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# Developing an Instrument to Gauge the Decoloniality of Curriculum and Pedagogy

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# Event Introduction



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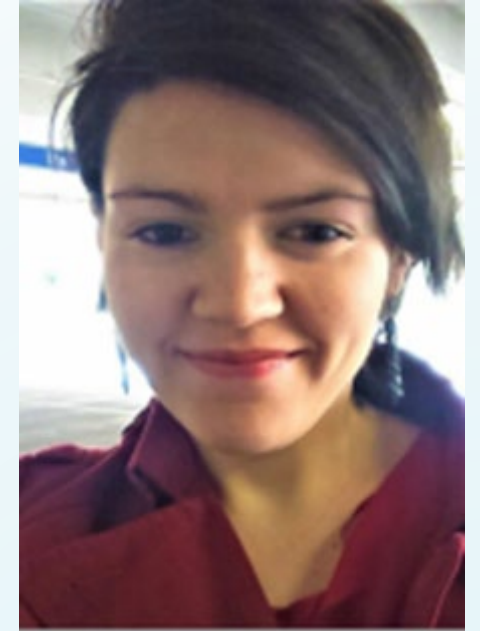
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Please introduce yourselves in the chat...



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# Thursday Two-Step

1. Introducing Global Mesh Pedagogy and then,
2. Connect to the Decolonization Inventory



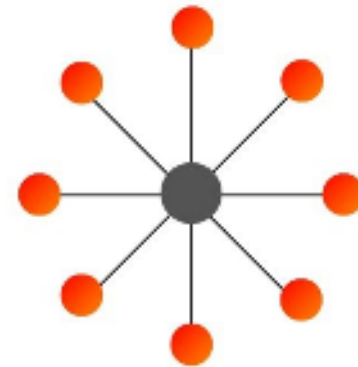
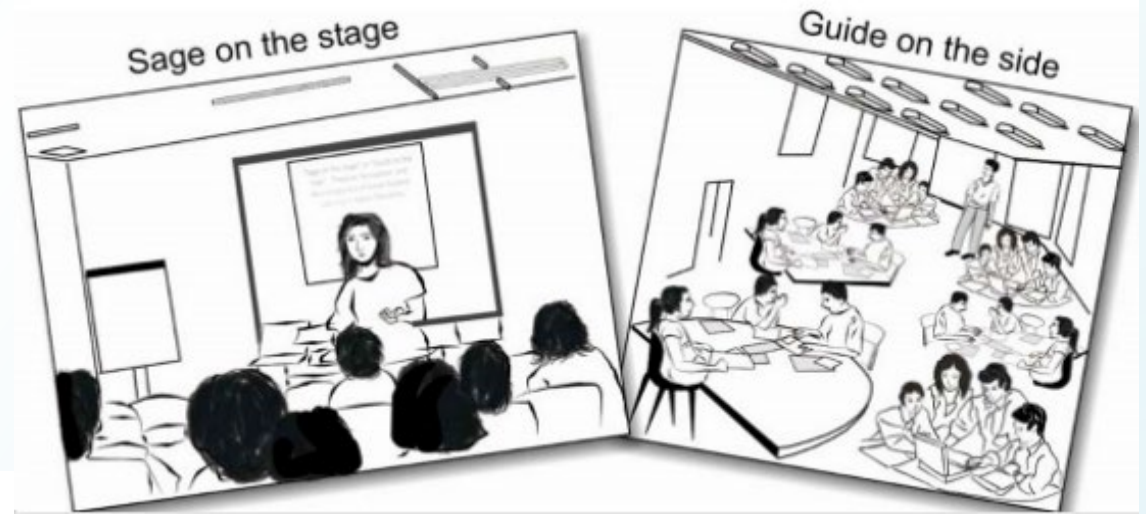
# Ethos of the Human Rights Practice Program

1. Flattening the hierarchy of knowledge – who are the real experts in human rights practice? Over 500 video guest speakers! We are all co-creators of knowledge, co-learners.
2. Working in Solidarity through Problem-Based Learning Assignments
  - a) “Problem-Based Learning Beyond Borders” (PBL-BB)
3. Partnerships – MOUs with universities, NGOs, etc.
4. Being in Service to Marginalized Groups
5. Expanding who is a learner

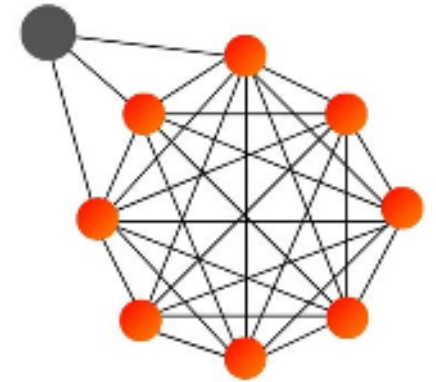
# Global Mesh Pedagogy in Context

## 1. Thought Exercise:

What does a typical online course look like to you?



