



Civic Switchboard

Exploring Other Ecosystem Maps

Use your post-its to annotate other teams' maps using the following prompts:

- Put a blue post-it by a partner or connection that surprised/excited you to see
- Do you see a clear “center” to this ecosystem or are roles/work/power/influence more distributed?
- From this map, how would you describe the library’s role in the civic data ecosystem?
- What types of partners/roles might be missing?
- Are there any potential vulnerabilities?
- What questions/comments/reactions do you have about this map?

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After the Walk Around: Debrief with Partner

Pick just one or talk through all of these with your partner:

- Choose an organization on the edge and center them and see if that changes how you think about the ecosystem or what players need to be there. **What would it look like with library centered** (if they aren't already)? What if you centered a community data user, such as a block captain?
- Look at points of entry - how would a new partner or a user learn about full ecosystem - who are the ecosystem members who interface with community at large?
- Is your ecosystem inclusive of everyone in your community. Which members of your community may not be represented? Would all partners agree to their role? If you showed the map to organizations on it, would they agree there are partnerships?
- **Is this a “real” map or an aspirational map?**
- Based on how you've drawn your ecosystem, are there certain partners that are critical? if they closed down, would you severely alter the ecosystem?
 - Would there be partners that no longer communicated? Would you end up with two unconnected ecosystem blobs?