

Sample Network Mapping Survey

We ask the NLN leaders to complete this mapping survey before they begin their experience in the network and again after they have “graduated” from their initial training, about six months later. We also survey the full network, including community leaders, annually. This allows the facilitation team to understand the network’s health over time. We use [Kumu](#) to map the NLN network. The NLN network maps will be made available on our website in December, 2020.

Introduction for the first-time survey taker:

Welcome again to the Irvine New Leadership Network. As you get to know us, you’ll learn that we love data. You’ll be asked periodically to fill out surveys. The data from those surveys will be used to understand whether the network is healthy — and what exactly it is poised to do. We will share this data, our analysis and our thinking with you as part of our work together.

To start, we are curious about how connected we all are to one another, who you already collaborate with, and your thoughts on who is important to the future of our county. Thank you for your time — and we look forward to being together in a few weeks.

Introduction for the annual survey taker:

Greetings! Now that you have experienced the power of the NLN network, we want to ask you to fill out the mapping survey again. We’ll use this expanded version to continue to monitor the health of our network — and what exactly it is poised to do. We will continue to share this data, our analysis and our thinking with you as part of our work together.

As you’ll see in this survey, we’re asking you to identify your relationships with your fellow cohort members as well as our community advisors.

Connection Strength Guide

0	Not in my network	I do not know this person.
1	On my radar	I know of this person, but rarely communicate or cross paths with them.
2	In my peripheral network	I keep in touch with this person and/or occasionally work, collaborate or socialize with them.
3	In my core network	I know this person well and/or frequently work, collaborate or socialize with them.

Question 1:

The Irvine NLN is a cross-sector network. This means that the network will include leaders that represent the diversity of the county across sectors, religions, cultures, races and life experiences. While we absolutely do not expect you to know everyone, we are curious about who you do know. Please rate your connection strength to your NLN peers using a number from 0 to 3 from the Connection Strength Guide.

	0 (not in my network)	1 (on my radar)	2 (in my peripheral network)	3 (in my core network)	N/A (this is me!)
Network Leader #1					
Network Leader #2					

In the first column of the table above, you would provide a list of network leaders' names and organizational affiliation. The first survey sets the baseline for network connectivity and strength. The following surveys allow us to track how the network is evolving.

Question 2:

Please rate your connection strength to these community leaders using a number from 0 to 3 from the Connection Strength Guide.

	0 (not in my network)	1 (on my radar)	2 (in my peripheral network)	3 (in my core network)	N/A (this is me!)
Community leader #1					
Community Leader #2					

In the first column of this table, you would provide a list of community leaders' names and titles. This can be a defined list of senior advisors or a diverse set of visible community leaders. This question helps us to determine just how integrated the network leaders are in the "mainstream" of the community conversation.

Question 3:

Please list up to five other community leaders whom you consider close collaborators and/or key to important work in the community.

Name:	Focus of their work:
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Name:	Focus of their work:

This question helps us identify leaders in the community who may not have organizational or political visibility. To date, we haven't added these names to the network maps.

Question 4:

Please list the projects that you are involved with that include organizational partners outside of your individual institutions. This could include both formal and informal collaborations in the community.

Name:	Description:
Name	Description:
Name:	Description

We don't use this question in mapping our network, but we are curious about which cross-organizational projects leaders are involved in.

Question 5:

Is there anyone in your network who should be recruited to the Irvine New Leadership Network? We will be in touch with you before contacting any of the people you list here.

Name	Organization	How you know them?
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We don't use this question in mapping the network, but we find it valuable to receive recommendations for network candidates.