

Developing network maps

1. Define the 'level' – are you mapping individuals, groups, organisations? Are there any boundaries or limits (e.g. geography) that can help frame our network?
2. Identify **individual elements** - the 'dots' – and write them down. Think of placement in terms of 'gravity' – individual dots will gravitate towards each other based on their **closeness**. The same team or organisation = higher chance of being close. Use the quadrants on the template to help with this.
3. Draw 'links' between the individual elements based on the existence of a **connection**. Consider the **nature** of the connection – is it formal or informal? What 'happens' to action or manifest that connection?
4. **Make sense** of the network – the connections, gaps and opportunities. What patterns (or lack thereof) do you see?

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