

Part 2: Planning a Gathering of Community-Based Organizations

Hosting a gathering of community-based organizations is a great opportunity for your group to network and spread the word about its own work. But hosting an event for different groups, or even for members of different project teams within the same group, entails some special considerations.

Each year, members from the different KLCC sites come together at a national gathering to share their successes, their learning, and their questions. The questions below arose during the planning process for this gathering. We think you'll find them useful in planning your own gathering of different community-based groups:

- How do we create a safe and gracious space that allows everyone to be who they are in the spirit of connection and respect?
- How will young people develop and lead lessons that speak to their experiences and needs?
- How will we model youth and adult partnerships throughout the gathering?
- What skills, tools, and resources do different sites want to offer to the whole community?
- What skills and resources are not available among the sites that people might want to learn about to bring back to their communities?
- How do we leave energized and better prepared to do the work at home?