Star Topology



Mesh Topology

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## CONSERVATION AND INDIGENOUS RIGHTS - SPRING 2023 CLASS

### AN EXAMPLE OF GLOBAL MESH PEDAGOGY

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INDIGENOUS GROUPS

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NABA FROM COLOMBIA

MAADAI FROM TANZANIA

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MEMBERS OF INDIGENOUS NGOS

AFRICAN COMMISSION WORKING GROUP

OTHER MEMBERS OF INDIGENOUS GROUPS

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# Housing Rights and Social Media in Central Asia - - Leonard Hammer and Liudmila Klimanova

An Example of Multi-Nodal Collaborative Learning



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# **CUES Project and Study**

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# Original CUES Proposal

- **Faculty Adoption of Complex Active Learning Strategies like Problem-Based Learning Beyond Borders (PBL-BB)**
- **Factors influencing faculty adoption from the academic literature**
  - Compelling examples
  - Availability of technology
  - Time and resources
  - Open-mindedness
  - Hard assessment evidence of effectiveness

# Evolution of the CUES Project and Study

## The Plot Twist

- We wanted better assessment data for the program as a whole.
- What is the overall objective of this type of pedagogy?
  - **To be decolonial (and critical, feminist, anti-racist, etc.)**
- Many academics have recently called for the decolonization of academic curriculum and pedagogy in a range of contexts especially in Australia and Canada.
- However, to date, there has been no validated scale of decolonization of curriculum and pedagogy, or even a means for assessing in what ways a program is decolonial or most importantly, can be made more decolonial.
- **Research Questions:** How do we measure decolonization? Is the Global Mesh Pedagogy decolonial? How can we make it more decolonial?

# The Decolonial Pedagogy and Curriculum Inventory (DPCI)

- Based upon an extensive academic literature review, discussions with key stakeholders around the globe, and scouring of websites that offer advice on decolonizing curriculum, we have created a pool of 90+ items that appear to group among 12 constellations of decolonization.
- We have an acronym! – DPCI
- The DPCI is now on our Global Human Rights Direct website: [globalhumanrightsdirect.arizona.edu/decolonial-pedagogy/](https://globalhumanrightsdirect.arizona.edu/decolonial-pedagogy/)
- In the spirit of decolonization, we welcome additions, changes, lessons learned, etc.
- We've held several webinars on question wording, and asked for input from many "experts."





# Spring 2023 Project Phase

- **Exciting Interdisciplinary, Multi-Institution, Research-Teaching Team**
  - With 4 amazing pedagogical initiatives!
- **Focus for Spring 2023 is on faculty attitudes and experiences in using the DPCI as well as continued pilot testing of the instrument**
  - How does using the DPCI change faculty?
  - Does it help them on their decolonization journey?

# Ana Cornide

Associate Professor of Cultural Studies & Critical Service Learning  
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## Span 480: Critical Service Learning and Border Imperialism

- Integrates the study of border imperialism with community work.
- Students learn from the various groups in Tucson and the Sonora-Arizona Border region that work to intervene in the crisis and to bring international attention to the situation: human rights activists, scholars, artists, journalists, photographers, and others.
- Students dedicate 45 hours of community work at pre-approved sites.

For me, applying a decolonial pedagogy in this class implies content that brings a critical understanding of Border history and current conditions and decenters the colonial epistemic perspective on migrations and borders, and an approach that centers emancipatory educational practices.



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Pima Community College

- As the Coordinator of Pima Community College's Liberatory WAC program, Victoria will be leading an 8-week Faculty Fellowship in the Spring of 2023.
- The themes of this fellowship are meant to spark liberatory practices and the 2023 cohort will be focusing on generating and sustaining the dispositions necessary to engage in decolonizing pedagogy across the college.



