

Inspiration and Guidance for Social Learning Leaders

Successful social learning events don't happen by accident. They are the result of wise design.

Here are some worthy design principles and theories to consider:

Adult Learning:

[Effective Adult Learning: A Toolkit for Teaching Adults](#), Developed by the Northwest Center for Public Health Practice, School of Public Health, University of Washington.

Backward by Design:

[Understanding by Design](#), Ryan S. Bowen, Vanderbilt University Center for Teaching.

Communities of Practice:

The writings, training, and resources provided by [Beverly and Etienne Wenger-Trayner](#) focused on system convening, social learning, and communities of practice have been invaluable.

Permaculture Design:

The [12 permaculture principles](#) aim to summarize the characteristics of durable and sustained systems. See also the article ["A Permaculture-Inspired Community of Practice."](#)

Racial Equity Toolkit:

This [worksheet](#) is part of the [Racial Equity Toolkit: An Opportunity to Operationalize Equity](#), published by the [Government Alliance on Race and Equity](#).

Transparent Methods:

[Transparency in Learning and Teaching Project](#), University of Nevada-Las Vegas

Universal Design:

[Universal Design for Learning Guidelines](#), published by CAST, are intended "to ensure that all learners can access and participate in meaningful, challenging learning opportunities."