



Strengthening Your Nourishing Network

The following are examples of key tasks and functions that are needed to make networks thrive. **How many are being done in your network? Is the work being distributed among many or concentrated with one or two people? Which of the following do your network members most relate to?**

- ❖ Someone who connects people with needs to others with resources.
- ❖ One who brings new perspectives to the network by ensuring new and diverse people are invited to the network meetings.
- ❖ A person who enjoys facilitating meetings and making sure all voices are heard.
- ❖ One who helps others understand the principles of working in networks and who can model those in network practices.
- ❖ Someone who sends out reminder emails/invitations about upcoming meetings/gatherings.
- ❖ A person who keeps the network's distribution list current by circulating contact sheets at network meetings and updating the list with new names and information.
- ❖ People who see the value in sharing the information with others by taking notes and distributing them to all in the network.
- ❖ One who brings a big picture perspective to the overall work of the network and systems needed to support it.
- ❖ Someone who can identify patterns emerging in your network (i.e. what areas of interest generate the most energy, what diffuses that energy, potential growth opportunities).
- ❖ One who initiates cross-sector collaborations and activities with other networks, community groups, organizations, etc.
- ❖ A person who enjoys leading project work and the process of engaging volunteers and other community resources.
- ❖ Someone who enjoys sharing the stories of success and new learning occurring within the network with others.
- ❖ One who promotes the potential of the Nourishing Network approach to the broader community.