



SPRINGBOARD Social Innovation Forum

November Theme: *Hunger*

The 2nd Wednesday of each month~

Welcome to the Springboard Social Innovation Forum.

It's time to see things differently.

If you think the world's problems are too big to solve locally, look around. If you want to make a difference but don't know how, get inspired. You'll discover support and strategies for how to turn your concerns into action.

What does social innovation look like? Who are the innovators among us? What does it take to launch a good idea into action, and then keep it going? That's what this forum is all about. With art exhibits, dialogue, expert advice, and plenty of real-life examples, Springboard Social Innovation Forum invites you to think. Ask questions. Find your passion. Take action.

Get enraged. Get engaged. Get busy.

Tonight, Springboard Social Innovation Forum turns the focus to hunger.

It's a problem facing our own community as well as people around the world. Along with raising awareness about hunger, tonight's forum invites you to become part of the solution. To set the mood, nine local artists have converted refrigerators into creative statements about hunger. Panelists will share their strategies for change and discuss some challenging questions:

- **How do we avoid wasting food?**
- **Is food the answer to hunger? Is any food good food?**
- **How can gardening, local farming, school and community gardens, gleaning, and food banks work together to make our community healthier?**
- **What can we do in our everyday lives to end hunger—globally and locally?**

Chances are, you'll have some good answers of your own. Tonight is your chance to talk about them with others in the community who share your concern. And if you have an idea ready to turn into action, you'll find experts ready to help you get started.

The Springboard Social Innovation Forum is a monthly community event sponsored by Springboard Innovation, a nonprofit organization based in Portland that fosters community-led community change. Our mission is to help launch social change, led by local community members... like you.



Launching community-led community change.

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6:00 p.m.

Welcome. Grab a salad and a sandwich, then jump in!

Let people see your idea. On the fridge, write a good idea you think should be implemented to solve hunger.

6:15 p.m.

Welcome: Amy Pearl, Executive Director, Springboard innovation

6:30 p.m.

Hunger Panel: Community activists and experts discuss varied efforts and ideas to grow healthier communities with everything from gardening to gleaning. They also answer your questions.

- Facilitated by Clare Simons, Founder of the GleanShare Network

7:15 p.m.

Session #1 Workshops begin

1. **School Gardens.** Matt Bibeau, Tryon Life Community Farm: *Designed to walk parents, teachers and community members through all of the stages necessary in starting or expanding your school's garden and garden education program.*
2. **Working within Existing Organizations.** Meg Busse and Erin Barnhart, Idealist: *The benefits on working with an existing organization rather than creating a new one. Expertise on volunteering locally and abroad.*
3. **Location Aware Media Prototyping.** Anselm Hook, Makerlab: *How to use mainstream websites, such as Twitter and Google Maps, to locate unwanted food and distribute it to hungry people.*
4. **How to Be a Gleaner.** Sharon Straus, Sunshine Pantry, and JaneAnne Morton, Urban Gleaners: *A crash course to gleaning in Portland. Learn what you can do in your everyday life to help alleviate hunger.*

Or, work at the Hands-On Table, meet with Springboard staff, use the computers, get ideas from others...

8:00 p.m.

Session #2 Workshops begin
(repeat of the above sessions)

8:45 - 9:00

Summary and Close

The Springboard Social Innovation Forum offers multiple ways to connect:

- ✓ The **"Toad in the Road"** is an approach to identifying a common obstacle. What's our shared "Toad in the Road" re: *hunger*? What can we do together to overcome it?
- ✓ **Professional Services Sessions** are 45 minute workshops. Each focuses on providing useful information concerning social issues. These are repeated during each Forum.
- ✓ **Cooperative Tables** are places where one person launching an idea needs help from others. Claim a table, define the need, and ask for help. Anyone can sit and offer advice, feedback, ideas—a sort of community focus group.
- ✓ The **Hands-On Table** is a place to take action in a more personal way, taking social change into the community by creating meaningful artifacts to share.