

Network Concept Cards

You have eight cards with a *single* concept. Trade with others until you have a full set of the eight concept cards! Reflect on the questions and discuss with others!

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Social Movements

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Social change movements have a strong collective identity, permeable boundaries, and the ability to act quickly at critical moments or act slowly to nurture leadership, consciousness, and structures for long-term change.

What is the bold vision that will give this movement energy over time? What is your passion and unique role?

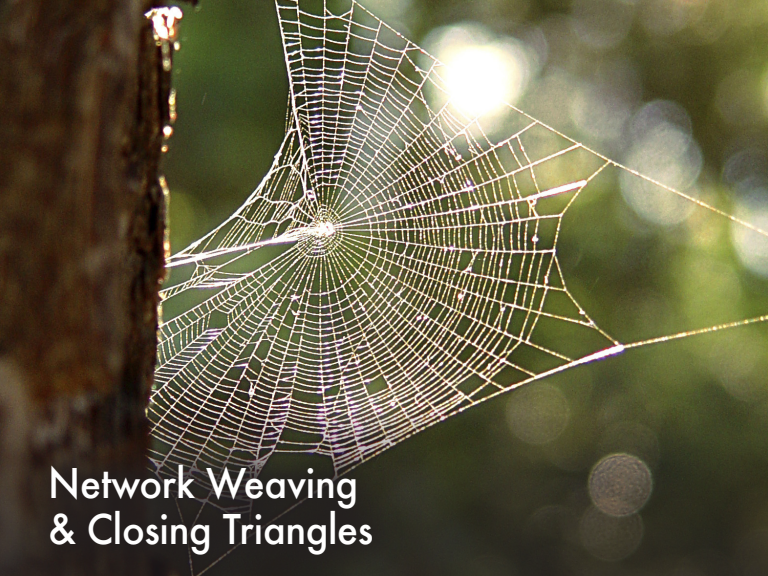


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The lifeblood of movements are networks and their patterns of relationships and human connections. These patterns influence the quality of communication and the likelihood of collaboration, innovation and impact.

What values and opportunities do networks bring to your organization and individual work?



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A network weaver works to make networks healthier through quality connections – helping people to identify interests and challenges, connecting people strategically for mutual benefit, and serving as a catalyst for self-organizing groups.

What unexpected or extraordinary experience resulted when you practiced “closing triangles” by connecting two people who didn’t know each other, but had an interest in common?



Complex Reciprocity

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In networks, people often give freely with no expectation of direct reciprocity. The network of sharing also means that the individual has the ability to access what is needed from the network.

What have you done with ease or minimal effort that was extremely helpful to someone in your network?

What have you received from someone in your network that helped you move forward?



Collective Sense Making

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In an intentional network, leaders make sense of the system they are transforming and identify leverage points and opportunities for positive change.

When have you identified a specific place in the system where just a modest effort brought significant change over a short period of time?



Self-Organizing

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Through self-organizing, people work from their passion to make a difference. Self-organizing allows the flexibility and opportunity for action that is likely to have greater impact.

When have you acted from a place of conviction and passion, realizing powerful results?



Smart Network

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An effective network has a large core usually consisting of overlapping clusters of dense relationships and by a large periphery of resources and new ideas that can be quickly accessed.

Which members of your network are closely connected? Which members are connected to other groups working together around similar interests? Who are those on the periphery that bring valuable perspectives and resources?



Innovation

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Network leaders help others by developing quality connections and inclusive relationships based on respect and trust – critical for high risk, high impact collaborations and innovation.

Have you seen new ideas come from unexpected people and places? What in your experience has given you a sense that everyone has something to offer?