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- Concerned with the humanity of Black, Brown & Indigenous students within her university, Bianca created a professional learning experience called the Decolonial Pedagogies Project (DPP).
- The DPP is an 8-week learning collective which brings together a cohort of trans-disciplinary faculty and staff to study decolonial theory, and praxis.
- Through bi-weekly readings, discussions, and engagements the cohort work together to imagine the possibilities of pedagogy through a decolonial lens.



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# Bill Simmons

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- In Spring II (March 15 – May 15), I will be teaching HRTS 500, Advancing Human Rights with about 25 UA students. We will be joined by 50 students from the MSW program at Amrita University in India.
- The class will be problem-based, and we will incorporate the inventory both as an assessment instrument and as a PBL exercise when we cover decolonization/post-colonialism.
- My question: Do I get so caught up in trying to create a cool tapestry that brings students, faculty, and community members together that it is more about “my creation” than about being decolonial?



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# Today's Workshop Objectives

1. To provide something of a pilot test for our spring research project
2. To increase consciousness of decolonial pedagogy and curriculum; to further develop a decolonial ethos
3. To leave with concrete steps that you can take to move forward with decolonializing your pedagogy and curriculum



# Two Key Assumptions or Parts of Our Ethos

1. Everyone here has taken steps to decolonize their classroom in some way, even if they have not called it that.
2. Decolonization is a never-ending journey – no one is perfect, or ever finished.

# 3 Steps Today (25 Minutes)

## Step 1: Self reflection - take 10 minutes to respond to the following prompts:

### What has your journey looked like so far?

- Record 2-3 steps - big or small - that you have taken towards decolonization?
- What items from the DPCI match parts of your journey?

### Lived Experience

- What is your lived experience on this decolonization journey? How have you experienced/participated/shown up in your journey so far?
  - Active/Passive
  - Solo/Supported
  - Have you taken breaks?
  - Do you need a break?

### Lived Experience (cont.)

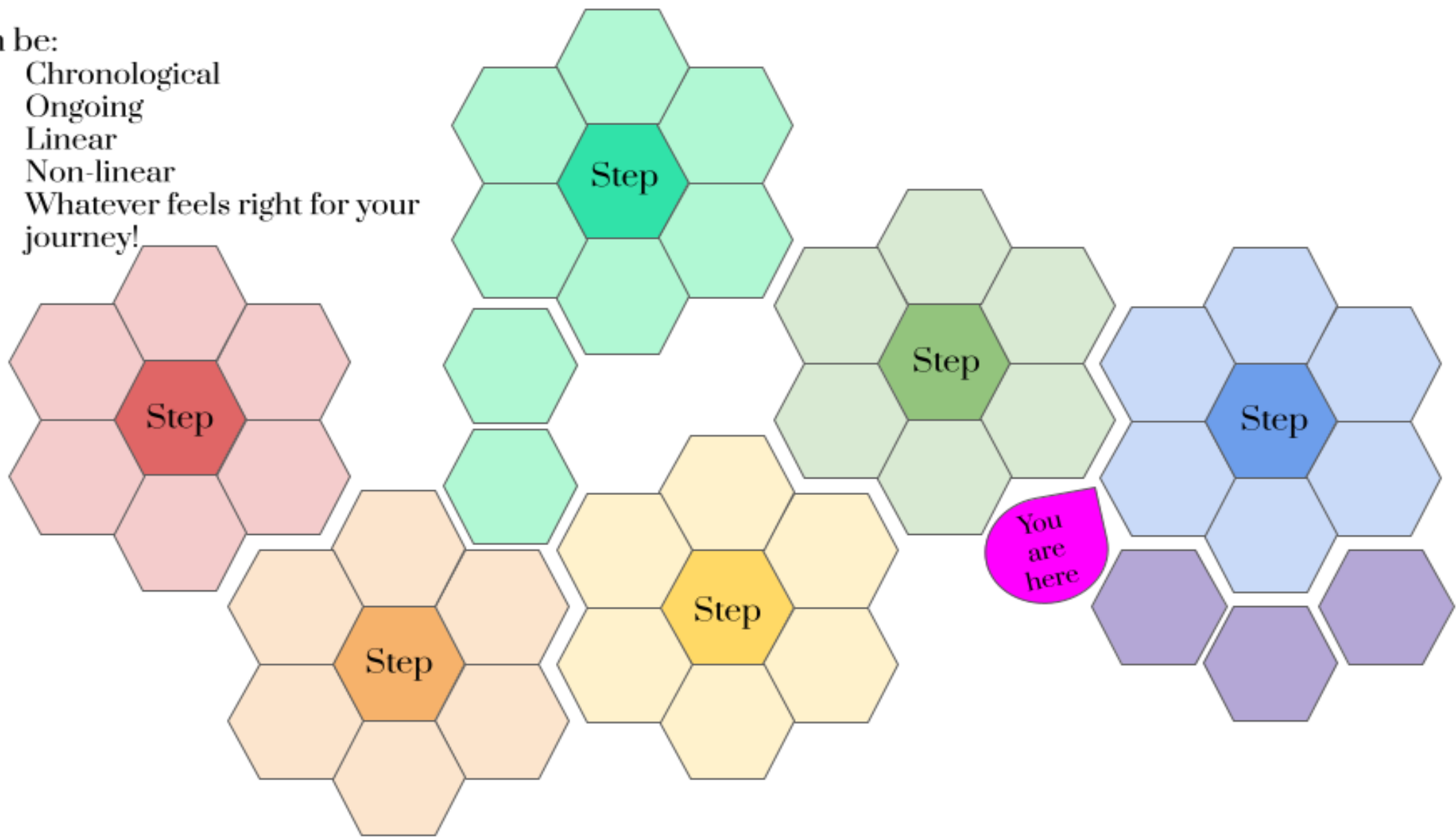
- Has your view/interpretation/interaction with decolonization changed throughout your journey?
  - Have you had intersections with anyone else's journey?
  - How have these interactions adjusted your view of decoloniality?
- What have been some highs and lows along the way?
  - Are these institutionalized?
  - Systemic?

