

41 DESIGNS FOR COMMUNITY EVENT

A participative community event includes the following building blocks:

✓	Welcome and Framing	This welcomes participants to the event and outlines the event's purpose and, program, how information will be used, and any specific introductions that need to be spoken.
✓	Check-in or Introductions	This allows participants to see who is in the room, and supports people to begin to participate.
✓	Collective Identification of "What Matters to Us"	The objective of this is to allow people to collectively identify what has the most meaning for them, so that a common reality can emerge between participants about what matters most. This allows for the first level of collaboration: people now feel a sense of shared concern and care.
✓	Generating Ideas / Solutions	This helps participants to take ownership of what they care about, so that they can begin to do something about it, instead of waiting for others. It is always fascinating how intelligent we can be together. New ideas emerge and people's skills and talents can begin to work for the community.
✓	Plenary Session on Next Steps	This ensures continuity and a sense of direction for participants about what will happen next. This can also be an opportunity for participants to sign up and take responsibility for the next steps.
✓	Check-out	This enables a group to close the event well: each person can share what they learned or what inspired them at the meeting.
✓	Closing	Here participants are acknowledged and the event is officially closed.