P2PU Gathering - Community Call - April 26 12-1 ET

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Intros

- Grif & Nico (P2PU)
- David Rosen (Boston)
- Al (New York)
- Sara & Julie (Wichita)
- Alexis (Kansas City)
- Athy (Miami)
- Gwendolyn (Spokane)
- Jordan (Boston)
- Larysa (Toronto)
- Marsha (San Jose)

What was the best part of a recent conference or large meeting that you attended?

- Joint conferences; get to meet new groups of people
- Addressing implicit bias
- Keeping a fairly flexible, open plan to the audience
- One big giant melting pot of conversations, not lecture
- Welcoming
- Drinking
- I recently attended the OLA (Ontario Library Association) Superconference, and I would say that the best part of the conference was seeing Ryan Dowd speak

What was the worst part?

- When I have to present back to back “its a bear”
- Bad weather
- Coinciding events that I want to go to
- Nico’s dancing
- Spending time in transit
- Don’t ruin good interactions that are happening
- The worst part was public transit. There were massive delays on the subway.

Some Updates!



Nico and Marsha earlier this week in LA

Larysa talking about P2PU and Linux →
https://community.p2pu.org/t/linux-learning-circles-results-from-toronto-public-library/3485
“I laughed, I cried, I watched the whole thing” -- Grif

- New facilitator dashboard is coming!
    - See mock-up here https://community.p2pu.org/t/changes-to-the-facilitator-dashboard/3459
    - **Fill out quick survey https://p2pu.typeform.com/to/welA87**
- Learning circle online course is here!
    - https://p2pu.github.io/facilitate-course/
    - A direct result of our 2018 gathering! The 3-STEP Alexis Method™

2019 Gathering in Boston: Sept 18-20

Summary from Last Year

- Here’s a summary of what happened last year in Kansas City
- Website from last year’s Gathering
- Goals from last year:
    - Get to know one another
    - Share and document stories, outcomes, and best practices for supporting learning circles within libraries and community centers

    - Co-design new exercises and tools that support learning circles and other related library programs
    - Explore and build consensus about the learning circle model, its values, and potential directions for our movement

Plan for this Year

- Aiming for ~50 people, most of whom have facilitated circles, plus some new community members from the Boston area.
- We have the option to do some site visits on Wednesday
- We could also do an extra introduction to learning circles for newbies (Wednesday)
- We have 4 rooms booked at BPL, which allows for a few different formats:
    - Large group: Sharing updates, stories, outcomes, questions facilitated by p2pu
    - Smaller breakouts: Led by participants and/or p2pu
    - Unconference/open space
    - + Social time
- We won't charge a registration fee: about 25 people are already sponsored through grants (IMLS and Toronto project); the rest won't be expected to cover anything more than food costs.

Proposed Topic	**Put X if you like this**
Update on specifics of IMLS grant	xx
Update from P2PU on the past year and year ahead / how this work fits into the broader vision of P2PU	xxx
Reflection on team planning worksheets from last year / workshopping things that didn't go as well as we hoped	xx
Discussion on financial support for learning circles and similar programs at libraries with representatives from IMLS and other funders	xxxx
OER course development activity	xxx
Meeting specifically for team organizers	xxx
User testing on new P2PU initiatives and tools (community roles page, online course, tech features, learning activities)	xxxx
Intro to running your own learning circle trainings using new learning circle course	xxxxx
Discussing and troubleshooting the technology that we use	xxx

