

Tips for Participating in Zoom Break-Out Groups

Throughout the Convening, you will be invited into small break-outs groups to exchange ideas and insights with other SYEP Partners. You don't have to do anything fancy with the technology – just “accept” the invitation to go into the break-out when it pops up on your screen. The 5 tips below will help you -and everyone else -get the most out of these engaging conversations. Enjoy!

- 1. Have your camera on, if possible.** Seeing your lovely face will help others connect with you and shows them you want to be part of the conversation.
- 2. Focus on the prompt(s).** Every small group will be focused on a central question or topic. Try to stay on this prompt. (When other interesting threads of conversation begin, make note that you want to reach out and talk about those at another time.)
- 3. Be generous and courageous with your contributions.** If you have something on your mind, others want to hear it. Make sure your ideas and experiences get in the mix. (If you have trouble getting a word in, use the chat box to let others know you have something to share.)
- 4. Pause before speaking.** Pausing briefly can help us get clear on what we want to say (and how) before sharing with the group. It also creates space for others to step into the conversation.
- 5. Be curious.** Break out groups are great at generating and collecting diverse perspectives on a topic. Be curious about other Partners' experiences and opinions – especially if theirs is different than yours!