

# Data, Design and Society

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- Motivation
- Being prepared to work collaboratively, bridging across different disciplines
- Recognition that There is No Right Answer to complex societal challenges
- Readiness to collect and use data in designing and building a way of improving a sustainable food system

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