

Generative Questions

Meaning

- What did you discover? Observe? Notice?
- What do you know/feel/think about ____?
- What is the deeper purpose of this problem or challenge?
- What assumptions are you making?
- What is important to you?
- How might you apply this skill/knowledge to ____?

Context and analysis

- What are the root causes of ____?
- Who benefits from this?
- How does it affect ____ group differently?
- Who else has faced this same challenge and how have they addressed it?
- What other systems are impacted by or are contributing to this problem?
- What needs to change?

Learning

- What did you discover? About the issue? Yourself? Your community?
- What has been your biggest learning, insight or discovery?
- What more do you still need to learn about this issue?

Solution

- What's possible here? What opportunities does this open up?
- What resources do you have?
- What do you ideally want to see?
- What would you be doing if you had solved the problem?
- How can you start doing any of that right now?
- What challenges might you face and how might you meet them?
- What would it take to create change on this issue?
- What new connections are you making?

Points of view

- Who else cares about this issue? How does this look to other stakeholders?
- What would someone from the future say about this?
- What's missing from this picture?

- What are new ways of looking at this?