

Urban Teaching Farm Project Steering Committee and Coordinator Profiles

Steering Committee Members

Darren Hanscomb

Darren was born and raised in Fredericton, New Brunswick, from a family with rural farming roots. He has a personal interest in local food and food security that has developed from his careers as a chef and as a culinary teacher. Skills that he brings to the UTF group include Educational experience and leadership. Through trades experience in many areas and being a lifetime Fredericton resident, Darren has broad network with which to discuss and promote the project. Formal credentials include a Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction, a Degree in Advanced Undergraduate Studies in Education (DAUS), and a Bachelor of Education degree (Skilled Trades and Technology Education) all from the University of New Brunswick. He holds two Journeymen's certificates one as a Licensed Automotive Technician and another as a Journeyman Cook. Darren has been a teacher at Fredericton High School Since January 2007, is 20 years married with two sons 14 and 9, and is a proud tradesman whose goals include advancing and enriching skilled trades or "life skills" education.

Edee Klee

Edee Klee is a co-chair and founder of NB Community Harvest Gardens Inc. (NBCHG), a volunteer non-profit dedicated to creating accessible, inclusive and sustainable community gardens throughout Fredericton. Edee constantly searches for practical, holistic solutions to societal issues and firmly believes that food security holds the key to addressing the majority of health, social, environmental and economic problems we are currently experiencing in New Brunswick. A leadership team member of Good Food Greater Fredericton, Edee has witnessed the current proliferation of community gardens as a wonderful mechanism for increasing public awareness of our broken food system and desire for fresh, local, sustainably-grown food. As that awareness and desire grows, so does New Brunswick's obligation to cultivate new farmers by enhancing their access to knowledge, land and capital. The Urban Teaching Farm project is a critical component in revitalizing small-scale sustainable farming as a viable career choice in this province and Edee is honoured to be part of the UTF Steering Committee.

Kaleb Zelman

Kaleb is a recent immigrant to Fredericton and New Brunswick. He moved here from Halifax in 2015 to pursue a M.Sc. degree with the Canadian Rivers Institute at the University of New Brunswick. His academic background is in Marine Biology and received a Bachelors of Science degree with Honours in this discipline in 2014 from Dalhousie University. He has worked with

the Resource Conservation sector in Parks Canada from 2010-2013. This position primarily focused on protecting endangered species of flora and fauna from anthropogenic impacts. Specific responsibilities ranged from conducting fish community surveys to invasive species management. He has also volunteered with a number of NGO's across the Maritimes and in Switzerland to ensure protection of species-at-risk. Outside of his research, he is interested in how people interact with nature and the value that they place on these interactions aside from ecosystem services. Kaleb is a new member of the New Brunswick Community Harvest Garden in Marysville and while he is lacking in experience, he is passionate about organic food productions and determined to broaden his research scope to the interactions between crops and their surrounding biotic community. He will be tasked with ensuring the preparation of the Urban Teaching Farm is harmonious with the existing natural community and that the regenerative farming practices on-site will foster a diverse and resilient biota for years to come.

Steven McLaughlin

Born and raised on the outskirts of Pictou, Nova Scotia, Steven's passion for growing food began at a young age when he would help his parents grow a small garden each year in their backyard in the country. His love for gardening would continue later into his high school summer jobs where he was personally responsible for tending to three large gardens at a time, and ensuring their success. Steven finished at the top of his high school class, earning the Town of Pictou Gold Medal. Upon graduation, he moved to Halifax where he obtained a degree in Physics and Atmospheric Science from Dalhousie University. Steven then did a 180 from science and joined the business world, where he has since began a successful career as an accountant. With over two years of audit and advisory experience working for Deloitte on public, private, government, and NPO clients, he has passed the CFE exam and will receive his CPA designation within the next few months. Having lived in Saint John for two years after University, Steven revisited his passion for growing food as he became a member of the Saint John Community Garden, donating the majority of his crops to Centenary Queen Square as well as his friends. He now resides in Fredericton, specifically in Devon, and lives close to the proposed site of the project's farm. He is actively involved with the community as he is also the treasurer for the Friends of the Fredericton Public Library, and a member of Active Fredericton's ultimate frisbee leagues. Steven is excited to use his experience and business acumen to help the UTF become successful.

Katelyn Copage

Indigenous Relations; Bio to come!

Marchell Coulombe

Community Developer, Fredericton Donton Health Center; Bio to come!

Brittany Brydon

Soma Detect, Inc; Bio to come!

Coordinating & Instructing Staff**Claire May, Outreach Coordinator**

Having grown up in Fredericton, Claire has a long-standing love for the city, and a deep commitment to New Brunswick's prosperity and future. In 2014, she became a homeowner in Devon – the proposed borough of the project's farm – and quickly fell in love with the community and location. At the UTF discussion table, she contributes insight re collaborative enterprise, the challenges of small-scale enterprise, and valuable knowledge of the province's food network, from producer to consumer. As a property owner in Devon, she also represents the concerns and perspective of the community. After achieving her diploma in Equine Business Management at Olds College, Claire was an integral part of the Real Food Connections (RFC) team between 2012 and 2016. As a program coordinator and account manager, she was committed to the RFC mandate to connect food producers and consumers (wholesale and retail) and create a viable and sustainable food network in our province. She has first-hand experience on the front lines of independent business; in-depth knowledge of food sovereignty initiatives and issues in New Brunswick; and boasts positive relationships with many in the agricultural industry, as well as the food and farming community: retailers, consumers, farmers, and food security advocates and organizations in Atlantic Canada. Claire loves to grow, make, and share food; has an avid interest in permaculture and bee-keeping practices; and plans to participate as a student in the HUTF pilot year.

Mark Trealout, Farm Manager, Curriculum Development and In-Field Instructor

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Amy Floyd, Program Refinement

Bio to come!

Corinne Hersey, Curriculum Development and In-Class Instructor

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