

Reflecting on your Big Local journey

Some practical tools
to takeaway



We will

- . Explore the value of reflection**
- . Consider what you have learned about reflecting so far**
- . Think about what makes reflection activities work well**
- . Experience / try out an activity that reflects on your own Big Local journey**
- . Share stories of the difference your Big Local is making with others**

The value of reflection:

Reflecting on your Big Local journey can help with:

Closing out of the Big Local programme

Thinking about your role as a partnership member and how it will change when the Big Local programme ends

Celebrating your learning and achievements together

Sharing our experiences of reflection

- Have you had experience of reflecting on your whole Big Local journey so far?
- If so what was valuable about that reflection? What is important about making the space to reflect?
- How did you do it and what worked/ didn't work?



4 Essential Ingredients



A clear sense of the purpose of the reflection and who it is for

Timing

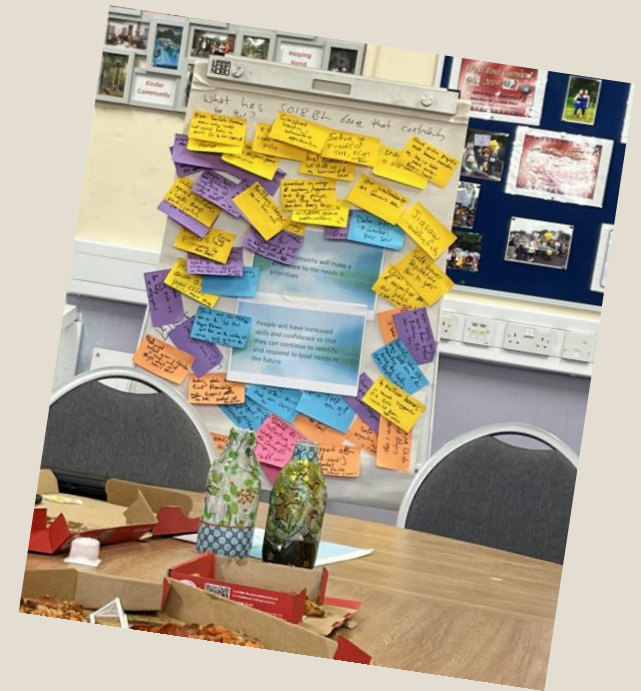
Good questions - that get to the heart of what's important, and a way of recording and organising the answers

Something to gather around and do and someone facilitating who can write things up later

So what ??

**Reflecting on local impact and legacy,
against the Big Local national outcomes...**

...or your own local outcomes



Original Big Local National Outcomes

- Communities will be better able to identify local needs and take action in response to them
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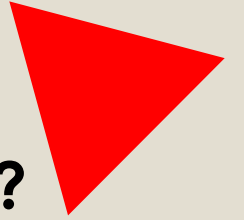
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So, what have we done to contribute to those outcomes?

So, what was it about how we did it that worked?

So, what can we do now that will embed or make this change last?

So, What was it about the big local programme that helped or hindered?



Be curious and keep digging.....

Can you tell me more?

What change did you see?

Why do you think that happened ?

How do you know?

How did it feel?

Is there anything else you want to say ?

Photograph the evidence!!!

and write it up...leave room for ongoing reflections if you can.



Notes from the Reflection workshop at Big Local Connects 2023

You should be able to remove the images from the power-point and print them off, or zoom into look at your Big Locals work on reflection.

