

Q1. What did you hear? What was the most exciting thing that you heard that has relevance for your community?

theme: when one or more people get together to start a business/initiative, it can grow bigger than envisioned. Is that good?

Community development and economic development need to be done together

What are people passionate outside of their jobs?
Linking people who share passions.

how can we acknowledge the economic value of the things we do, even if we are unemployed

"I thought that economy was the enemy of community" (e.g., big box stores.)
What if associations send money outside of community?

Plugging the leaks / the Leaky Bucket

Community cupboard - run by people in the community, not by the church. The institution plays a different role.

theme: recognize or discover what's already there. what are people already doing? Active development or a passion for something that they want to do.

Look for the opportunities... even COVID has provided opportunities.... to connect with neighbors; shop locally;

Q2. What are some of the gold threads (the key success factors) that were common in the stories you heard? What made them work? What was it about the people, the context, the way they organized, etc....?

Helping people understand that they have a role (expectation) for being producers

Give once, the recipient appreciates it. Give again, there's anticipation. Give again, and there's expectation. (books: Toxic Charity & Charity Detox)

Not needing permission!
Difference between power and authority.

Role of the institutions - not running things - but people / associations are leading.

Trust is so important!
Being present over time affects trust.

"my goal is to become useless"
Once people/businesses are up & running, I'm not needed. I'm there because of the relationships.

Entrepreneurial mindset: kids creating businesses

Connector / Community animator - someone playing this role can often make a difference

Stories -the importance of them for learning, dealing with fear, mindset

traction - how hard it is to get that going. Problems with the economy (e.g. toys are absent on the shelves) vs the opportunity to help people recognize local shopping, local activities.

Leadership