Co-creation

**WHAT TO DO:** Using the group’s shared language and divergent views as raw material, participants work together on one or more new outputs such as options, designs, prototypes, solutions, paths, plans, or principles.

**WHEN IT’S IMPORTANT:** Important at most but not all convenings, when there is a collective task for the group to accomplish. This is typically true when the primary purpose is to innovate, develop foresight, or align and act—but often not when it is to influence.

**SAMPLE ACTIVITIES**
- **BREAKOUT GROUPS:** (see “divergence”)
- **RAPID PROTOTYPING:** (see “divergence”)
- **SCENARIO PLANNING:** (see “divergence”)
- **DYNAMIC PLANNING:** Participants from multiple stakeholder groups provide input into a collaborative “charrette” that develops a variety of options and refines them into one that is mutually agreeable.²⁰
- **SYSTEMS MAPPING:** (see “shared language”)
- **OPEN SPACE:** (see “divergence”)
- **JIGSAW:** (see “shared language”)
- **POPCORN REACTIONS:** (see “divergence”)

To learn more about each activity, see the list of resources listed at the end of the section.