

Exploring Intersections

A unique, new partnership-in-progress

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Our Network

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Intersections

Formal - Informal

Public Ed - Nonprofit

Science - Literacy

Work - Play

PROMPT for participants: What kind of intersections might interest you (and your organization)?

Problems/Opportunities

What can we tackle together?

DCI: Teens are a tough demographic

BSWP: How do we work and learn with educators in other kinds of community spaces?

PROMPT for participants: What challenges do you want to tackle? How might this align with a potential partner?

Values & Strengths

BSU WP

What: Teacher PD
 How: Thinking partners
 Institutes/cohort
 "Teachers teaching teachers"
 Do with not to

WHY: Develop teacher exper & prof
 Allows teacher to be learner
 Build network of support
 ↑ student part
 ↑ instruction
 ↑ collegiality; **leadership agency**

What: visits to facility, camps, outreach, classes

How: Hands-on, informal & non-formal learning
 Learner interest driven
 self-guided

Why: Science literacy is important
 Learning is fun & transforms minds & lives.
 Help add community to be scientifically literate,
 curious & empowered to explore

DCI

Fusion

- Empowering learners (agency)
- Inquiry (asking questions in order to understand)
 - choice tools support strategies

DCI: □ Test hypotheses about observed phenomenon

BSWP: □ investigate solutions, relationships, in order to understand & raise more questions

- Community (where learning & inquiry occurs) (where we find partners)
 - Student Teachers
 - Parents/Experts (teams)
 - develop & sustain communities
 - participate in communities
 - serve communities
 - create & widen communities

* A community of learners engaged in inquiry in order to collaborate agency for individuals & the group

PROMPT for participants:
 What is important to you and your organization? What do you and your organization do well?

Our Journey

Gamefort - event we do together

Intersections Institute for our Community -
program, builds on strengths, co-created

Sustainability - beyond the people

Potential partners?

Who might you want to work with as partners?

How might you establish a lasting partnership?