

Directions for Hand Drawn Mapping - READ THIS FIRST

The first step in implementing a hand drawn mapping activity is to determine which of the activities described in this module is most suited for your purpose. The section below describes what situation each activity is most appropriate for.

Map Drawing Activity for Communities: this is useful when you have 10-40 people in a room and you want to get a sense of the network in the room.

Map Drawing Activity for core groups: good for groups just starting a network or a work group just starting a new collaborative project.

Mapping networks you want to connect and support: This process is useful for a board or coordinating group that wants to support and connect small networks, such as farmers markets or community gardens.

Map Drawing Activity for groups at tables: This is useful when you have a large group of people and just want people to understand the power of mapping and the connections each person at the table has.

Map Drawing Activity for Individuals: good for mapping a project where you are working with other organizations, volunteers or community residents – not just a project with only staff from your organization. Examples might be putting on a conference or workshop, organizing a voter registration effort, developing a new service, planning a new community center, etc. You can do this activity with your entire project team, just one person from your team, or by yourself first (hopefully having the whole team do it later).

Decide whether you will facilitate the process or have someone else do the facilitating so you can participate.

Make sure you pull together all the supplies needed.

Take pictures of the maps and share them with everyone.