

# Who's in the Neighborhood?

## *Activity*

### *Mapping and Understanding the Power of Local Associations*

#### **Small groups:**

1. Write down all the associations to which you belong. These can be formal or informal associations. (See examples)
2. Share two associations you wrote down with your small group. Tell the group the total number of associations you listed.
3. Keep a running tally of the total number of associations discovered at your table. Share the total number with the large group.

#### **Large Group:**

Add total number of associations in room.

Discuss how powerful and under-utilized this tool is in community work.

Identifying local associations is only the first step. Next, you will need to begin making connections and building relationships. In your conversations with association members, be sure to ask how the association currently contributes to the community and their vision for the community.