

Map Drawing Activity for Communities

This activity is best done with between 10-40 people. If you have a larger group you can either divide up into smaller groups where people focus on and map a specific collaborative project or consider using network software to generate maps of the network.

Preparation

- Have a stack of different colored and shaped PostIt notes on tables so participants have easy access to them. Have a large whiteboard or a large piece of butcher paper on the wall.
- Develop a key for colors of PostIts to represent different kinds of organizations or geographies.

Individual Instructions

- Take a PostIt of the appropriate color for yourself and write your name on it.
- On other PostIts write the name of two organizations or individuals who would be assets for work on a Culture of Health (use the appropriate color PostIt for each).

Group Instructions

- Have one person come up, say their name and organization as they put their PostIt on a large whiteboard or on flipchart paper, then put their network PostIts around their name, briefly describing each one.
- When the next person comes up they put themselves (and their networks) close to the first person if they know that person, or further away if they do not know that person. Then using a marker, they draw lines between their name and any of the other person's networks they are also connected to.
- Now have everyone add a PostIt of a group or organization or individual who they are not currently connected to but who would be an asset for work around a Culture of Health.
- After everyone has added to the network, have them reflect on the map:
 - Are they surprised at how expansive the network in the room is?
 - Who is missing? How could they reach out to them?
 - How could they better connect people in the network?
 - Who might they connect with that has connections they are interested in?
 - Are there clusters of PostIts of the same color? This shows that people in that organizational type are working together.
 - Are there clusters that are not connected or barely connected? What could the group do to better connect (talk during breaks, set up twosies,

bring people from both organizational types together to discuss how they might work together more, etc)?

- Is any one person super well-connected (a hub)? Is that person a bottleneck because everyone wants to connect with them and are telling that person what they are doing? How could communication be more distributed?