Reflecting

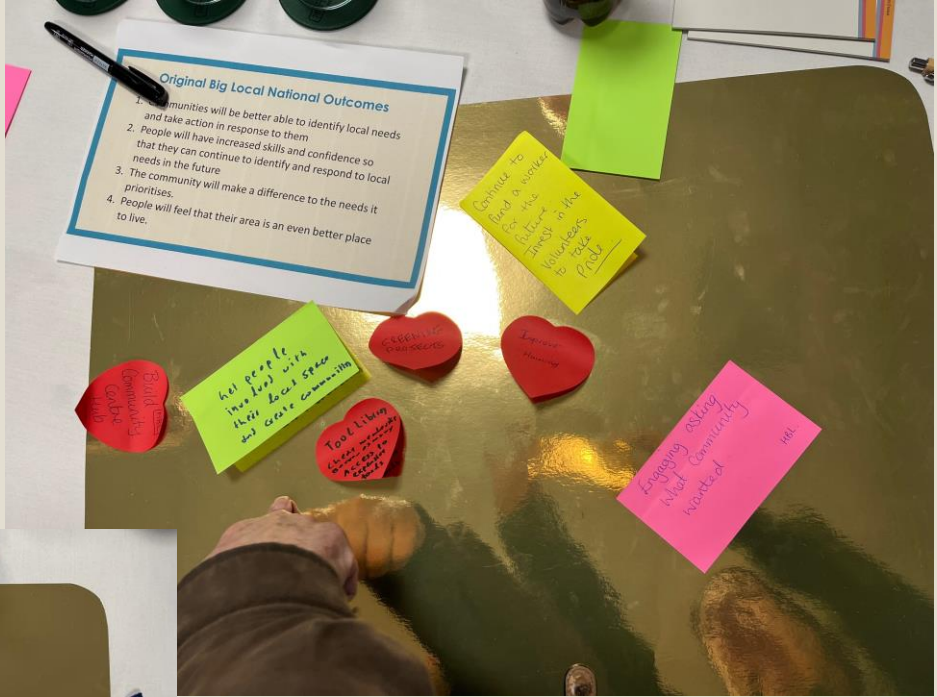
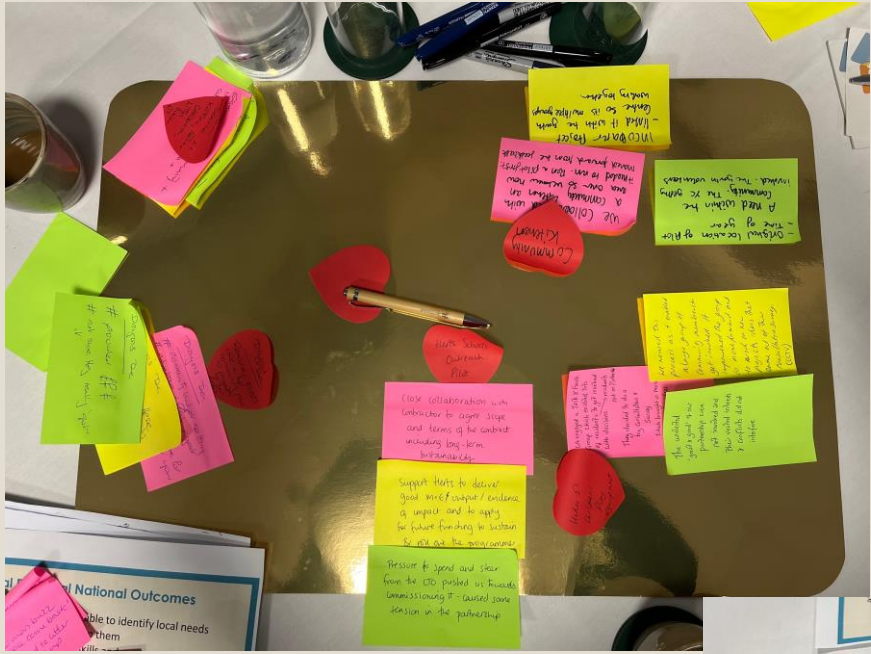
What works

What do you do

- Scenarios - + processes.
What could we do different next time
- Helps us make sense of our experience of the programme.
- It's not always easy - can stir up emotions
- Important to set up in a positive, affirming space
- Getting an external person to facilitate or support.

Reflection experience cont'd...

- accept (+ celebrate) different perspectives
- use reflection as a basis for thinking about future
- Celebrations - use ~~celebration~~ as reflection and use reflection to celebrate - and move forward.
- ~~not~~ agree ways of working together - safe space.



Reflecting on your Big Local Journey workshop: Connects October 2023.

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Choose an example of something your Big Local area has done or is doing that contributes to these outcomes.	What was it about how you did it that worked?	What was it about Local Trust or the Big Local programme that enabled it to happen (or that hindered it).	What have you done/are doing/need to do that will help embed or make this work last? (Legacy)



Good luck and keep reflecting!