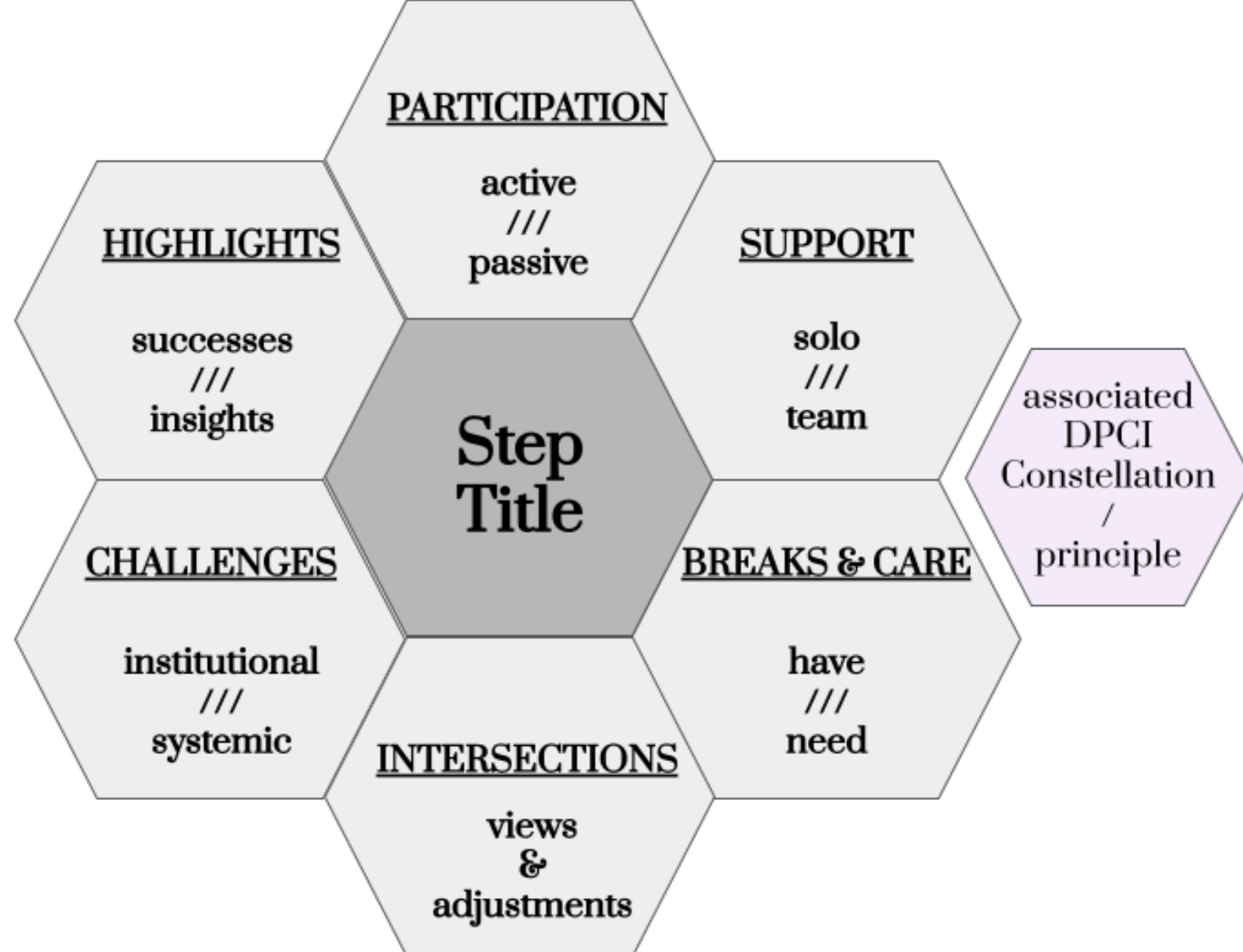
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