

Host Guide: Collective Story Harvest

Storyteller: _____

Topic: _____

Process Flow – total time is 60 mins:

- Introductions
- Handout Wisdom Catcher sheets to volunteers
- Storyteller shares their story (approx. 20 mins total)
- Wisdom Catchers share back (25 mins total)
- Storyteller shares what gifts or insights they are taking away (5 mins)
- Transition to _____ at _____

Host Instructions:

1. Gauge once everyone has arrived / is seated in the circle. Welcome the group to the topic.
2. Invite the group to go around the circle and **briefly** introduce themselves.
3. Ask for volunteers to listen for the themes and handout the accompanying Wisdom Catcher sheets or materials for harvesting (flip chart paper etc) – ask them to make notes during the story not to give a full report back but to catch the gold to offer back to the rest of us and the storyteller.
4. Invite the storyteller to begin (approx. 20 mins to tell their story – not a hard stop). *If you have a pair of storytellers, they don't have 20 minute each but 20 minutes total.*
5. Once the storyteller is done, thank them and invite the Wisdom Catchers to share back what they heard related to their arc (approx. 25 minute total for this portion; three to four minutes per them). **Gently facilitate to ensure all Wisdom Catchers are heard from; this is not so much a time for conversation as it is for sharing back.**
6. If there is time, invite anyone who wasn't listening for a specific theme if they wanted to share any key insights they are taking away from the story.
7. Lastly, take a final 5 minutes to invite the **storyteller(s)** to share what gifts or insights they are taking away from sharing the story and the wisdom catchers. **This is important to close the loop for the storyteller – don't miss this step!**
8. Thank everyone for their listening, learning and sharing. Invite your group to move into the next portion of the process, being respectful of other circles that might still be together. We will come back together as a whole group to cross-pollinate and discover our learnings and insights across all the stories. Ask the volunteers to hold onto their Wisdom Catching sheets as they will need them.