

VIHA Food Security Update

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New Regional Coordinator

We are pleased to welcome Jarrod Gunn-McQuillan to our team. He has started in the position as our new Regional Coordinator, Food Security. He brings with him a diverse background including farming and agriculture research, community development and food systems and community food security work as a community nutritionist.

Changes to Community Food Action Initiative

The 2008-2009 Community Food Action Initiative funding application process was changed to include multi-year funding. Applicants were encouraged to apply for multi-year funding to allow for longer term planning of projects and initiatives.

Community Food Security Hubs

Five food security Hubs have been identified on Vancouver Island. These Hubs are a great source for resources, events and activities rooted in our communities. Individuals, groups and organizations can utilize these Hubs to learn more about community food security and how to get involved in their area. We encourage you to contact these groups and check out their websites to find out more.

CR-FAIR - <http://www.communitycouncil.ca/activities.php#food> – 250-383-6166

Capital Families Association – <http://www.capfamilies.org/food/> - 250-391-4320

Cowichan Green Community – <http://www.cowichangreencommunity.org/> - 250-748-8506

Food Link Nanaimo – <http://www.foodlinknanaimo.com/> - 250-758-7282

LUSH Valley Food Action Society - <http://www.lushcomoxvalley.org/> - 250-338-4445.
[Click here](#) for an update on LUSH Valley's activities.