

## COLLECTIVE CONNECTIONS







## Plus Wonder is an exploration of meaningful connections of all types.

## Who are the people who make you, you?

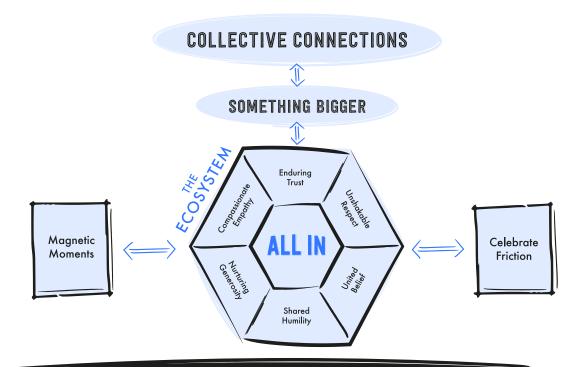
We've listened to and learned from over 65+ partnerships of purpose, and distilled their collective wisdom into a set of insights and tools to help you build depth and purpose in your relationships.

We've also explored some of the greatest collective human achievements, and the Deep Connections at their core, to help you scale collaborations and organizations that will make a difference.

## **Explore the Six Degrees**of Connection

We've spent the last 18 years listening to and learning from successful partnerships and collectives of all types. These unique relationships are special because they've helped each individual make a bigger difference in the world than they could on their own.

We found six essential elements across all sizes of partnerships—from dyads, to collectives, to movements—and across all types of partnerships—whether business, romantic, family, or friends.



#### SIX DEGREES OF CONNECTION™ FRAMEWORK FOR DEEP CONNECTIONS

The Six Degrees of Connection is a powerful and unique framework designed to help you nurture meaningful relationships of purpose that lead to better lives, better organizations, and a better world.





**Something Bigger** 



The Ecosystem



**Celebrate Friction** 



All-in



**Magnetic Moments** 



**Collective Connections** 

The secret to building and nurturing Deep Connections lies in a holistic approach. Download workbooks for each degree at **pluswonder.org/educators**, and become a Plus Wonder Explorer!



### Let's get started

We have developed multiple workbooks that can be applied in middle school, high school, college, and beyond. The same workbooks can be used by parents, romantic partners, colleagues, businesses, friends, collaborations, basically anyone who wants to do something bigger in their life.

#### The Explorer Toolkit helps you:

Identify and recognize how you can build Deep Connections in your own life.

**Explore partnering** through the wisdom of a diverse array of local and global partnerships, who have built successful relationships of purpose.

Brainstorm actions to nurture partnerships in your life and community.

Whether you're in a **professional community**, **a classroom**, **or at home with family**, you can delve into the Explorer Toolkit in many ways. We recommend you...

#### **Partner-up**

Ask a partner to join you in introducing the Explorer Toolkit together. Share a partnership story of your own to set the tone. Ask your group to discuss the term "partnering," to define what it looks like in your community, and to share relevant examples.

#### Kick off with a quote

Initiate each session by sharing a different empowering quote from our **quote cards**, which represent the extraordinary partnerships of Plus Wonder. Kick off each day discussing, learning, and growing from our 1,500+ years of partnership wisdom.

#### **Create connection circles**

Dive deeper by forming connection circles—
informal gatherings where your learning
community joins together to listen attentively and
discuss thoughtful questions. Use our **connection circle guide** to facilitate questions and further
explore the Six Degrees of Connection.

#### Develop a signature ritual

Many of our partners develop rituals that are personal and allow their partnerships to grow. Develop your own partnership ritual by creating a special environment, setting an intention, or simply bringing presence and deep appreciation to your time together.

#### **Extend your reach**

Consider how you can continue to partner outside of your learning community. Share the book *Partnering* with a friend, and use this workbook as a guide to foster Deep Connections. Review and share the Plus Wonder vision and resources at *pluswonder.org* under the *Educators page*. Follow Plus Wonder on social media.





# A framework of design principles to scale collaborations

## with Deep Connections

at the center as role models, hubs of momentum, and connective tissue.

Building Collective Connections of people and keeping up the momentum as they drive toward shared goals is not an easy process.

It takes hard work and a commitment to be All-In. Fortunately, the Plus Wonder partnerships continually show us that this is not only possible, but essential for our survival.

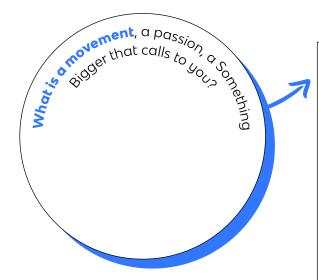
We have much to learn from how these partnerships built their own Deep Connections, which they then expanded to wider collectives, and, in many cases, nurtured movements that have lasted for decades.

EXPLORER TOOLKIT 5 COLLECTIVE CONNECTIONS



**6TH DEGREE OF CONNECTION EXERCISE** 

# **Building Collective Connections**



List the projects/organizations that **inspire you** and align with your Something Bigger.

Imagine gathering a group of your closest Deep Connections and sharing your passion for these projects.

Who would you invite and why?

What would be an **ideal outcome**?

How can you make this a reality?

Decide on 1-2 commitments you can make right now to start creating and building your Collective Connections.

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Now go do the thing!



Our Deep Connections give us the moral courage to stand up for Something Bigger than ourselves and unleash new possibilities. By bringing our Deep Connections together, we have the power to make a positive impact, more than any one person could make alone.

Pick one or more of the prompts below to spark your thinking and share on social media using the hashtags **#PartneringTheBook #PlusWonder**.

- Bring together a handful of **Deep Connections to do Something Bigger in your community**... or in the world. What's your Something Bigger? Tag those Deep Connections with whom you'd like to make an impact.
- Pose the question, "What is Something Bigger we can do together in our community or in the world?" Engage with those community members who reply.
- Host a Collective Connections meetup (virtually or face to face) with your Deep Connections to **drive positive impact**. Set a time and place, share it out, and make it fun!
- Get inspired by checking out the Plus Wonder partnerships. Share the partnership you connect with the most and tag those partners!

Believe that your ideas—when rooted in serving the planet, humanity, and others—will bear fruit and live on with a positive legacy of change forever!

When you complete the Explorer toolkit, join us at **pluswonder.org/architect** to learn about becoming a Plus Wonder Architect!

