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# **WE CAN COMMUNITY ASSESSMENTS**



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# **PARTICIPATORY ACTION RESEARCH**

## **TOOLS FOR COMMUNITY LEADERS**

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# WALKABOUT BRAINSTORMING



## How do I use them?

- Concise description of the task
- Suspend judgement
- Social interaction

## What is a walkabout brainstorm?

- Significant quantity of ideas
- Energy boost and social incentive for small groups of participants to stay engaged.

## When can I use them in my community?

- Generate solutions
- Create new plans/goals
- Assess current knowledge of topics
- Acknowledge obstacles



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**LET'S TRY IT!**

Start moving around the room and add your ideas to  
the posters.



# COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS



## How do I use them?

- Follow a structured process
- Discussion materials
- Shared Understanding

## What are community conversations?

Small -group facilitated dialogues that bring different kinds of people together around a public concern and create a space that enables constructive, respectful conversation

## When can I use them in my programming?

- Member check
- Measure progress
- Document change



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At Your Table: Talk about what leadership  
means to you.



**Salmon**

- Human**
  - Volunteer org
  - SCORE chapter
  - Hospice
  - Family safety center
  - Arts council
  - marriage coalition
  - LASP
  - chamber of commerce
  - media
  - association of writers
  - churches
  - interest organization
  - 4 food banks
  - master gardeners
  - Medical pros
  - tech school
  - distance learning
  - distance learning resources
  - addiction progs
  - retired knowledge base
  - volunteers
  - local merchants
  - strategic agency
  - non-profits
  - labor force
  - leadership program
- Natural**
  - view
  - river
  - timber
  - minerals
  - hiking
  - endocrine
  - first aid
  - rafting
  - chinese
  - hunting
- Social**
  - Human
  - Natural
  - Financial
  - Political
  - Cultural
- Financial**
  - Byrne Grant
  - State/gov agency
  - Banks
  - USDA
  - job service
  - EIOPB
  - YEP
  - long term industry
- Political**
  - Built
  - non-profit
  - co. committee
  - countryside
  - to citizens
  - larger commission group
  - more co. communication
- Cultural**
  - Sacajawea volunteers
  - arts council
  - Community celebrations
  - importance of youth
  - Museum
  - stronger life long ed value

**Other Resources:**

- AMNCC
- ARF
- Develop local center
- Public health
- scholarship
- minor buildings
- airport
- chicken
- can buildings
- IMC center/convention center
- tech school
- green center
- new library
- affordable housing
- private & school land
- improved transportation

- ID asset categories
- Focus on the positive
- Connect the “dots”
- ID needs

- Focusing on the positive
- Identify their strengths and resources
- Visualize and determine how to maximize their impact
- Identifying needs gaps

- Use to brainstorm assets and linkages in organizations
- Keep discussions positive
- Build partnerships



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Let's list the assets we have.



# COMMUNITY SUMMITS



## How do I use them?

- Invite stakeholders
- Start with information
- Have facts on hand
- Prepare space for group discussions
- Brainstorming
- Move to action

## What is a community summit?

Bringing a community or sector of the community together to work on an issue or address a need can be a powerful action tool that can create maximum buy-in and impact.

## When can I use them in my programming?

- Tackle a big community challenge
- Bring differing opinions together
- Build a lot of community buy in and support



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Talk about actions at your table, then we will  
share.



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## **QUESTIONS?**