

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.

On the chart paper at your table, have each person draw a circle for themselves and label.

Next, draw lines between you and the others – thicker if you have worked on a project together, thinner if you just know the person, and dotted if you have heard of them. Make sure you introduce yourself to others you don't know by telling them about your organization and/or network.

Now, out further, have each person draw circles for a couple people they work closely with. If any others also have worked with them, have them add lines from that person to themselves.

Then, on the outside, have each person add other individuals or groups they would like to be connected to but aren't. Then see if any of the other people in the group have a connection to that group or individual

Then answer the questions:

- a. What do you notice about this network? Is it well-connected? Are there people who should be connected but aren't?
- b. Are you surprised at how many people are only one step away from you?
- c. Who is missing from the network? Are the people you are serving in your networks?
- d. How could you use this activity with projects or your network?