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# Atlantic Canada's Only Celebration of Food & Farming Returns to Halifax

**HALIFAX, NS** – **ROOTED Gala**, a renowned, farm-to-table culinary experience celebrating local food and farming is set to return to the Halifax Convention Centre on Tuesday, November 10, 2026. **ROOTED Gala** will feature five courses created by distinguished Nova Scotia chefs using local ingredients preceded by a reception with a silent auction and an internationally acclaimed guest musical performance.

**ROOTED Gala** will bring together people who care about where their food comes from, those who grow it and those wanting to make a difference for the next generation. It will be a heartfelt experience that blends culinary artistry with rural pride and youth empowerment.

"**ROOTED** is a powerful reminder to members that the skills, leadership, and values they develop through 4-H matter not only to their clubs, but far beyond. When farmers, business leaders, employers, elected officials, and the community come together to support them, it tells members they are seen, valued, and the contributions they make throughout their lives matter," remarked Lacey Fisher, Board Chair, 4-H Nova Scotia. "They already know what 4-H means to them, **ROOTED** shows them what they mean to the rest of us."

By bringing a little of the country to the city, guests (***dressed in their best denim***) will connect to farmers and build a shared understanding around youth, food and rural sustainability. Everyone is invited; whether you call a farm home, are drawn to unique dining experiences, meaningful causes or just love local food – **ROOTED Gala** is for you!

"Every day, Nova Scotia's farmers are committed to growing our food, caring for the land and strengthening rural communities. **ROOTED Gala** is an opportunity to celebrate that dedication while investing in the next generation through 4-H Nova Scotia," said Alicia King, President of the Nova Scotia Federation of Agriculture. "By supporting young people as they develop leadership skills, confidence and a passion for agriculture, we're helping ensure a strong future for our farms, our rural communities and our food system."

Every plate will tell a story, and every dollar raised will support 4-H Nova Scotia programming – helping young people across the province develop leadership skills, pursue their passions and contribute meaningfully to their communities and our agriculture industry.

"**ROOTED Gala** was a resounding success in 2025. Building on that momentum, 2026 promises to be a one-of-a-kind guest experience! It's more than just a night out, it's an investment in the next generations of stewards of the land," added **ROOTED Gala** Chair David Hovell.

Tickets for **ROOTED Gala** will be available at www.RootedGala.ca.

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## About 4-H Nova Scotia:

4-H is one of the world's largest positive youth development organizations supporting youth and communities in over seventy countries.

4-H Nova Scotia provides youth with opportunities to succeed through *"Learning To Do By Doing"* skills development and leadership experiences while being mentored by caring adults in safe, fun, and inclusive learning environments. The 4-H program supports the growth of resilient and healthy youth by nurturing positive self-identity, self-esteem, responsibility, and a sense of achievement.

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