

The Art of Gathering

On April 27th, we hosted a Community Conversation that explored how principles from Priya Parker's *The Art of Gathering* show up in Core. This conversation was hosted by Rachel Goldstein

Recap

We discussed 5 key ways to ensure a meaningful gathering:

1. Identify your purpose.
2. Design your invitation to persuade.
3. Host with generous authority
4. Create an alternative world.
5. Start and close with intention.

Insights + Key Takeaways

- Allow enough time at the end to close the meeting.
- Communicating with members before the meeting can motivate members to attend.
- Close the meeting by having the women acknowledge each person in the Zoom room and share gratitude for showing up.
- Incorporate lightness and organic, natural humor into Core.
- Jessica Powers' fun question ideas:
 - Favorite childhood art project
 - What do you pack in a picnic?
 - If you could give yourself a permission slip for anything, what would you write?
- Leading with generous authority means being authentic to who you are and what your style is.
- Leading with generous authority means showing up with an agenda, but being willing to redirect when people need something else.
- Use silence as a moment for reflection.
- Maame Yelbert-Sai's *Hand, Head, and Heart* closing ritual:
 - Hand: what tools, skills, or strategies are you walking away with?
 - Head: what thoughts, what data, what information are you left with after the Core meeting?
 - Heart: what are you feeling, how did you walk into the space, how are you walking out of the space?

Resources

- [Community Conversation Slides](#)