

November 19, 2020 Partners Working Group Call

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Agenda and Notes

1. Note to add for December Agenda - Raj Pandya, Melissa Goodwin, and Kelly McCarthy from Thriving Earth Exchange can join us for the December call
 - a. Diana is a Fellow this year. Thriving Earth matches the fellows with a community to help them work on a project.
 - b. Diana's project is with a native community in CA near San Jose who are looking for advice on climate change adaptation plan they are working on. Diana is working with the group to find scientists
 - c. Scientists are asked to sign up, so you aren't cold calling scientists. But can approach others and use description of the question to advertise what you are looking for
 - d. Think postdocs, grad students, and others
 - e. What do we want to have come up in next month's agenda to get feedback from Thriving Earth?
 - i. Overview of EFI
 - ii. Overview of Thriving Earth
 - iii. A lot of ways that EFI can get community to partners and diversity partners could be by matchmaking EFI scientists with communities
 - iv. If the goal of EFI is to answer real-world questions with forecasting and Thriving Earth is working with communities that have real-world questions
 - v. What process do they use to bring scientists together with communities
 - vi. How can our grassroots community do community based research projects?
 - vii. Do they have tips about how to organize and connect with communities?
 - viii. Training for Fellows is a day-long meeting. Have manual with step by step instructions
 1. They do trainings for groups who are not fellows
 - ix. Next steps - are there concrete tasks or action items we can take to move forward as official partners, getting information out to EFI community through blog post and/or Newsletter
 - x. How did they come up with their process of generating partnerships?
 - xi. Ask them about their community partners that develop community projects - this goes along with the museum partnership that Diana mentioned
2. **Work Plan - want people to continue to look over Work Plan to refine/edit tasks for the Core Functions and to add their names to things they are most interested in or add notes to tasks they think are important but may not have time/interest to participate on**

- a. Core Function 1: Foster a Collaborative Community
 - i. Follow up on point that came up in October call about creating standing links on the EFI webpage - perhaps the memberships page. Here are other useful groups to consider
 - a. Early career. Thriving Earth, Geoscience Alliance
 - b. Have these groups on the Members page or Partners or both
 - ii. Partners - what do we need by partners? What is our current process?
 - 1. Mike or others connect with organizations to get agreement to list them on our Partners page
 - 2. Do we want to create a defined process?
 - 3. Goal is to have mutual interactions and promotions
 - 4. With the idea of creating a spreadsheet in Core Function 1 it seems to blur between organizations and individuals, which is different from how partners/members are listed on the website
 - iii. Point 2 under Function 1 - 2 options (a) or (b)
 - 1. Who are the partners in this case?
 - a. A group of people (or could be led by 1 passionate person) smaller in size - not NOAA or NASA
 - b. University or Tribal College - may not have community question, but may want to get involved. Have their students attend meetings
 - c. Point 1 - make it wider then asking a question. Have them propose how to get involved in EFI. Establish a connection
 - iv. Want to have a dialogue with Partners - want it to be a two way street
 - v. Do we want to consider having a template for Memorandum of Understanding
 - 1. Would need something like this for NOAA, a Tribe, other US Agency
 - 2. Template - this is what we see the advantages for the two groups. For Government agencies the MOU template would come from them
 - 3. Would be good to have something more formal and encourage/require presentations/blog posts some activity to promote dialogue
 - 4. MOU/MOA -outline rights/responsibilities of both parties
- b. Point 3 - get feedback from Melissa
- c. Point 4 - list of funding
 - i. There is a #funding channel on Slack that gets populated often with one-off Could have a list of recurring funding sources
 - ii. Chris could see NOAA providing funding for in-person EFI meetings (this would go into an MOU)
- d. For next time

- i. Want someone to go through text in Core Function 2 and 3 to accept/change text (since they were all Kira's suggestions). Chris will look over and then Jody will look at it as well.
 - ii. Once this is cleaned up then on next call we will go over Functions 2 and 3.
 - e. Core Function 3: Research to Operations
 - i. How do we share and communicate the Technical Readiness Levels already in place?
 - f. Core Function 2: Promote the Co-Development and Use of Resources and Tools
 - i. Was not discussed in September's call - do we want to go back to it in this call, or hold off since we have enough to think about with tasks from Core Function 1 and 3?
- 3. Partners/Social Science Joint Call Ideas
- 4. [Paper Diana mentioned](#) - the paper is about lessons learned from building a transformational university-tribal partnerships