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## ***Griffith Foods Supports Social Gastronomy Movement's Global Food Summit***

*Partners Build on Momentum of Dialogues Series*

Griffith Foods continues to partner with the Social Gastronomy Movement (SGM) as a sponsor of the SGM 2021 Summit on October 15-17, 2021. All interested individuals and organizations are invited to register for this event.

This year's summit will feature world-class chefs sharing how to make your kitchen more social, cultural, and environmentally conscious. Participants can also join a collective global effort to serve one million meals over the weekend of World Food Day on October 16. To learn more and register, visit <https://www.socialgastronomy.org/summit-2021>.

The partners plan to build on the momentum of September's United Nations Food Systems Summit. Prior to the UN gathering, SGM and Griffith Foods organized a successful series of six online dialogues between innovative food leaders from the private, public, and NGO sectors.

Held from April through June, the six-part conversation series attracted more than 450 participants of varied ages, cultures and communities, drawn from more than 140 organizations, 38 countries, 15 economic sectors and 15 stakeholder groups. Each dialogue averaged more than 90 participants, all with unique perspectives. Ultimately, the series produced a set of tangible solutions addressing each of the summit's five Action Tracks.

"We appreciated the opportunity to work with SGM to bring together such an eclectic and engaged group of people from around the world, all united in our eagerness to improve our current food systems and, in so doing, help overcome some of the great global challenges of our time," said Griffith Foods Vice President of Global Culinary, Mark Serice. "Creativity and collaboration are key innovation drivers."

SGM and Griffith Foods are grateful for the active participation of so many committed individuals and organizations in the conversation series, which was successful in beginning to develop creative and caring solutions for improving global food systems and addressing acute societal needs while protecting the planet. Both convening organizations look forward to building on the momentum of the dialogues and the UN Food Systems meeting at the SGM 2021 Summit.

#### *About SGM Summit 2021*

From October 15-17, 2021, the Social Gastronomy Movement, Griffith Foods and other partners for change will gather to celebrate, challenge, share and embrace our communities through gastronomy. World-class chefs will share ways to make your kitchen more social, cultural, and environmentally conscious, and participants can join an effort to serve one million meals over the weekend of World Food Day. To register or learn more, visit <https://www.socialgastronomy.org/summit-2021>.

#### *About the UN Food Systems Summit*

In September 2021, UN Secretary-General António Guterres convened a Food Systems Summit to drive progress on all 17 Sustainable Development Goals, each of which relies to some degree on healthier, more sustainable, and equitable food systems. The Summit brought together leaders from science, business, policy, healthcare, and academia, as well as farmers, indigenous people, youth organizations, consumer groups, environmental activists, and other stakeholders to bring about tangible, positive changes in the world's food systems. For more, visit <https://www.un.org/en/food-systems-summit>.

#### *About Griffith Foods*

Griffith Foods is the caring, creative product development partner helping food companies meet the evolving needs of consumers while sustaining the planet. As a family business for more than 100 years, Griffith Foods is known for true, collaborative innovation. Our relationships with farmers, customers and others allow us to create delicious, nutritious foods that are better for people and better for the planet. Our people are united in advancing our purpose: “We blend care and creativity to nourish the world.” For more, visit <https://griffithfoods.com/>.

### *About SGM*

The Social Gastronomy Movement (SGM) is a global network of more than 167 members from 57 countries on five continents. Members include chefs, social entrepreneurs, non-profits, community leaders, farmers, activists, and academics—all working to use food as a tool for social change. Partners include Griffith Foods, Moët Hennessy, Cargill, and the World 50 Best Restaurants. For more, visit <https://www.socialgastronomy.org/>.

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