Planning for a food commons in Northern Ireland

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Dr. Peter Doran
• Northern Irish Foodscape

• Food as a Commons

• Community Planning
GOING FOR GROWTH
A STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN IN SUPPORT OF THE NORTHERN IRELAND AGRI-FOOD INDUSTRY
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Towards a Food Commons?

From open pasture to collective resource governance
Elinor Ostrom (1990) *Governing the Commons*
Reflexive Governance
Food as a commons

Normative claims  (Vivero Pol, 2015)

- More than commodity
- Commoning
- Role of Government
Community Planning Context

- Statutory duty - NI Local Government Act 2014
- Linked to development plan
- Duty to consult
Potential benefits of Community Planning

• Sustainable Development

• Partnership & co-production
Challenges

• Lack of food-specific language
• No food-specific partners
• Time & resource pressures
• Limited reference to food in first plans
Conclusion

- Food as a commons alternative to corporate food
- Community Planning as possible hook
- Institutional & legislative challenges
- Further research on impact of community planning needed
Thank you!

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