



Chris Bradshaw

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Christopher Bradshaw is a social justice entrepreneur whose expertise is using social innovation through the food system to grow meaningful community economic development within marginalized communities.

His call to social organizing led him to leave Howard to form Dreaming Out Loud, Inc. (DOL), which fully embraces urban agriculture and social enterprise as mechanisms for changing communities. Christopher honed his organizing and entrepreneurial skills at Howard University while studying political science and business, developing a human rights centered world view as an area coordinator for Amnesty International. Chris further developed his skills in social entrepreneurship and innovation as a StartingBloc Fellow and honed his skills in growing techniques through workshops at [Growing Power](#), courses at the [University of Arizona's Controlled Environment Agriculture Center](#), and hands-on experience.

Christopher is a member of the first-ever [DC Food Policy Council](#), was selected as a [2015 Ashoka-American Express Emerging Innovator](#), one of Food Tank's [20 Leaders Under 40 Who Are Shaping the Future of Our Food System](#), and one of [50 Under 50: Innovative Leaders Transforming Metro DC's Food System](#). He is a frequent speaker on social innovation, urban agriculture and regional food systems, and the food sovereignty movement.