

Kitsap FNB interview cont.

Then, we dumpstered a bunch of vegetables for a pot of soup and set up a table and we were officially a Food not Bombs chapter.

Cool stuff. How has working with Kitsap Food Not Bombs impacted you personally?

Overwhelmingly positively. Our crew is made up of some of the kindest and most resourceful people I have ever met and getting to cook and eat and drink alongside them has been one of the most fulfilling parts of my life in the past few years. Since starting volunteering with Food not Bombs I've been in and out of homelessness. Many times the food I was helping serve there was also the only hot food I'd eat that day. My crew has helped support me through hard times and for that I'll always be grateful to them.

What has the community response to Kitsap Food Not Bombs been?

We've received a lot of support from our local food co-op and also our punk rock scene. Kitsap Community Food Co-op donates their unsellables to us, mostly blemished produce we can use for soup and dairy approaching sell-by that we can use as creamer for coffee. The Charleston and Sabotage Noise have hosted multiple fundraiser shows on our behalf as well. There are a lot of people in Kitsap that share our vision in freer and equal access to food, and they show it. It's not irregular to have people from our neighborhood swing by our meals and drop off ready to eat trays of food or bags of cans and bread for us to hand out. I've even had people spot my Kitsap Food not Bombs pin and stop me in public to tell me how much they respect our project. That said, everyone has detractors. Ours are mostly NIMBY types who hate to see congregations of poor people in public, and occasionally nonprofit types from the homeless shelters have expressed a lack of appreciation for our unwillingness to work inside their proper channels. These people are few and far between. I believe the people of Bremerton and Kitsap as a whole support what we do.

What impact do you believe Kitsap Food Not Bombs has had on the folks you serve?

Everyone appreciates a hot meal. We get the most traffic during the colder months, when the homeless waiting in line at the shelter come over for something hot to eat or drink before checking in for bed. Since we mostly cook vegan, our food always includes a variety of veggies. For poor people, especially the homeless people that don't have access to a kitchen, it can be hard to get access to healthy food like what we serve. Most of the other free meals around town, like the ones at Salvation Army, are very bland and lack color or proper seasoning. We pride ourselves as being an alternative to them.

How can folks get involved with, or support the work of Kitsap Food Not Bombs?

The best place to start is to show up to a meal to meet us and enjoy some food and coffee. We serve food on weekends at 5:30pm on MLK & Park, just look for our banner.



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From All 'Round the Sound

Kitsap Food Not Bombs
A Short Q+A

Can you give us a bit of background on Food Not Bombs?

Food not Bombs is an anarchist mutual aid project that was founded by anti-nuclear activists in 1980. We serve free food to the public, completely unrestricted, as a protest against hunger and war. Food not Bombs is horizontally organized, meaning no one person is in charge. Anyone who aligns with the values of our project is free to start their own chapter or volunteer as they please. No sign ups, interviews, or bureaucracy required. The food we serve is generally vegan and/or reclaimed from the waste stream. We stand against the commodification of food and the destructive nature of the meat industry. During 2020 myself and a few friends organized our own chapter here in Kitsap County.

And how did Food Not Bombs make it to Kitsap?

We were actually founded as a splinter chapter from Tacoma FNB. Multiple friends of mine were carpooling across the Narrows to help with organizing efforts in Tacoma in the wake of George Floyd's murder. After a summer of cutting our teeth we decided our efforts would be better used organizing at home, in Bremerton. Bremerton was, and sometimes still is, an isolating place to be for a leftist with little to no public anarchist presence. We were able to network and find other like-minded locals and raised a little money on the internet for tables, pots, and a tent.  **Cont. on back**



HARM REDUCTION HOTWIRE


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RAD SHOWS + BENEFITS

BREMERTON

The Charleston
 @thecharleston333
 (333 N Callow Ave)

Nov 11 - Radical zine fair tabling starts 6pm, Benefit Show for Kitsap FNB doors @ 8p ft. Rank and Vile/ Molotov Juicebox/Negligence/ Wilifred**!!

Five Eight House

Oct 6 6pm - Housewarming Show ft. Women's Club/Negligence/ Manic Joy/Organized Retail Crime**


OLYMPIA

The Mortuary

 @olymortuary

Oct 14 - Comrades with Benefits Big-Lineup Show for Blackflower Collective ft. The Autocrats\$/Stoned Evergreen Travelers/Schmutzhund/Chance of Ghosts/Wilting/The Stuntmen **

Oct 19 8pm - TEKE::TEKE/Crizly/Arrington de Dionysio

Left Bank Books  @leftbankbookscollective

(92 Pike St)

EVERY 1st Thursday 7:30-11pm - Open Mic (Oct 5, Nov 2) ~~

Nov 14 - Troy Andreas Araiza Kokinis Author Talk on "Anarchist Popular Power: Dissent, Labor, and Armed Struggle in Uruguay, 1956-76" ~~

SEATTLE

Casa del Xolo  @casadelxolo

(3418 Fremont Ave N, in Lazy Cow Bakery)

Oct 28 - Adam Troy / His His / Flatmass Pale Light

Pipsqueak Gallery  @pipsqueak.seattle


(173 16th Ave)

EVERY 1st Sunday 3-5pm - Prisoner Letter Writing ~~

EVERY 2nd - 5th Thursdays - Craft Night (Oct 12, 19, 26, Nov 9 etc.) ~~

Oct 22 + Nov 26 6:30-9pm - Queer Writers Meetup ~~

Vera Project

 @veraproject

(305 Harrison St.)

Oct 28 - Spooky Covers Benefit Show for Free Food Wednesday

(AKA Cal Grill Mutual Aid)**

Cal Anderson Park

Oct 29 2-6pm - Mutual Aid Fair ft. food, games, music, zines and more. Costumes encouraged, cold-weather gear donations welcome~~

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Kitsap County-Based Mutual Aid Benefit Show Booking

Tacoma

The Gravel Pit

@gravelpittacoma

Oct 13 7pm - The

Morey / Belladonna

Ciao/Ash Bricky/

Audrey Plath/Class A

Misdemeanor **

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~~ - Free Entry