

## Map Drawing Activity

This can be done by an individual but is even more powerful when done by a project group. Project groups can then put charts on wall and compare each others and notice overlaps in networks.

Think of a project you are currently working on. On a 9 x 11 paper or chart paper draw a circle for yourself and label. Then draw circles for others you are working with on that project.

Next, draw lines between you and the others. Then draw lines between any of those people who know each other. This is the **Project Core**.

Now, out further, draw circles for other individuals and organizations that you are working with but less frequently and draw lines to the individuals in your project network who have the relationship. This is your **Project Periphery**.

Then add other individuals or groups they are connected to (who might add value to your project) and draw lines connecting them. These are what is called **Your Friends' Friends Network**.

Finally, around the outside edge, put circles for individuals or groups you are not working with on this project, but who could add value to the project if they were involved. This is your **Potential Network**.

Then answer the questions:

- a. What do you notice about this network? Is your project periphery easy to access for the resources and expertise you need?
- b. Is your core large enough to get the work done?
- c. Who in the periphery, friends' friends, or potential network would add most value to your project network if they could become part of the core? Part of the periphery?
- d. Who could help you get to know key people in your friends' friends network or in the potential network?

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