alongside learning circles (Lynda, Northstar, edX, etc.)	
P2PU software review and feedback (dashboard, reports, messaging, event management)	xx
Running learning circles with support from community partners (employment services, housing, language learning centers)	xxxx
Lightning round plus/delta from the past year	x
Discussing what is and is not working with feedback/surveys and how we can better evaluate and document impact in a way that is consistent with our values	xxxx
Intensive facilitation theory and practice workshop	xxxxx
Reflecting on our relationships with vendors and subscription-based systems (lynda, gale, universal class)	xx
Listing new specific organizations and networks to outreach	xx
Workshopping group activities to run in learning circles	xxxx
Tour of Boston Public Library	xxxxxx
Site visits (Cambridge Public Library, BPL branches, MIT Media Lab, etc.)	xxxxx
3 hour training workshop for first time facilitators	xxx
Cocktails at the new bar that BPL just opened	xxx
Small group dinners	xx
Large group dinner	xxxxxxx
Some sort of social event (bowling, brewery visit, adult playground, etc.)	xxxxxx
Experiences partnering with non-library organizations	xxxx
Doing a learning circle with multiple facilitators	x
Video recording/ creating documents	
How to market to colleagues who haven't used model	x
Skype in with folks from Kenya and EU	

MOOC provider relationships / working with expertise groups like nanowrimo and LPI	

- Other thoughts? Boston has a well-developed network of adult basic skills providers, most of whom know nothing about learning circles. Could they be invited to a newbies workshop and/or an introduction to learning circles?
    - Yes! These are the people we want to reach out to.
    - Great. Hold off for a few weeks until we get the Boston website up. But we will hope that you and Jordan/BPL can help us identify new Boston-area community partners. Sound good? Yes -- I haven't met Jordan yet but would like to.
- Other people who should be there?
    - Boston-area adult basic skills providers + BPL partners
    - Historically the BPL has been very active in offering computer training and digital literacy training courses, There have also been community computing centers. It might be possible to reach out to these folks.
    - Learning circle facilitators from R.I. and Maine, as well as from the three community-based organizations in Boston that were part of the English Now! Pilot project
- Wed: perhaps learning circle training is separate from thurs-fri?

Logistics re: costs

- New IMLS: you'll receive money directly for 2 people in May
- Old IMLS: we have money to book flight and hotel for 1 person
- Toronto: we have money to book flight and hotel for 2 people

Goals for 2019

- Get to know one another
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Other notes

- Explore current and future directions of P2PU
- Working with MOOC providers

NOTES

Larysa Essex12:11 PM
I recently attended the OLA (Ontario Library Association) Superconference, and I would say that the best part of the conference was seeing Ryan Dowd speak. I think he's just wonderful. If you don't know who he is, he's a huge advocate for ending homelessness, and works closely with libraries. The worst part was public transit. There were massive delays on the subway.

Athanasia Fitos12:12 PM
Hi Grif and Nico

Jordan12:13 PM
Forgot to mention, I'm with the Boston Public Library. :-)

Larysa Essex12:16 PM
Wow, thanks!

Al Oliveras12:18 PM
So we now can have a learning circle on facilitating learning circles? :)

Grif Peterson12:18 PM
yes exacltly ;)

Athanasia Fitos12:19 PM
Can't wait

Sara Dixon12:19 PM
Good job! Looks great!

Marsha Malcolm12:26 PM
Where are we marking these things?

Grif Peterson12:26 PM
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1XiwFhJuvqe9SC_7RFNcOX2anVDXSFanT7qUedZXzhdY/edit#

Marsha Malcolm12:26 PM
Thanks

:D

Marsha Malcolm12:33 PM
Yes!

Athanasia Fitos12:33 PM
Yessdsssss

Larysa Essex12:33 PM

Definitely!

Marsha Malcolm12:33 PM
I want to steal ideas from other libraries for my library

:)

Athanasia Fitos12:34 PM
Yes practices

Athanasia Fitos12:35 PM
How others have adapted circles?

I can't edit through phophonee app

Grif Peterson12:36 PM
@Marsha - i think you can borrow them with no late fees, but you can't steal them

@athy - i can add things for you

Marsha Malcolm12:36 PM
I always love a good library joke XD

Athanasia Fitos12:39 PM
Updating on what others found works and what were failures. Any presentations others have made.

Sara Dixon12:40 PM
I think it's an interesting concept. We're starting to look at adding content to existing classes.

