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Settlement of humanitarian immigrants in agriculture (Part B) Creating a multiculturalism of inhabitancies

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Multiple roles of community farms gardens in settlement of humanitarian immigrants

Production context (Incubators farms; education /training; environmental regulations; starting small business)

Production role in the context of civic agriculture (fresh produce; cultivation of own food food; local food movement)

Education/training (learning; formal qualification; sharing of knowledge; generating ideas)

General debate around **multiculturalism and 'ethnic food'**

Community development (sense of belonging; social relationships and inclusion)

Health/healing (therapeutic; recreation)

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Some concluding comments/Open questions

It seems that Mamre community gardens are mostly about farming/production

Do government agencies or NFP offering services to community gardens focus on other roles apart from production and farming practices- like community engagement, social functions, etc?

Overregulated space and activities (risk, compliance, insurance)

“Talking at”- no exchange of knowledge

Community gardens as spaces for engagement- in this case main point of reference were families

‘Marketization’ of refugees

Consumption of ethnic/exotic food; it is largely motivated by a desire for ‘cosmopolitan’ status – mainly among middle class at the expense of real intercultural interaction (Hage 1977) – *a kind of ‘multiculturalism without migrants’*