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Today is World Food Day. It is important to contextualize our thoughts with regards to global hunger, but also, especially, to hunger in Peterborough. The cliché 'think globally, act locally' certainly rings true this week.

At the same time as it is important to recognize that poverty and hunger are devastating issues internationally, we must not ignore those issues at home.

It cannot be denied that hunger is an issue in Canada, Ontario and Peterborough. Community gardens in Peterborough this year had long waiting lists of people anxious to start their own plots in order to grow their own affordable food.

Food's main value is as a market item, but food is not a luxury to be bought if one can afford it — it is a necessity. People are detached from and alienated by the process of feeding themselves.

Hierarchical structures appear even in those places aimed at equalizing people's access to food. When community gardens start, they are intended to be places for building communities of people who want to share food and knowledge, but yet they do not necessarily reach those who need them the most.

I write from a position of power within a university community where many others are in similar positions of privilege.

It is easy for people with power to feel that we are doing the right thing, the helpful thing. How successful is a community project where all those involved are white, middle-class citizens? It is necessary (though difficult) for those of us with power to provide resources and tools in an unassuming and unbelittling manner.

In our quest to "help" we end up doing things that are often patronizing and condescending. We need to learn to check our own behaviour. We need to realize that just because the service we are trying to provide is necessary does not mean that we have the right to assume we should be the ones providing it.

In order to alleviate the hunger problem, we must not organize and run another garden or soup kitchen. We must take advantage of our own privilege and obtain the necessary tools to start such projects. Then, however, we must step back and recognize that we are in a position of power and that projects such as these will only work if they are run by the people who will directly benefit from them.

Not only must we concentrate our energy on our own communities, we must eliminate unhealthy power relations by recognizing and publicly acknowledging the

power that we hold. It is not cool or trendy to be poor. "Living the simple life" isn't always all it's cracked up to be. At the same time, there is no sense in wasting time wracked with guilt over one's personal privilege when that time could be spent constructively.

Hunger is an issue that must be dealt with. Integral to coping with that reality, though, is understanding many other social relations. The need for days such as World Food Day will continue if the poor and the hungry continue to be treated as charity cases. A recognition that there is unequal distribution of food, wealth and power is essential to eradicating hunger in our local and global communities.

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