

ASPIRATIONS

Three questions to help reshape your conversations.

Try using these questions to get people focused on the community – and what they have in common.



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on your answers and the implications



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ASPIRATIONS FACILITATOR'S GUIDE

Instructions for leading a conversation about aspirations:

- For this exercise you'll be asking the three questions shown below and helping to identify patterns or themes from the answers given.
- Make sure everyone has a copy of the Aspirations questions.
- Give your participants ten minutes to read and write down their answers to these three questions.
- Go through the questions in order and for each, record their answers on a flip chart and identify any patterns or themes that emerge from their answers.

1. What are your aspirations your community?

Record your participant's answers on the flip chart. Capture the key words they use.

Ask the group:

- What patterns do you see?
- Are there any themes emerging? Name some of these themes.

Make sure that you've captured the essence of their thoughts and responses.

2. What challenges do we face in reaching these aspirations?

Record your participant's answers on the flip chart. Capture the key words they use.

Ask the group:

- What patterns do you see?
- Are there any themes emerging? Name some of these themes.

Make sure that you've captured the essence of their thoughts and responses.

3. What needs to change in the community to reach our aspirations?

Record your participant's answers on the flip chart. Capture the key words they use.

Ask the group:

- What patterns do you see?
- Are there any themes emerging? Name some of these themes.

Make sure that you've captured the essence of their thoughts and responses.

How to summarize:

Once the three questions have been answered and the responses recorded, summarize what your participants have said by telling a story.

We began by saying that we wanted a community where _____ (aspirations) but we face _____ (challenges). So if we want to reach our aspirations, we need to create _____ (new conditions/change)