WWU's AS Outback Farm. What can access to healthy food look like in this community? Join the discussion and be part of a plan to build our network of food advocates!

Bellingham Food Bank is a 501(c)3 nonprofit that believes hunger is unacceptable. BFB rescues, harvests and purchases food to provide free groceries to Bellingham families in a low-barrier and dignified environment. 1 in 5 Bellingham households access BFB annually.

The Outback Farm is a place of reflection, education, advocacy and agriculture on the WWU campus. Our focus is to enable students to grow food for students, with most of the produce going to farm participants, campus food pantries, and the Bellingham Food Bank. The farm includes community gardens, chickens, educational agricultural rows, a new teaching apiary, and the forest garden where we're practicing permaculture techniques. Students also pursue experiential learning about food access, environmental justice, and how important agriculture is for empowerment, community, resilience, and health.

Common Threads connects kids with healthy food through hands-on gardening, cooking, and eating programs. We believe that when kids eat better, they learn better, act better and feel better. Empowering young people to make healthy food choices is one of the simplest and most effective ways that we can help all youth – particularly those living in high-risk circumstances – to be more successful in their lives physically, emotionally, and academically.

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