



**BIG THOUGHT**

Networking Meeting

Taking a glimpse into  
2025

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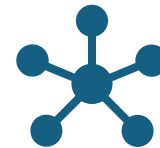
# Things to remember



Eat as we go



Have a growth mindset  
with each individual in  
this space



This is a safe space to  
share and connect with  
one another



As we discuss our  
goals for 2025 learn  
from one another

# Ice Breaker



NAME



AGENCY



HOW LONG HAVE YOU  
BEEN CONNECTED  
WITH BIG THOUGHT

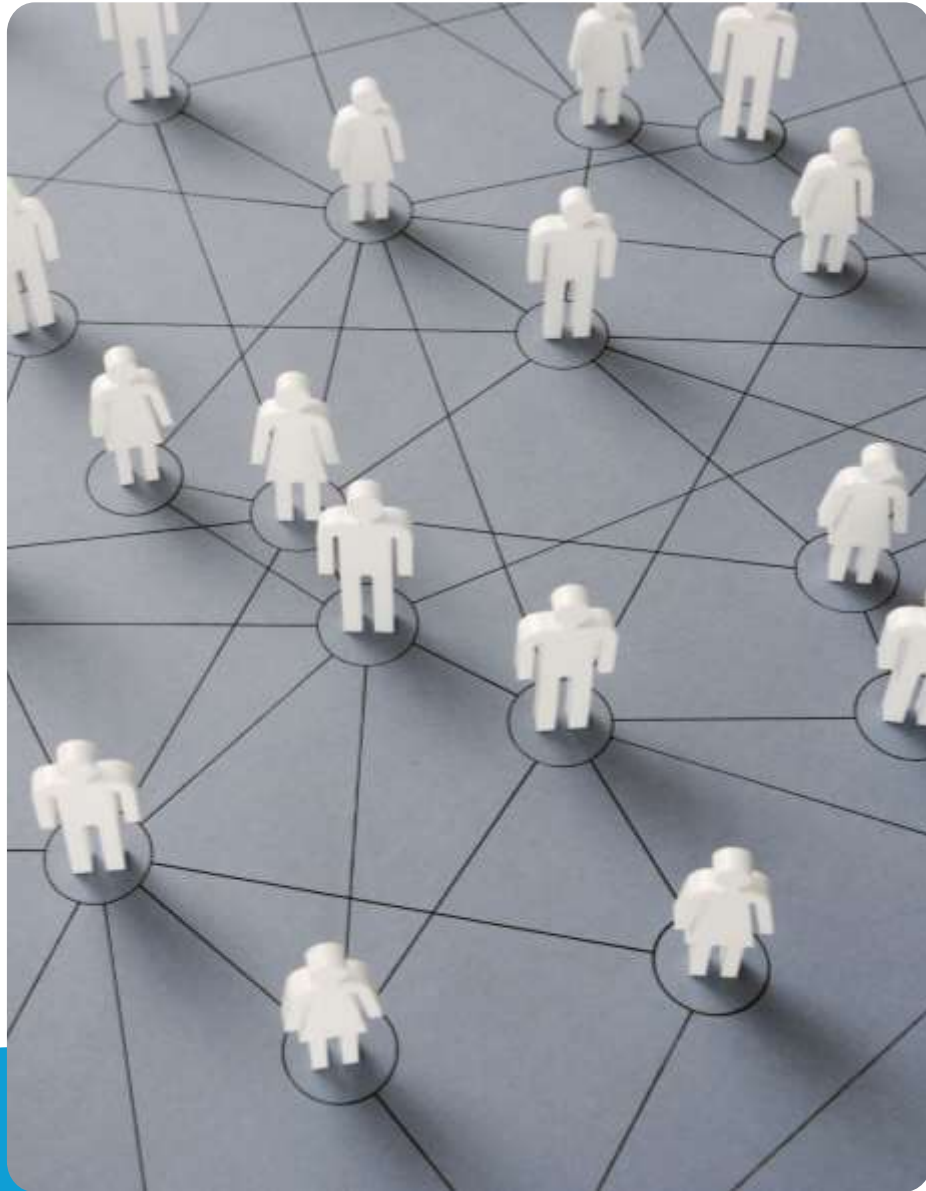


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TRADITION



# Community Meetup Purpose

- Big Thought would like to create a space for organizations and individuals to connect with each other to serve the DFW community
- There are many organizations that do great work however, our focus sometimes stops us from connecting with each other
- One organization shouldn't have to be "Superman". Serving the community is a collaborative effort.



# What this Community Network Meetup is not

- A way for Big Thought to harbor all these great organizations and resources for ourselves
- A one-time thing. Community Network Meetups will be consistent
- An unsafe environment. Express yourselves honestly and openly. Full transparency about your organization can help you fill in the gaps through connections

We Hear  
your  
concerns  
and  
challenges

## **Reshaping brunch and learn to meet the needs of your organization.**

- Capacity building
- Funding

## **Reshaping our Learning Pathways training to identify skills gained by program participants along with badging and DCOL integration**

- Learning Pathways will be more accessible to support the business of your work-day with a virtual option
- Scheduled DCOL walk throughs (each org has specific to do's)

# Powerful Network of 600+ Partners

## Content Partners, local

*Ex) Junior Players, Cara Mia, Perot, Teatro Dallas, The Writer's Garret*

## Content Partners, global

*Ex) Smithsonian, American Museum of Natural History, Games for Change*

## Neighborhood Partners

*Ex) Jubilee Center, Juanita Craft Recreation Center, Multipurpose Center, Trinity River Audubon*

## City Agencies

*Ex) Office of Cultural Affairs, Library, Parks & Recreations, Police, Aviation, Municipal Court*

## Social Services

*Ex) CitySquare, Frazier Revitalization*

## Higher Education

*Ex) Dallas College, SMU Center on Research and Evaluation*

## K-12 Education

*Ex) Dallas ISD, Catholic Parochial, Uplift Education*

## Business Sector

*Ex) Boeing, Fossil, PNC Bank, Pizza Hut*

## Investors & Influencers

*Ex) Philanthropists, Civic Leaders*

## Backbone Supports

*Ex) United Way, Dallas Afterschool, The School Zone*





# Connect & Share Out

- Share your goals as an organization moving into 2025 with your table
- Identify a way your table can support each other in one or more of these goals
- How can Big Thought support your efforts?
- Have one person share out from each table





# Newsletter

Org opportunities  
Available jobs  
Upcoming trainings  
Upcoming events  
Volunteer opportunities  
Internship opportunities  
Org Spotlight



# Collaborate and Discuss You Pick 2

1. Does your organization incorporate youth voice within its practices? If so, how does your organization do this?
2. What is something that is unique about your organization that others may not know about?
3. What are the goals of your organization? What are current barriers to these goals?
4. What type of organizations are you the most eager to connect and collaborate with?

Big Thought  
wants to hear  
from you

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# Optimistic Closing

- What did You learn Today?
- What organization did you connect with that you hope to learn more about?
- Any news, events, available jobs, etc. that you would like to share?

