

Harnessing the Power of Collectives

Wave 1 {Conversations}



The social determinants of health is the foundation that links all of us together as a collective. To solve these issues requires thinking differently not just outside of the box, but as if the box was never there in the first place. This boundless thinking allows for more innovation, social cohesion and harnesses collective intelligence.

What do we need to cross boundaries?

1. Build the foundation

Build intentional relationships, develop people's shared commitment to the work and create "power with" the community

2. Develop Leaders

Leadership is an art- some see this as being part of a manager role, but the craft of building relationships and mobilizing for impact is something we all can do

3. Organizing Cycle

Listen, discern, plan/research, act, evaluate and repeat



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Ryan's work centred on the question "How can we address the issues of our world, not just surface levels, but at their roots?" This question led Ryan to live in places like Thunder child First Nation Reserve and Guatemala, Augustana University, Taize in France and study a Master of Divinity at Harvard. As part of his studies Ryan was introduced to the Community Organizing and found a powerful means to inspire coming together to transform communities. Ryan used these skills in varying settings like helping organize Canada's Interfaith Conversation, and equipping leaders of a parish developing partners with immigrants around food. Now, Ryan serves as the Lead Organizer of the Calgary Alliance for the Common Good. He is married and has two delightful kids – who remind him of what really matters.