

CONNECT WITH YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD THROUGH COMMUNITY LISTENING PLANNING WORKSHEET

The listening team			
Who in church leadership will provide overall guidance for this team?			
Who could be invited to join the team?			
Who might be able to help out with specific tasks (e.g. meeting hospitality)?			
Who in the community could work with the team for introductions and ideas?			
How long will people be asked to serve? What is the timeline for your listening project?		What is your target starting date?	

Your listening goals
What goal(s) for community listening will be meaningful for your church right now?
What questions could be most important to ask?

Who to listen to: Brainstorm individuals, groups and organizations you could talk with		
BRIDGERS – <i>members of your church who live, work or are involved in the community</i>	INSIDERS – <i>people/organizations in the community with valuable knowledge, experiences or perspectives</i>	LEADERS <i>and decision makers</i>

How you can share what you learn
When will the team meet to prayerfully review, debrief and assess what you are learning from listening?
How can the team share your discoveries and ideas with the church?
How can you share what you learn with contacts and partners in the community?

Plan your listening activities (Note: You don't have to do all of these! Choose the activities that are most relevant and helpful for your context)

Options for activities	What will you do? <i>Outline the activity: where you will go, who you will talk with, what will happen at the event, etc.</i>	When? <i>Projected timeline</i>	Point person? <i>Who will set up / lead the activity?</i>	Action steps <i>Note anything needed to prepare for the activity: referrals, contact info, permission, supplies ...</i>
<i>Go to people and listen to them</i>				
Interviews				
Meet with local groups				
Surveying conversations				
<i>Bring people together and listen to them</i>				
Host an event				
Focus groups				
Table talks / World Café				
<i>Show up where people are and listen to them</i>				
Hang out in the community				
Attend local meetings				
Site visits				