Athanasia Fitos12:40 PM
How to market to colleagues who haven't used model

Jordan12:40 PM
yes, good idea

David Rosen12:40 PM
An adult learning center in Portland Maine had a learning circle with three facilitators -- who took turns facilitating the meetings -- and developed a good communications system so they were all informed. One of them might be invited to come to the Conference.

Larysa Essex12:40 PM
When do people usually start to arrive?

Athanasia Fitos12:41 PM
Thank😺

David Rosen12:42 PM
Grif, could part of the conference have more attendees -- newbies for example from New England?

Jordan12:42 PM
That would be cool

David Rosen12:42 PM
Great!

Jordan12:43 PM
it might help to getsome of our branch librarians on board if there's a big training that's local for them.

Larysa Essex12:44 PM
cool

Gwendolyn Haley12:45 PM
since I'm a newbie, the first 2 are most relevant

Athanasia Fitos12:48 PM
Yeah... Sustainablity

Grif Peterson12:48 PM
@athy - re: sustainability, maybe we should start a mango farm?

Athanasia Fitos12:48 PM
And the continued access to oer

Something useful moocs have disappeared or gone paid

Grif Peterson12:49 PM
yes they have

David Rosen12:50 PM
Jordan, we should talk about branch librarians in Boston. I have been dialoging with Laura at the JP branch

Athanasia Fitos12:50 PM
Mango farming would be grand

David Rosen12:50 PM
about learning circles, of course

Jordan12:51 PM
David, I think Jess Elias has been trying to get them on board, but staffing isn't great and time is not always available so they are reluctant to do it.

Athanasia Fitos12:52 PM
Next event could have reps from mooc "companies" to talk about their trajectory with oer

Grif Peterson12:52 PM
yes - or we can try to do that this event! boston has lots of reps from these organizations

David Rosen12:52 PM
Some conferences invite "vendors" -- in this case those who offer online courses -- to have a table in a vendors resource room -- they also usually underwrite some of the costs of the conference

Athanasia Fitos12:53 PM
And how we can contribute to oer library

David Rosen12:53 PM
Jordan -- let's talk about this . Call me at 617-522-7020.

Jordan12:54 PM
my email is jdraves@bpl.org. I'm not at work today, though.

Sara Dixon12:55 PM
Has p2pu considered hosting any of these moocs? As facilitators start to build courses, it would be cool to have a place to gather those. I know Jordan has her's hosted on a WP site.

Grif Peterson12:55 PM
yes, in fact :)

David Rosen12:55 PM

Nico, some Career one-stops (Career Centers) in the U.S. might be interested in offering learning circles

Grif Peterson12:56 PM
http://howto.p2pu.org

You12:57 PM
https://p2pu.github.io/facilitate-course/

Jordan12:57 PM
that's awesome!

Sara Dixon12:59 PM
How soon will you have the schedule fo rthe gathering? I think the schedule will dictate on some level when we are able to get to Boston.

Grif Peterson12:59 PM
lets say we will have it by may 15

Sara Dixon12:59 PM
Thanks, Grif!

Grif Peterson12:59 PM
what schedule will make it such that you want to come on Wednesday? :)

Sara Dixon1:00 PM
New facilitator training probably wouldn't, but sessions that pertain to what we're doing in Wichita would.

Does that help? :)

Grif Peterson1:00 PM
yep!

Gwendolyn Haley1:00 PM
where is the survey again?

Grif Peterson1:00 PM
im glad we'll get to see you again

https://p2pu.typeform.com/to/weIA87

https://community.p2pu.org/t/changes-to-the-facilitator-dashboard/3459

Larysa Essex1:01 PM
Thanks everyone!

Sara Dixon1:01 PM
Thanks! Bye!

David Rosen1:01 PM
Thanks and bye everyone!

Jordan1:01 PM
Thanks!

Marsha Malcolm1:01 PM
Thank you!

Gwendolyn Haley1:01 PM
thanks!