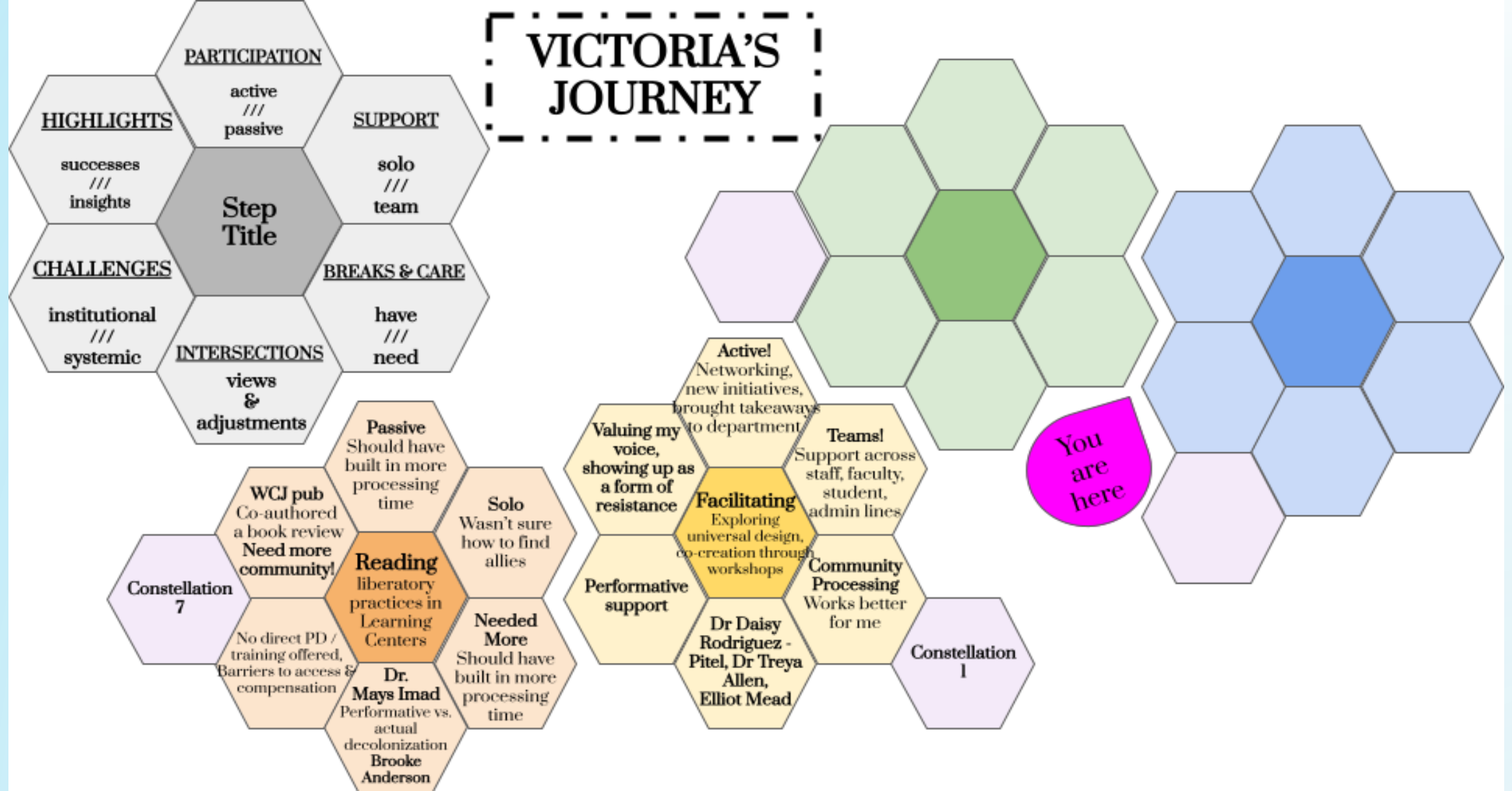
- Chronological
- Ongoing
- Linear
- Non-linear
- Whatever feels right for your journey!

