## **BREAKOUT QUESTIONS**

These questions were compiled from crowd sourcing on Twitter. Let us know if you have ideas for additional questions!

## Ask advocates

- 1. What is your cancer story?
- 2. What challenges did you face during the diagnosis?
- 3. What advocacy activities do you participate in?
- 4. What would you like a researcher to know about having your disease?
- 5. What is important to you when it comes to discoveries about your disease (a new drug for your disease)?

## Ask trainees

- 1. What kind of research do you do? Explain your project.
- 2. Why did you go into this area of research?
- 3. How do you think what you are studying will help a real live patient?
- 4. What plans do you have to engage with people with the disease your research will impact?
- 5. How might patient advocates work with researchers as integral part of a research team?
- 6. How are your communicating about your work with people outside of your field? (Brainstorm how advocates and trainees can work together to accomplish this!)
- 7. How might your research improve quality of life (QoL)?
- 8. How and where do you get your funding?
- 9. How long do you think it will be before your research either saves lives, extends lives or improves the quality of cancer patients lives?
- 10. Do you take time out occasionally to reflect on bigger picture issues and make occasional cross disciplinary connections in cancer research? Sometimes talking to a colleague working in another area can ask the most basic questions or stimulate other ideas in your work!
- 11. What do you know about genetics/ family history and cancer?
- 12. How do I find out about specific research projects relevant to me?
- 13. How do I raise ringfenced funds for that project?
- 14. How do I keep updated on that project so I stay as motivated to keep on helping?
- 15. How do you plan to let me know the outcome of your study and what implications it has for patients like me?
- 16. How do you determine your research priorities?