

Request a Workshop!

We have 4 workshops, each overlap in different ways but the activities are repeatable and participants will have a different experience based on the group they are with and where they are in their community building journey.

Each workshop has an accompanying Zine pair which complement the content. The Zine providing highlights and reminders for those who have taken the workshop, and the workshops go deeper into the material introduced in the Zines!

Introduction to Community Building

Covers the basics of Community Building and how we use curiosity to create connection.

Session Notes:

This isn't a lecture on community building! The learnings here come from the experience not from the information given

Outline:

- **Introduction** (What is Community / Curiosity → Action Pathway)
- **Curiosity** (Best Memory & Positive/Negative Question Framing)
- **Connection at the Speed of Trust** (Gift Circle)
- **Action on Shared Points of Caring** (Build an Activity)
- **Round Up** (Reflect on the Why / Offer Resources)

Relevant Worksheets:

- [Curiosity Questions](#)
- [Gift Circle](#)
- [Action on Shared Points of Caring](#)

Key Takeaways:

- Start with curiosity to discover what is already there. And there is so much there!
- The way we frame questions is so important fo how we wish people to feel
- No one is a blank slate! Each person and community have strengths if you ask Planning activities from our strengths mean we are less reliant on outside help.

Intro.jpg

Community Mapping: The Basics

Discover what is happening in your communities through curiosity and mapping.

Session Notes:

Well balanced workshop with some self reflection, some whole group work and an outdoor mission. (Will need to take the weather into account)

Outline:

- **Introduction** (Be intentional & Curious)
- **Self Curiosity** (Personal Maps)
- **Community Curiosity** (Asset Mapping)
- **Round Up** (Get Playing / Offer Resources)

Relevant Worksheets:

- [Personal Maps](#)
- [Asset Maps](#)

Key Takeaways:

- No one is a blank slate & no area has nothing going on.
- Asking questions and listening are powerful tools to discover the strengths of an area or community.
- There are many different kinds of community maps each of which serve a different purpose - experiment and play!

Mapping.jpg

Turning Strengths into Action

Guides us through spotting our own strengths and mapping our community connections.

Session Notes:

This is the most speaker heavy workshop of the collection as most of the activities are guided reflection. To balance the energy we use the Gift Circle and break to build connections between participants and the Action activity to bring them together to use what they have discovered. If you have more time, lengthen the Action activity and really challenge them to design something they can follow through on.

Outline:

- **Introduction** (Starting with Curiosity)
- **Strength Spotting** (Identity Mapping & Gift Circle)
- **Community Curiosity** (Personal Community Mapping)
- **Bringing it Together** (Action on Shared Points of Caring)
- **Round Up** (Sharing the Skills / Offer Resources)

Relevant Worksheets:

- [Identity Mapping](#)

- [Gift Circle](#)
- [Personal Maps](#)
- [Action on Shared Points of Caring](#)

Key Takeaways:

- No one is a blank slate!
- Starting with curiosity lets us discover what is already in the space!
- Planning activities from our strengths mean we are less reliant on outside help!

Strengths to Action.jpg

Community Curiosity

Invites groups to reflect on their community building practices through curiosity and learn to develop their own curiosity practice.

Session Notes:

This session works best when help with people who are already in community with each other but works just as well as a self reflection and then identifying the commonalities across different communities

Outline:

- **Intro** (Starting with Curiosity)
- **Community Curiosity** (Curiosity Questions)
- **Building Curiosity Questions** (Positive/Negative Question Framing)
- **Round Up** (Offer Resources)

Relevant Worksheets:

- [Community Curiosity](#)
- [Curiosity Questions](#)

Key Takeaways:

- Reflecting on what makes a positive community experience, which allows up to create those experiences for others
- How to craft positively framed curiosity questions
- That the “helper” hat worn in community work prompts us to define by deficit and creates a power imbalance. That it can lead to us serving communities as opposed to being in community.

Curiosity.jpg

To request a workshop drop into our [Reception Channel on Mattermost](#), or email us at: CommunityConnectors@protonmail.me.

These workshops are available to any group interested - Local Groups, Community Groups, Regions, Nations etc.

We are open to travelling to you, or hosting online! We will work with you to make these workshops what you need!
