Almost all our communities experience consequences of social inequality, climate crisis, and food insecurity. Developing creative and sustainable local strategies are vital to address these multi-dimensional problems. Analyzing ourselves and our communities from a critical standpoint are vital for collaborative work. In this workshop, Dr. Balasundaram will share the experience of working with different communities and how the lessons learned from them led to developing a long-term sustainable strategy to continue my social justice, food justice, and climate justice activism. This workshop will explore the various way one can engage in social activism — for example, the role of local farmer’s markets in climate activism — and it will emphasize participants identifying their potential in creating social change. The goal is for participants to be confident in analyzing their communities and developing creative, sustainable strategies that can lead to positive outcomes. This workshop also will help participants link personal interests to professional development and social activism.