

What?

The network building toolkit supports you to build and/or develop your network.

Why?

Exploring all of the elements of the toolkit with your team or members will allow you to identify any gaps or issues, answer and ask questions and create actions and plans to help you move forward.

Network Interviewing Task

How?

1. Form a pair with someone involved in a network
2. Choose who will be the interviewer and who will be the interviewee.
3. Start with the starter questions below.
4. Then take a look at the different key themes overleaf.
5. Decide which section that you feel will be most useful to explore.
6. Work through the questions on the cards for that section, then try another section.

The interviewer should help draw out any issues, ask the questions on the cards, and prompt the interviewee to note down any big questions and to create tangible actions to move forward.



Starter questions:

- How did your network begin?
- What is it like now?
- What does the future look like?

Key themes overview

Purpose & identity

What is your network's mission? How do members identify with each other? What are the culture and values of the network?



- Values & culture
- Purpose
- Shared identity

Value creation & exchange

What value does the network create and for whom? What are the products and services and benefits of joining? How does the network's value grow and spread?



- Key activities
- Value creation
- Connections
- Innovation
- Scaling
- Peer support

Infrastructure & resources

How do you communicate with members and with people outside the network? What assets do you have? What do you need to keep the network going (funding, roles, time)?



- Communications
- Sustainability
- Assets & infrastructure
- People
- Roles

Governance & power

What is the structure of your network? How is it managed? How are decisions made and how do people work together?



- Typologies & structures
- Leadership
- Decision making
- Operations and processes

Measuring impact

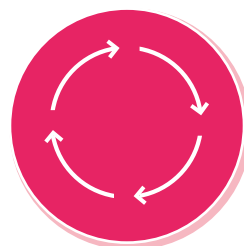
How does your network measure progress towards its mission? Who does it engage with, and how well? How do you know how far the impact of the network reaches? How does your impact measurement inform your strategy and operations?



- Connectivity
- Wellbeing
- Results

Managing change

How does your network adapt to change? How are new people brought in? How do external factors affect the network? How is risk approached and managed in the network?



- Competitors
- Transition
- Managing change