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Cultivating Neighborhood Networks



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Participatory Action Research



Meeting the Moment
 El Puente
 Los Sures and Bushwick, Brooklyn



How to Make Kensington Culture
 Kensington Cultural Council
 Kensington, Brooklyn



Community Connection Cards
 FABnyc
 Lower East Side



Honoring the March: THE POINT's Fish Parade & Arts Festival
 THE POINT CDC, Hunts Point, Bronx



A Network Collaborating for Impact
 The Intergenerational Community Arts Council, Fort Greene, Brooklyn

Our inquiry: *How do networks and cultural hubs strengthen cultural ecosystems and further social impacts in communities as they recover and transform post-pandemic?*

We learned lessons about:

Building intentional relationships and trust

- Skills for building relationships
- Importance of community leadership and self determination

Stories and culture as essential to community activism

- Sustained cross sector approaches
- Putting values into practice

Infrastructure for equity

- Progressive policies related to public space and funding networks and supporting community leadership
- Shifting power through networks
- The value of network cultivation over time