

## GFPP member bios

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<b>Briefly describe your experience as it relates to GFPP:</b>	<p>I am a qualitative researcher working in the area of Human Geography. My key interest is in the urban environment – its production, its use and its potential. I am particularly interested in relationships between democracy, inequality and the built environment. A couple of years ago I worked on project called ‘The Caring City: Sustainable Communities of Care in Glasgow’. The project actively engaged with grassroots groups and communities involved in developing new, and maintaining existing community gardens around the city. The research looked beyond existing top-down public policy initiatives to explore an emerging grassroots-led urban food systems model that values learning, sharing and the environment. This inspired my interest in urban agriculture and involvement with the GFPP.</p>
<b>What are your aspirations for GFPP:</b>	<p>I see the GFPP performing two connected roles. Firstly, as a citywide facilitator group that provides space for different stakeholders to meet, share knowledge, argue and develop new ideas. Secondly, as an advocacy group influencing public opinion and policy on sustainable food matters.</p>