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How is DC Greens working to advance the Food as Medicine movement?

On the District/State level we engage in advocacy, relationship building, stakeholder engagement, and coalition building. We convene other organizations and interested groups in the District around Food is

Medicine and how we can push legislation forward to support the reimbursement of these interventions. On the federal level, I am a member of NPPC (National Produce Prescription Coalition).

What is the most notable advancement or innovation to come out of the past year?

Programmatically speaking, this year we reformed our entire program model to create a more effective, scalable, replicable, and accessible program for our participants to use. This new program model gets us one step closer to incorporation within healthcare delivery workflows.

On a local level, DC has begun

conversations around the renewal of the 1115 waiver and the possibility of including nutrition services. This is very exciting as it aligns with our goal of Medicaid reimbursement and overall healthcare integration.

What does DC Greens hope the next few years will hold?

At DC Greens we envision a day where access to nutritious food is part of the overall health care system in our city, and we will continue to fight for that. In terms of Produce Rx, we hope to have more concrete pathways for the integration of Produce Prescriptions into the healthcare system.

How can we continue to inspire change and commitments?

To always center and uplift the voices of the communities we work with. To continue to build collaborative action around issues in food justice.

What are you looking forward to at the Food as Medicine: Policy Summit?

To connect with others, share best practices and strategies, and learn with people in the field and across sectors that are doing this important work.

To hear more from Luisa Furstenberg-Beckman, join us at the Food as Medicine: Policy Summit this November (29-30th) in Washington, DC.