Exploring Partnerships for Innovation and Action

Process

An invitation to reflect on the shared experience of working across multidisciplinary partnerships in a way that can build understanding and help us better understand where do we go from here.

- Series of 3 questions to answer, one at a time
- 1 minute 'think and ink,' followed by discussion at tables
- Each group shares 1 important answer that contributes something unique and meaningful to the discussion



Ladder of Inference

Emphasizes the value of a step-by-step progression in debriefing or after-action conversations. The value of staying LOW on the ladder is visually reinforced. Misunderstandings and arguments can be avoided.

I take based on beliefs	3. Now What?
I adopt about the world	Beliefs
I draw from assumptions	Conclusions
I make based on meanings	2. So What? Assumptions
I add (cultural & personal)	Meanings
I select from observations	1. What? Data

Observable data and experiences

Part 1

Questions

- What kinds of innovative projects, processes or policies are you working on with partners outside of your area of expertise?
- Who is at the table?

Process

- Individual 'think and ink' (1 min)
- Discuss at your tables (8 min)
- Each group shares 1 important, meaningful answer

Part 2

Questions

- If that work is successful, why will it matter?
- (i.e., What patterns or outcomes are emerging? Why hypotheses can we make?)

Process

- Individual 'think and ink' (1 min)
- Discuss at your tables (8 min)
- Each group shares 1 important, meaningful answer

Part 3

Questions

- Now what?
- (What actions make sense? What does this mean for our partnerships?)

Process

- Individual 'think and ink' (1 min)
- Discuss at your tables (8 min)
- Each group shares 1 important, meaningful answer

Final reflection / wrap up

Reflect on and write down one strategic partnership action step that you are going to pursue when you get home.

Discuss your action step with an elbow partner