



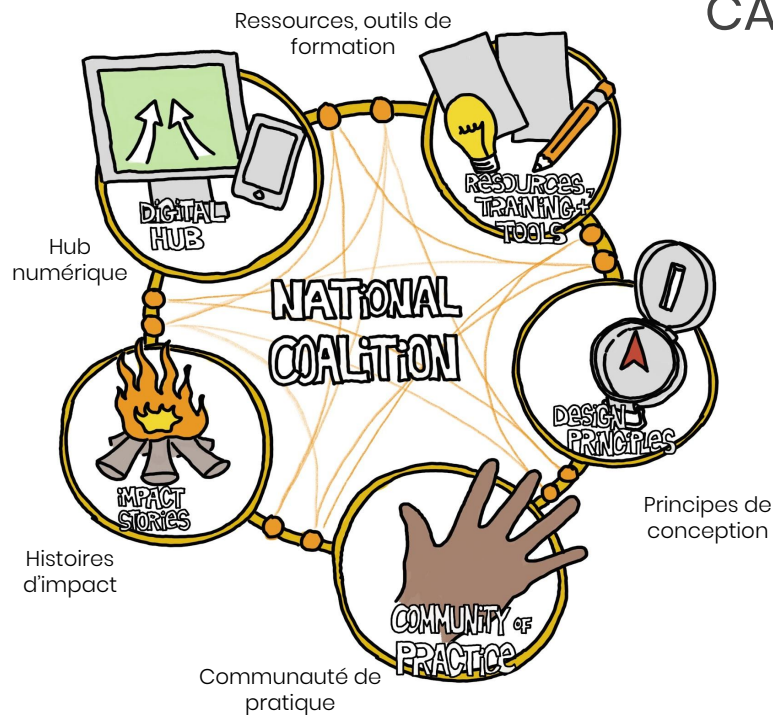
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# Relationship Building and Connectedness during times of social distancing



# Introducing our Host and Speaker



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# Our Program

- Each year, 40 youth (ages 18–30) form a national team
- This year, our immersive expeditions are put on pause or have been tentatively shifted to later in the year
- These expeditions are the main way our community meets, connects and forms relationships





# Connectedness

- So, how can we still connect with one another and build community?
- How do we connect people as early and as well as we can?
- How do we remove barriers to participants?



# The Importance of an Introduction

- Ice breakers
- Any way to break down barriers between participants
- Gives them cues for connection and ideas of who to connect with
- Try to get folks on video as much as possible/
- Any other methods?





# Take an inventory!

- What do you already have and how can you use it better/differently?
- Collaboration Space
  - Based off a traditional Open Spaces facilitation model
- [Padlet](#)
- Took advantage of a couple areas of [our community space](#) to create something new



## Assess your community needs

- What does your community feel like it's lacking right now?
- Tea time
- Weekly or bi-weekly casual online meetups
- Start them with an ice breaker
- We always have a staff person on these calls



## Use what you have!

- We don't always need to be new and innovative to create something meaningful;
- Simple solutions can be great ones
- We sent out swag bag packages to our 40 participants
- We'll wear them all together on our next group call



## Lessons Learned

- Padlet was fun – but added one too many steps
- Open-ended timeline
- You can never be too clear about time zones
- Staff facilitation can help break down barriers
- Turns out tea time wasn't it
- Create new ideas and test them as you go





## Where we are now?

- Using the collaboration space to have participant-driven regional hubs meeting
- What we'll use it for after that – time will tell!
- Youth can self-organize across cohorts into working groups based on their interests







**Q & A**

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