

Welcome to 2025 – Ecosystems are Thriving!

Welcome to the future... **It's June 22, 2025.**

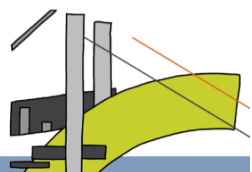
The ESHIP Summit is celebrating its 8th Anniversary while “The Entrepreneur and the Ecosystem Builder” have just been named by Time Magazine as the “People of the Year.”

You have played a leading role in the growth of a global entrepreneurial renaissance, with entrepreneurs bubbling up from everywhere. The ecosystem is thriving. Entrepreneurs helped lift the world out of the lingering recession that left many people and communities behind, exacerbating the division between the haves and the have-nots. Entrepreneur-led innovation has helped to reinvent society and shifted it from the Industrial Age to what is now commonly known as “The Interdependent Age.”

Entrepreneurs and their actions were coalesced through the role of the **ecosystem builder**, a rising new profession. It helped manifest the new model of inclusive economic development, which led to the explosive growth of new businesses, nonprofits, and creative innovations in communities everywhere.

This new model fundamentally remade the fabric of our cities, and indeed, the world. Because of that, the ecosystem builder has become the driving force of change in the world over the last 8 years. This pivotal role, incubated at the local level everywhere, was unimaginable at the turn of the century. Now children everywhere dream of becoming one.

A writer is about to arrive to hear from you how all of this came to be: the inflection points, what happened in your communities, and what role you and others played. They sent the questions below for you to answer.

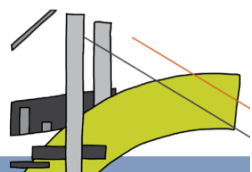


Part I Scenario 2025s

You will be working in pairs for this exercise. Team up with the person at your table with the same **letter** as you. Write your names on the flip sheet.

You have approximately **25 minutes** to complete the questions that are most relevant to you. Answer from the perspective of today, **2025**, as you look back over the past 8 years.

- Describe how your community looks like today in 2025?
- What role(s) does the ecosystem builder play in **2025**?
 - Whom do they work for? What is their job?
- What does the entrepreneurial ecosystem building movement look like today, in **2025**?
- What value do these ecosystems deliver? How do we measure it? How do you know it is healthy?
- What barriers were removed for entrepreneurs? What happened to them?
- What were some of the biggest missteps along the way? What were the major tipping points?
- What is the role of entrepreneurs in your community?
- How have you changed since the ESHIP event in 2017?
 - What did you have to learn? Unlearn?
- Who helped you in the early days? How did you find them and what did they help you to do?
 - Who are your colleagues today, 2025?
- When did you know you had succeeded? What are you most proud of?
 - What did you personally sacrifice to get the momentum going? What was hard? Easy?
- What advice would you give yourself at the event in 2017, knowing what success looks like now in 2025?



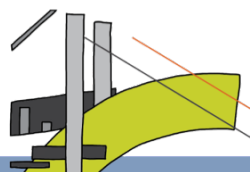
Part II Share

Join with the other members of your team/table.

As a team, visit each pair's completed flip. Each pair will have **5 minutes** to share their key insights from the last work round.

Tell your stories.

Listeners, ask questions for clarification only. You'll have a chance to discuss more after everyone has shared their work.



Part III - Synthesis

Take **25 minutes** to discuss the similarities, differences and wild ideas uncovered by your team.

Record the key insights and takeaways on a new flip sheet and be prepared to share it with the others.

