

Youth affiliated with the following schools and community-building organizations have joined **Youth Venture SF Bay Area's JUST FOOD** program to develop youth-led social ventures to promote food justice in their East Bay communities.

Over a period of ten weeks, teams of youth have engaged in market research, group visioning, and strategic planning to develop modified business plans for their ventures.

Read the mission statements of each team below and get a taste of what these youth teams will be presenting to a panel of community members at the **2011 JUST FOOD Community Panel on March 27th, 2011** for access to \$1000 in seed funding. Join us for the action by **RSVPing [here](#)**

Head Royce

In partnership with the Children's Hospital of Oakland, the team plans to increase access to fresh fruits and vegetables for Oakland residents by expanding Community Supported Agriculture programs (CSA) and introducing seasonal food fairs in the community.

Freedom Soul Kitchen

To create a youth-run healthy foods collective in East Oakland that will host poetry and lounge events to unite the community, increase health awareness and raise funds to feed the homeless.

Alameda Point Collaborative's Growing Youth Project

To distribute affordable, farm fresh produce from the Growing Youth Project farm to the Alameda Point community through a mobile farm stand.

Oakland Food Connection

To increase food awareness and food justice in East Oakland by engaging students to plant and harvest food at EC Reems Academy of the Arts' school garden, then cook and serve the food to students in a Food and Nutrition booth on campus.

Youth Noise

To build a garden at Y.E.S. school in Oakland and support a group of students to manage it. The team then plans to work with teachers to implement a coupon system where students are rewarded for positive social and academic behavior with coupons for free produce from the garden.

Planting Justice

To give Oakland families a chance to grow and harvest their own organic, fresh produce by offering a service to build raised garden beds in residents' backyards at an affordable price.

Berkeley Youth Alternatives

To sell sustainably raised, organic fish from an aquaponic fish system located in the Berkeley Youth Alternative's community garden to the surrounding community at an affordable price.

Farm Fresh Choice

To offer nutritious food to the Bay Area through Farm Fresh Catering, a youth-led business that sets the trend for freshness in service, food presentation and taste. Farm Fresh Catering advocates for sustainability by buying produce from local farmers, and empowers its youth leaders through training in business, marketing, nutrition and food justice education.

Green Pioneers

To provide local, healthy and affordable farmers' market produce to the deep East Oakland community by partnering with Oakland Unified School District (OUSD) to create a regular farm stand and community events on the campus of Castlemont Community of Small Schools.

East Bay Asian Youth Center

To promote cross-cultural understanding and build community at Oakland High School by unifying diverse groups through food.

We look forward to seeing you at the 2011 JUST FOOD Community Panel!

March 27th, 2011

9:00am to 5:30pm

The Goldman Theater, located at the

David Brower Center

2150 Allston Way

Berkeley, CA 94704

More details here: <http://www.pingg.com/rsvp/vj3vj285jft6eh3v2>

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