

# hanare / Social Kitchen

A place to discuss food, art, politics, farming and more, for a creative change of our society



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hanare / Social Kitchen hopes to be a place where people with diverse backgrounds gather, exchange and practice ideas that can be a force to transform our society in more fair and creative ways. Social Kitchen has a community café, in which natural ingredients, produced in Kyoto and its surrounding areas (as much as possible) are used, trying to avoid any waste, a bookstore, which can be used for workshops, debates, study groups, exhibitions and parties, and a shared office. Started as a weekly café in 2006, hanare is a project that collectively seeks out ways of realizing a better world through various projects. It attempts to engage with the social issues relevant to life today: food, art, politics, urban planning, cultural theory, farming, and more. hanare also works together with people from various fields who are experimenting with creative projects to find ways of practicing a new, spontaneous (and sustainable) way of living. While hanare's work has its roots in Kyoto, it also wishes to be a space with direct links to other regional towns and cities in the world.

