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**Social Justice Meets Sustainable Farming  
in Great Summer Job for Teens**

**Lincoln, MA--February 24, 2017--**If you know a young person between the ages of 14 and 17 who is interested in farming and making the world a better place, this opportunity may be the perfect fit. The Food Project is currently recruiting for their summer Seed Crew, both in the Greater Boston area and on the North Shore.

Each summer, The Food Project's Seed Crew hires 72 high school aged youth from diverse cultural, racial, economic, and geographic backgrounds to work on their urban and suburban farms in Lincoln, Boston, Beverly, Wenham, and Lynn. During the season, youth work together to grow vegetables and distribute thousands of pounds of produce to area hunger relief organizations while developing important leadership, teamwork, diversity, and civic participation skills.

"Seed Crew is so much more than a great 'summer job,'" said Cindy Davenport, The Food Project's Director of Learning & Design. "A summer working in Seed Crew combines learning about sustainable agriculture and how race and inequality impact the food system with community service. Young people thrive in the diverse atmosphere on the farm and grow after a summer with The Food Project." After working on the farm each morning, Seed Crew youth spend most afternoons in workshops that address issues, such as sustainable agriculture, food access, social justice, and more. They also spend one day a week at hunger relief organizations preparing and serving the produce that they have grown.



Seed Crew is the entry point to participate in The Food Project's youth crews. Following Seed Crew, young people may apply to work each academic season throughout their high school careers.

If you know a young person who enjoys being outdoors, isn't afraid of a little hard work, and wants to make a difference while having a fantastic job this summer, encourage them to [apply to Seed Crew today](#). Completed applications and references must be received by March 13, 2017.

### **About The Food Project**

Since their founding in 1991, The Food Project has grown into a nationally-recognized non-profit organization that works at the intersection of youth, food, and community. For more than 25 years, The Food Project has brought youth and adults from diverse backgrounds together on their farms to produce healthy food for residents of the city and suburbs to build a local and sustainable food system. The organization believes that food is a unique vehicle for creating personal and social change. The Food Project aims to transform our food system into an equitable and inclusive model that is community-controlled and supports food justice for all.

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