

# Slow Food USA Theory of Change

## Assumptions

Food is political. Grassroots networks are uniquely equipped to create a society in which access to healthy food is the norm, where biocultural diversity is thriving, and food sovereignty is realized in communities across the United States.

## Purpose

Slow Food is a global network of local communities acting together to ensure good, clean and fair food for all.

### GOOD

joyful + meaningful

### CLEAN

resourceful + regenerative

### FAIR

equitable + accessible

### FOR ALL

without exception

## Mission

Slow Food USA unites the joy of food with the pursuit of justice. We cultivate nationwide programs and a network of local chapters, host educational events and advocacy campaigns, and build solidarity through partnerships.

## Pillars

We nourish cultural and biological diversity.

We promote food education and the transfer of traditional knowledge and skills.

We influence policies in public and private sectors.

## Future

The future we desire is already beginning to take shape in our kitchens, on farms and within our communities. A revolution for joy + justice is radiating across the network, and a new paradigm of life-affirming and regenerative communities, networks and institutions is emerging:

All people feel a strong sense of belonging within Slow Food

Connections between all living beings are rekindled

## Vision

We envision a world where all people can eat food that is good for them, good for the people who grow it, and good for the planet.

## Values

Community representation and participation

Equity, inclusion and justice in our relationships, work and lives

Experimentation, flexibility and agility

Gratitude, reciprocity and transparency in relationships

Mindfulness and interconnectedness

## Roles + Strategies

**We are weavers:**  
we connect leaders and resources

**We are builders:**  
we foster solidarity and cultivate relationships

**We are storytellers:**  
we tell stories of food, people and places

**We are disruptors:**  
we inspire bold action



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