

## HARWOOD PRACTICE ARC 18-MONTH INITIATIVE

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	STAGE 1			STAGE 2	
	Launch	Starting the Work		Taking Action	Deepen and Spread
	Public Innovators Lab	Community Conversations	Building Public Will	Strategies and Partnerships	Working the Plan
	Up to Month 1	Months 2-4	Months 5-7	Months 8-12	Months 13-18
What You Should Focus On	Focus on community shared aspirations	Authentically engage community and discern key insights	<ul> <li>Strategically share knowledge from engaging community to build community ownership and public will</li> <li>Apply knowledge from engaging community to decision-making</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Identify and act on specific strategies of change that align to local context</li> <li>Focus on creating conditions necessary for community change</li> <li>Determine "who to run with" as partners</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Adopt the right metrics to gauge progress</li> <li>Develop networks for innovation and learning</li> </ul>
Project Components	<ul><li>Public Innovators Lab</li><li>Coaching Calls</li></ul>	Monthly Coaching Calls     In-person workspace	Monthly Coaching Calls	Monthly Group Coaching Calls	Monthly Group Coaching Calls
CHECKLIST: What should you be doing?	<ul> <li>Engage your staff/Board/community partners in the <i>Aspirations</i> exercise.</li> <li>Use the <i>Ask</i> questions with people in the community.</li> <li>Share and discuss <i>3A's of Public Life, Are You Turned Outward?</i>, or one of the other tools from the Lab with colleagues and/or partners.</li> <li>Post your Public Innovator Toolkit poster and your "Am I Turned Outward Today?" poster in visible places in your workplace.</li> </ul>	Complete three full (10 question) Community Conversations to gain experience and learn, using any opportunity you have. Just Do It!  After doing the first three, create an action plan. Use the Action Plan Worksheet in Tab 5 of the Lab Book.  Begin additional Community Conversations.  Build momentum and skill with the practice at a manageable pace	<ul> <li>□ Continue to have Community Conversations identified in your Action Plan.</li> <li>□ Look for themes using Identifying Themes and Questions for Looking Across Conversations in the Community Conversation Workbook</li> <li>□ Bring the team shaping your work together regularly to discuss what you are learning and where the knowledge can be used. Use the Innovation Space tool.</li> <li>□ Create a public knowledge summary. Use the Share What I Am Learning to Build Community Ownership and Allies in the Community Conversation Workbook.</li> <li>□ Share the public knowledge summary with staff, Board, partners and the community. Use the Ways of Presenting Public Knowledge in the Community Conversation Workbook. Also think of new partners too share it with.</li> <li>□ Bring the team together that is shaping your work to talk about what you are learning. Use the Innovation Space tool and embed what you are learning into your activities.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Use the Community Rhythms tool with your partners to align the speed and scale of the work you do together.</li> <li>Share the knowledge you've gained with others in the community that can benefit from it. Use How to Share Public Knowledge in the Community Conversation Workbook.</li> <li>Have conversations internally and with your partners about what role your organization should play in the community base on what you have learned.</li> <li>Have an honest conversation with your partners about the capacity each of you can put toward the work.</li> <li>Provide orientation and/or training to potential partners about the Turning Outward practice.</li> <li>Identify and articulate pockets of change.</li> <li>Continue to use the 3A's and Are You Turned Outward tools with your team and partners to stay aligned.</li> </ul>	□ Adopt the right metrics rooted in public knowledge to gauge progress. □ Develop networks for innovation and learning □ Use the Making It Stick with Staff tool to deepen your Turning Outward practices. □ Regular Innovation Space to reflect and recalibrate.
What to watch out for	Not translating excitement from Lab into doable actions	<ul> <li>Planning loop and endless process sessions</li> <li>Getting stuck on the activity of community conversations</li> <li>Struggling to make sense of public knowledge and see themes too early.</li> <li>Taking on issues that are too big for early stages of work.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Everything seems plausible – feel excited and anxious about next steps</li> <li>Struggle to make sense of how things fit together and how to get started.</li> <li>Continuing to work/partner with only the usual suspects.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Getting stuck in planning processes</li> <li>Reverting inward at the time you need to bring partners in</li> <li>Losing sight of community conditions in strategy development</li> <li>Losing alignment in your organization and with partners.</li> <li>Developing overly broad "strategies" that are really non-strategies</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>All planning and no innovation</li> <li>Being activity happy without calling the question: Are we having an impact?</li> <li>Executing plans without considering new information and emerging trajectory</li> <li>Unclear how to interpret or name changes happening</li> </ul>

Note: This document represents the general arc of time over which people and groups develop in the Harwood practice. People and groups may develop at a faster or slower pace depending on capacity, resources, time to commit, community readiness, and their own readiness.