

And by city driven food economy governance

- Consumerism thinking
- Food systems thinking
- A new localism
- Out of the box thinking
- Partnership building
- Alliance creation

Components of urban food governance in Aalborg

Nature & food focused activities

- Urban Gardening
- Fruit City
- Fjord gardens – local seaweed
- Eighth community farms

Overall Food system

- Novel modes of food distribution, sales and procurement
- Community-based initiatives reducing food waste
- New business models / social enterprises in the food sector
- Enhancing urban-rural connecting and linkages

Schools

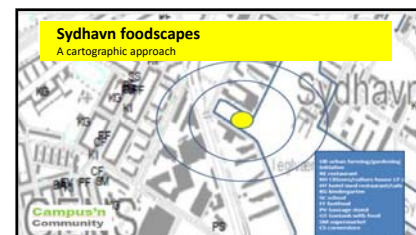
- Improving food literacy through the Gastronomium undertaking
- Better local food in schools

Governance

- Systemic or nexus thinking: creating synergies between policy break through food
- Participation in translocal networks – national and international
- Civil society participation in urban food governance
- Aalborg Sustainability Festival – focus on sustainable food

Out of Home

- Green Agent for out of home eating
- Green Restaurant
- GastroNorth – free dining profiling program
- 'Best practice' approach for municipal kitchens
- More organic foods and better skills in public food sector
- Shortening the supply chain



Images of Sydhavn Foodscapes Intergenerational gardening



Conflicting views

- "Sometimes we as seniors feel it is challenging to have kids running around all the time", Hanne senior activist
- "Suddenly they think that you want to do it all the time and then you risk committing yourself too much". Martha, senior
- "When you bring the kids there to show them an oregano plant, you need to use at least an hour to find it yourself". Lars, teacher
- Gardening has low priority compared to other school tasks, Kim, Janitor

Green green image of the city

- Green strategies like Aquaponics, UA, UG and green walls play an important role in identity creation of cities
- The social and connecting role should not be underestimated
- Neither should the operational issues
- Greening is driven both by citizens and by public and the market

Take home & conclusion

- Opportunities for both citizens, hospitality and food industry
- In successful UFS stakeholders come from a broad range of different policy, academic and practices areas
- Multidisciplinary needed: Urban planning, educational area, gastronomy, experience and tourism economy and innovation local food economy
- Creating an eco system in which academia, municipality, small start ups & local community can engage informally can facilitate knowledge transfer from project to policies
- In particular, it was found that the knowledge triangle trying to bring together young people at different educational levels
- This challenge could be addressed for instance by training and capacity building in both types of professions
- Within the different governmental levels and administrative units dealing with food strategies there is a need for closer cooperation
- Need for participatory and citizen driven approaches
- Innovation efforts in city based food strategies tend to create a whole eco system of projects

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