



Opening the Circle

January 14, 2026



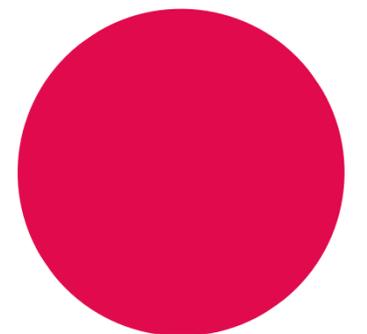
How we gather

- Curiosity
- Connection
- Care
- **Collective Action (when it's ready)**



Neighbour Kim

Neighbour • Listener • Co-organizer



Possibility Circle & ABCD

The Possibility Circle exists to keep neighbour-led ideas warm, visible, and connected.

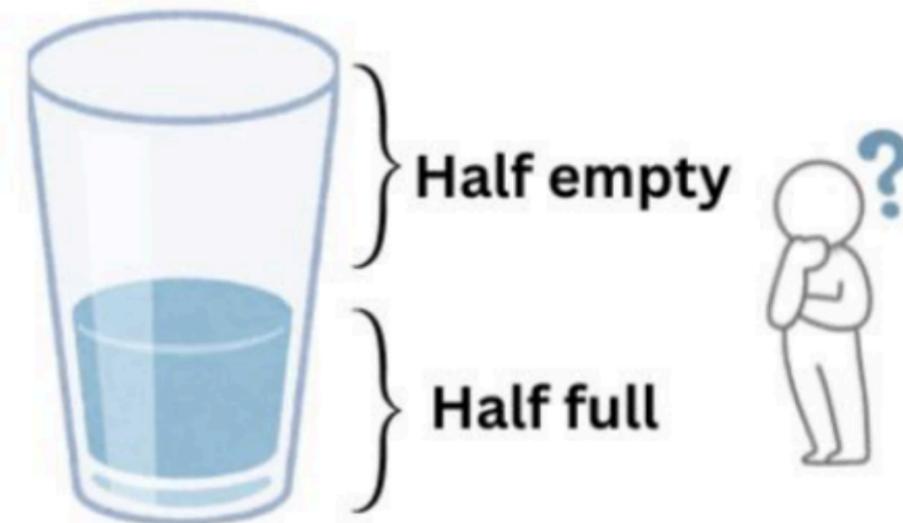


Asset-Based Community Development

ABCD

Asset Based Community Development or *ABCD* looks for and starts from people's gifts and strengths (*assets*).

These assets equip people to create local opportunities and respond to needs and challenges in their neighbourhoods.



ABCD in Action



Gift Mapping



**Skills &
Abilities**



**What you
care about:
*values,
causes,
motivations***



**Lived
experience:
*stories,
lessons***



**Dreams:
*hopes, ideas,
possibilities***

Where Might These Gifts Gather?



Communities & Neighbourhoods



Food & Growing



Belonging & Inclusion



Safety & Care



Climate Resilience



Possibility Circle Journey

Monthly Learning & Action Themes

Each Possibility Circle gathering stands on its own, while also contributing to a year-long arc of connection, learning, and neighbour-led action. Some sessions include guest speakers; others centre peer learning, reflection, and collaboration.

**Let's
Connect!**



January 14 — Opening the Circle

- Welcome, shared purpose, and discovering our gifts

February 4 — Seeds of Possibility

- Inspiration from recent Neighbourhood Small Grants projects and early dreaming

March 4 — Sparking Ideas & Neighbourhood Invitations

- Turning ideas into invitations
- Neighbourhood Small Grants applications open March 6–April 17

April 1 — Small Actions, Big Ripples

- Designing simple, relational, neighbour-friendly gatherings

May — ReconciliACTION (In Person, date to be announced) with kinSHIFT

- Reconciliation-focused actions and funding opportunities

June 3 — Your Neighbourhood as an Ecosystem with Tamarack Institute

- Seeing what's already here — and how it connects

July — In-Person Potluck (date to be announced)

- A shared meal and time together by the water
Location chosen by the group

August — In-Person Potluck (date to be announced)

- At Ntamqen Food Garden in Cawston, followed by time at the river

September 9 — Building Momentum Together

- Collaboration, shared leadership, and spin-off circles

October — Built by Neighbours (In-Person Celebration)