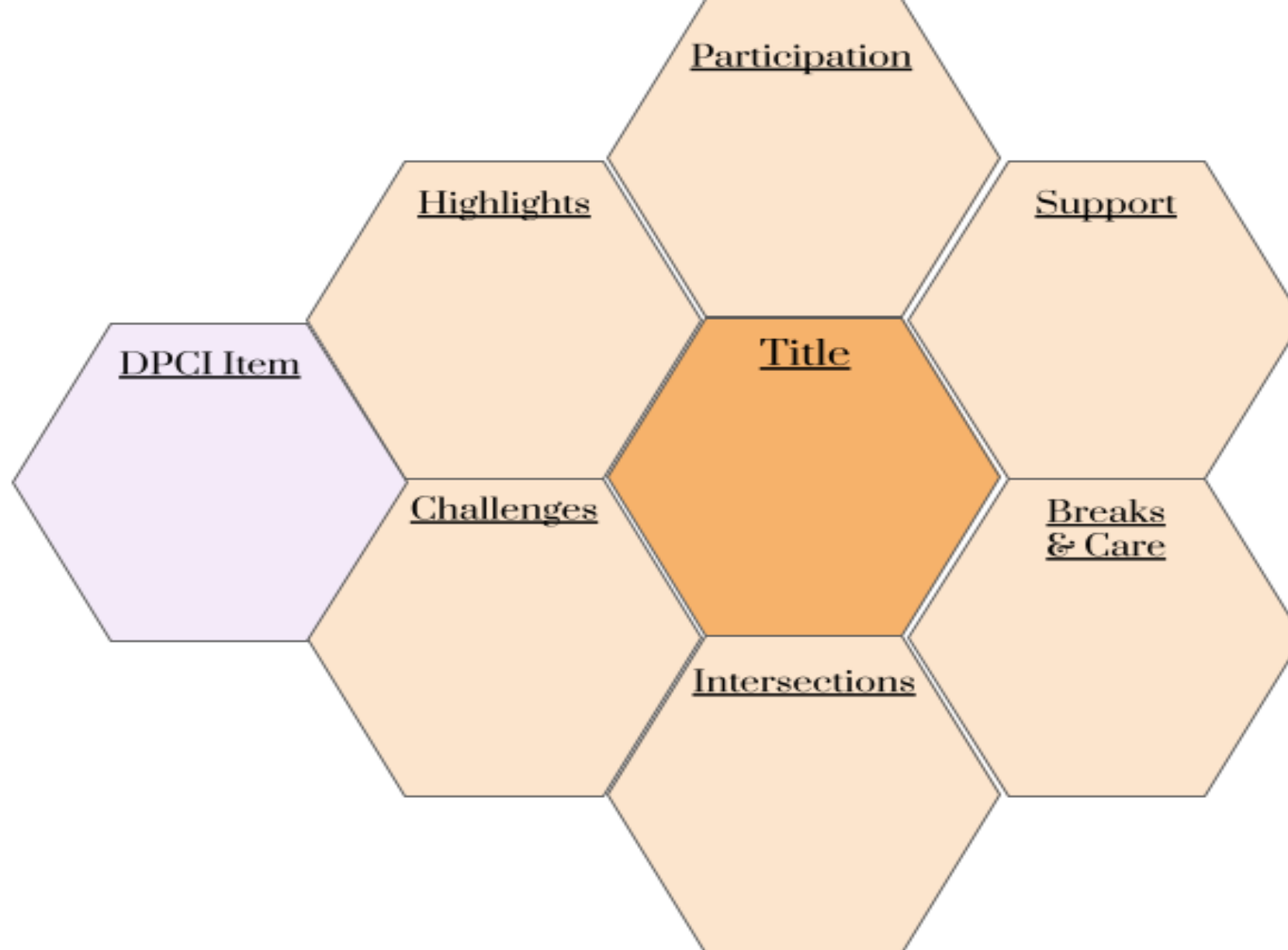






# VICTORIA'S JOURNEY

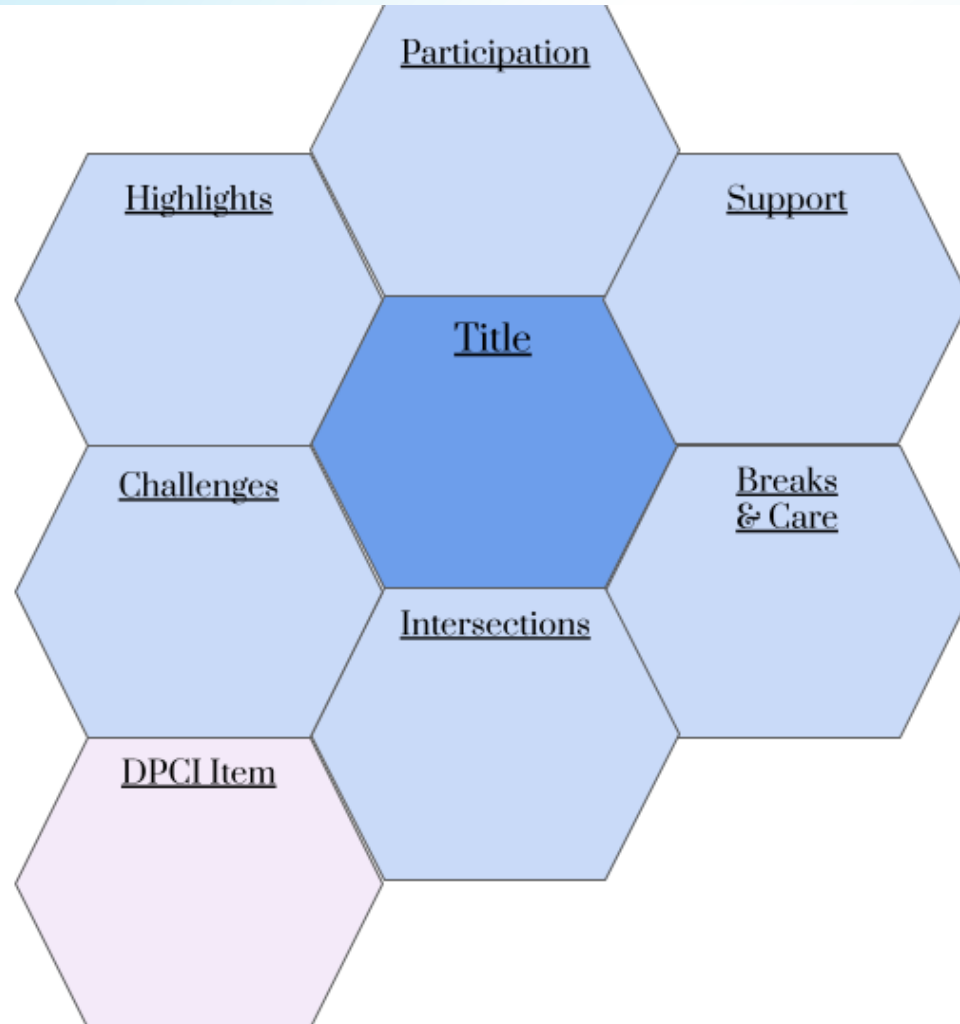




## Step 2: Report Back to Groups

- 10 Minutes
- Open-ended discussion depending on interests and needs of group members

# Next Steps



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# Next Steps (5 Minutes)

**Find 1-2 principles/constellations to commit to as a next step in your journey.**

1. How do you imagine implementing this into your work?
2. Who will you be sharing/co-creating with?
3. How will you measure success?
4. What does accountability look like for you?
  - a) This group?
  - b) A self defined group?
  - c) Self/solo accountability?

**Activity upload and  
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[tinyurl.com/DPCISP23form](https://tinyurl.com/DPCISP23form)





# Q&A with Panel

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