

Group Visioning Activities

Vision Gallery

- Select a topic or project, specific or general.
 - Questions about that topic or project can be brainstormed as a group or assigned.
 - For 15-20 minutes, individuals spend time alone, sketching their personal visions by writing, outlining, diagramming or drawing.
 - The next 20 minutes are spent in small clusters of 3-5 people, pooling their visions and expressing a common one on a large sheet of paper.
 - Each small group posts their composite on the wall with others'. The whole group can then evaluate and discuss the results.
- Consider - Where are the areas of agreement? What needs the most work?

Vision statement

- Description: For 10-15 minutes individuals spend time alone writing one or two statements of vision about what their ideal community will look like.
- Individuals join in groups of two to merge their vision statements.
 - Groups of two join to form groups of four and continue to blend their visions.
 - This continues until the whole group is together.

Letter to Myself

- Description: Individuals spend 20-30 minutes writing a letter to themselves six months or one year in the future, describing how they feel about the community and what the group will have become.
- Read portions of the letter aloud to the group
 - Put the letters in a 'mailbox' and save them to read in six months

Identifying boundaries

Description: Each person creates a chart with three columns. In relation to the project, fill in the following categories.

- 1) Things you must have for yourself
- 2) Things you are willing to share
- 3) Things you are willing to give up

List people's thoughts on a large chart and discuss.

Group Story

- Description: Envision the group in the future, established and successful. Brainstorm things that people feel will be an essential part of a successful group.
- List these items on newsprint
 - Have one person start to tell a story about a typical day in the community or an adventure the community will have.
 - After a few minutes have someone else in the group continue the story.
 - Try to use words and images from the brainstormed list as you tell the story.