- Connecting at the 10-year celebration of Neighbourhood Small Grants

November 4 — Guest Session

- Guest speaker to be announced

December 2 — Wintering & Gratitude

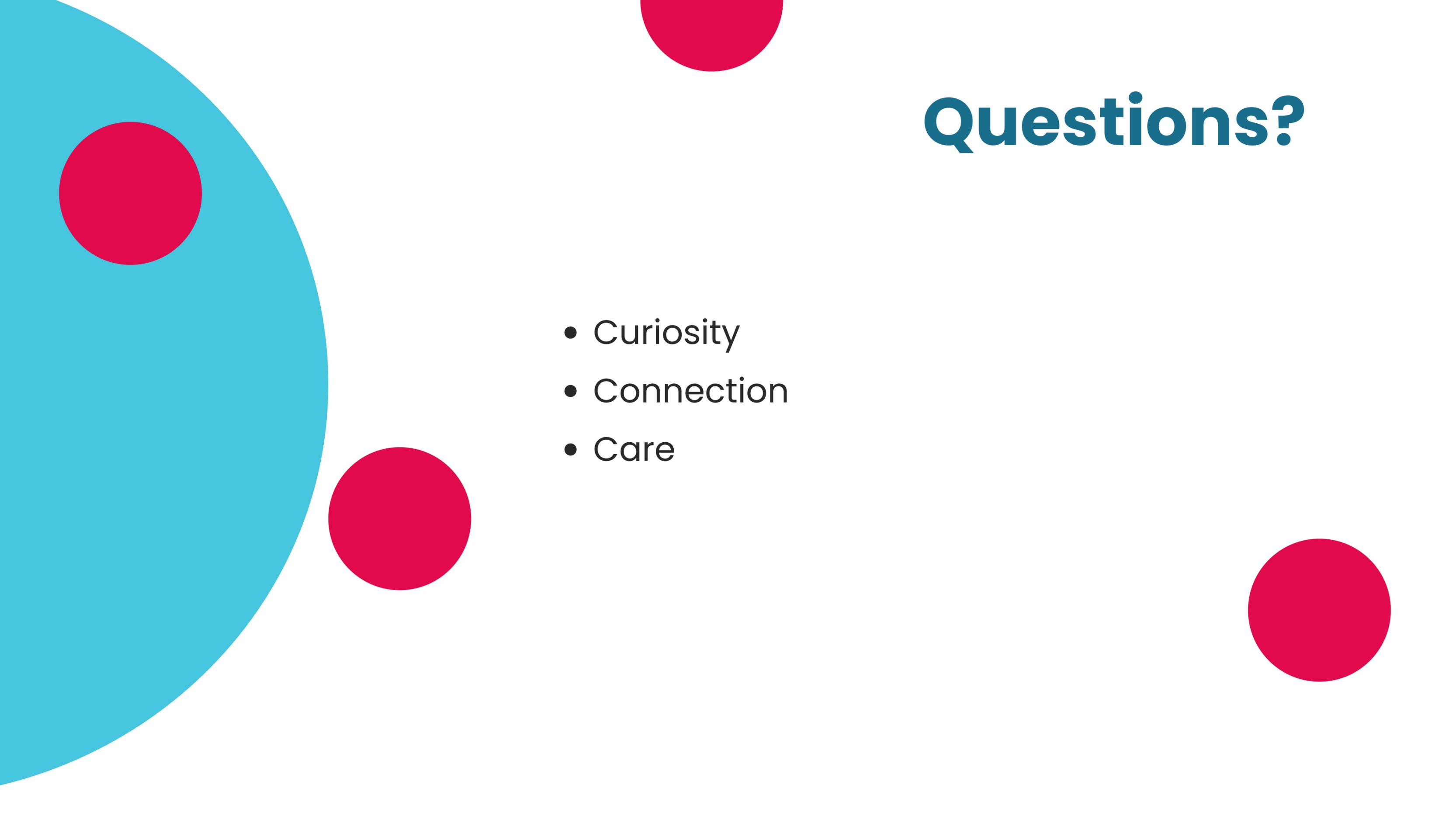
- Reflection, appreciation, and closing the year

Questions or curiosity?

Visit our website



Come for one session, or stay connected across the year. All are welcome.



Questions?

- Curiosity
- Connection
- Care



Thank you!

Next meeting: February 4

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