

PATHFINDING OUTFITTERS

Form an interest group

Interest groups organize inquiry into questions, explore passions, issues, and topics, share and reflect on stories, and exchange helpful practices and skills.

To begin watch Patti Scott's 5 minute video for lessons from a successful interest group <u>youtu.be/Ffo83UYuUeo</u>

Co-Initiators define the group's focus, invite participants, & host the space

Intention: The question that calls us together, the idea we want to explore, the stories we want to hear, the practice we want to share, stated in a title for the group.

This matters because...

Participants

People to invite directly & who will reach out. If we want to make a general invitation, how will we do it?

Time

Length of meetings.

Initial commitment for 1 meeting, more?

Set time or your plan to arrange time.

Tech

Arrangements for access to Zoom & tech support for managing the meeting.

Hosting

Plans for welcoming people and bringing them into the topic, before the first meeting, at the first meeting.

Plans for harvesting & sharing what the group learns: videos, blog entries, graphic records, artifacts made by participants...



Flow: Identify the key questions or main ideas for the first meeting. Choose among these and other practices and sequence them in a pattern that suits your topic. Identify who will be responsible for each step. Some steps will need both a facilitator and technical support.

Draft an invitation to e-mail to the people you want to invite, post on the Pathfinding Outfitters Website, and circulate in other ways. Consider producing a 3-5 minute video invitation.

Next steps