

# Connecting Through Controversy

Perspectives on  
Food Systems  
Outreach



# Panelists

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# Ground Rules

1. Accept difference.
2. Acknowledge your deep-seated beliefs and assumptions.
3. Listen to others with intention to learn.

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What **food system conversation** could your public garden facilitate in your community?

What **challenges might emerge** as part of that conversation?

# Reflection & Dialogue

1. **Silent self reflection** (2 minutes)
2. **Split into pairs, share** (4 minutes)
3. **Join into groups of 4-6, panelists join a group and facilitate** (12 minutes)
  - a. What are the similarities and differences in reactions among your group?
  - b. What feelings are arising?
  - c. What can we do to overcome the possible challenges that lie ahead?



# HELLO FROM D.C.

**What is your biggest takeaway from this conversation?**

**What's now on your “action” list?**

**What do you want to remember?**

