



The Art of Convening  
Graduate Journey  
Purpose in Action

### **QUALITIES OF A GREAT PARTNER SESSION**

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1. Decide whether to call, Zoom or Skype.
2. Decide how long your session will be.
3. Have an opening question to hear briefly from each Partner: i.e. current condition, something new since you last spoke.
4. Consider using the Convening Wheel flow below.

### **Using the Convening Wheel in your session:**

**At the Heart of the Matter:** To support the deepening of your experience and wisdom of convening.

**Clarifying Intent:** through journal keeping  
You may wish to reflect on the homework focus prior to the session.

**The Invitation:** to consider the broad and deep applications of convening.

#### **Setting Context:**

These sessions are meant to give you time to share:

1. your reflections on the journaling question(s)
2. your learnings/experiences with the AoC
3. your work on your case study/project.

**Creating the Container:** A good practice for moving from your "everyday world" into a more intentional container. Get settled 5 minutes prior to the session, finding a quiet place to be. Perhaps light a candle. Have your journal to refer to. Begin to transition.

**Hearing All the Voices:** Consider beginning the session by "Stringing the Beads." Simply use the same method we used on the AoC call.

1. *Begin with a [brief] Transition Exercise:* take turns leading the exercise.
2. *Decide on a question to speak to*—such as current condition—and begin.
3. *Open by speaking your name* and close with "I have spoken" or "I am complete." [It may seem a bit formal for a one-on-one meeting, however you'll be surprised by the positive effects it will have between you.]
4. After each has spoken, open up for clarifying questions or reflections.
5. Or you may choose to have another round of speaking.

**Essential Conversation:** You may wish to use the following questions as a conversation starter:

- What are your reflections on the current journaling question(s)?
- What are some of the challenges and/or opportunities you face now in your work as a Convener?

**Creation:** What new ideas and/or learnings emerge?

**Commitment to Action:** What is your commitment to integrate your learnings into your work as a Convener?

May your sessions be fun and rewarding!