



Assessment Tool for Youth Educators



Are you thinking of engaging youth in your community food systems work? Take the time to first answer the following 20 questions. This assessment tool will help you to reflect on whether the work will provide meaningful learning opportunities for youth.

	Question	Yes	No	Comments
1	Is the goal of the work clear?			
2	Is there enough work for all the youth to do?			
3	Is the work organized so that youth of all talents can make a contribution?			
4	Are there enough resources, materials, and tools to complete the work effectively?			
5	Is there a plan in place to ensure that the youth are trained well enough to succeed?			
6	Do the youth understand how the work connects to their community and to the food system?			
7	Do the youth have a sense of shared purpose?			
8	Are there strategies in place for teambuilding?			
9	Is respect present between the youth and adults that will be working together?			
10	Will the youth be given meaningful responsibility?			
11	Is the leadership structure clear?			
12	Is there a commitment among the adults in the group to help the youth develop their skills and character through the work?			
13	Is the work flexible to change based on youth input?			
14	Will the work challenge both their minds and bodies?			
15	Is there a discipline strategy for youth who are unwilling to contribute to the work?			
16	Do you have strategies for incorporating fun into the work?			
17	Do you have strategies for fostering group reflection throughout the work?			
18	Do you have assessment and evaluation tools in place for the end of the project?			
19	Do you have a plan for how to celebrate the work when it is complete?			
20	Do you have a plan for how to continue mentoring the youth beyond the life of this particular project?			