

Making Ends Meet Member Action Plan Template													
Action	York Region Food Charter <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Build a York Region Food Charter to provide vision for food in the community – a Food Charter will act as a catalyst for food projects by bringing people and groups together in innovative ways. 												
Member Organization	York Region Food Network (as a member of the Forum for Children, Youth, and their Families in York Region)												
What curves is this action turning?	Community Result(s): Economic Self-sufficiency Indicator: Food Security												
Current Status of Initiative as of April 2014 <i>(Please select one of the following)</i>	<table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td>In progress</td><td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td>Not started</td><td><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Completed</td><td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td>On hold</td><td><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cancelled</td><td><input type="checkbox"/></td> <td>Postponed</td><td><input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> </table>	In progress	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not started	<input type="checkbox"/>	Completed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	On hold	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cancelled	<input type="checkbox"/>	Postponed	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Performance Measures <i>(Please tell us about your progress and let us know how you are doing. Let us know if there is any new information; new partners that you have brought to the table; what is working well and, if there any changes to the action plan)</i>	<p>Tell us how your action is progressing. Consulted with communities in York Region’s 9 municipalities to develop the York Region Food Charter (YRFC), a community vision for a healthy, resilient and just food system for York Region. Through projects, community engagement, partnership development and research, the YRFC has been a platform to build capacity in food security and policy development via education, outreach and collaboration with various stakeholders in York Region.</p> <p>Please provide a short answer to each performance measures to help identify contributions to the Making Ends Meet community results:</p> <p>How much did we do? (Quantity of Effort) Eight core stakeholders formed a Working Group to develop the YRFC and coordinate related activities. This Group hosted 7 ‘Food for Change’ events, bringing together representatives from local businesses, agriculture, schools, community agencies, government and residents. Over 500 people were consulted in the development of the YRFC. Three community food projects were created (Fresh! Community Kitchens, upStream aquaponics, and the 2015 Urban Agriculture initiative).</p> <p>How well did we do? (Quality of Effort) As of March 2014, the YRFC has been endorsed by 5 advisory committees and municipalities in York Region. The Working Group has been active in bringing the community together through events and 36 outreach opportunities. We have formed strong alliances with key stakeholders, established baseline data to inform food policy and created programs to improve food access in York Region.</p> <p>Is anyone better off? (Quantity and Quality of Effect) Since 2011, the YRFC has been able to leverage over \$315,000 for community food programs, events and research to raise awareness of food security and inform healthy food policies. The YRFC provides opportunities for research, community discussions, networking and action. Municipal support for the Food Charter and food system champions in York Region has increased.</p> <p>Tell us how the York Region Food Charter can support the work of the Board. The YRFC supports the work of the HSPB in fostering food security by building capacity, collaborations and connections through outreach and educational opportunities within the community. Food is a lever that unites all sectors, and similar to the mission of the HSPB, the YRFC is focused on a systems-based, integrated, coordinated approach to increase food security and create healthy vibrant communities. HSPB can support the Food Charter by sharing it with their respective organizations and networks.</p>												

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