

Growing Philanthropy through Giving Circles: collective giving and the logic of charity

Appendix A: Interview Questions

Research sub-questions	Interview questions for GC leaders/members	Interview questions for Staff of giving circle groups (e.g. TFN, Dasra)	Interview questions for GC hosts/philanthropic professionals
1. Why are giving circles formed?	How did your giving circle come about or get started? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What was the impetus for starting the group? • What is its mission or primary focus? 	How did [name] come about or get started? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What was the impetus for its start? • What is its mission or primary focus? 	How did the giving circle(s) you work with come about or get started? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What was the impetus for starting the group? • What is its mission or primary focus?
2. How are giving circles structured and administered? 3. What is the role of host organizations or sponsors, if any? 4. What has host organizations' experience been working with giving circles?	How does your giving circle operate? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the leadership structure? • Who are considered to be members? • How often do you meet and what do you do at meetings? • Do you have a host or how is it administered? • Do you have a sponsor and if so, what is your relationship? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What are the benefits and challenges with these arrangements? 	How does your group operate? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the leadership structure? • Who are considered to be members? • How often do groups meet and what happens at meetings? • Do you have a hosts or sponsors and if so, what is the relationship to them? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What are the benefits and challenges of this? 	What is your experience working with giving circle(s)? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does your organization host a giving circle? • What do you do for the giving circle(s)? • What do you see as the benefits and challenges of hosting?
5. What is the giving process?	What is the process for giving in your group? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How was this established or why do you do it this way? • Who is involved in the decision-making process? • Has it worked well? Would you change anything about it? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Has there been any conflict? Can you provide an example? 	What is the process for giving through [name]? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does it vary for different groups? • How was this established or why is it done this way? • Who is involved in the decision-making process? • Has it worked well? Would you change anything about it? • Has there been any conflict? Can you provide an example? 	How are decisions typically made in the giving circle(s) with which you are familiar? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who is involved in the decision-making process? • Has the process worked well? Would you change anything about it? • Has there been any conflict? Can you provide an example?
6. What kind of member/donor education takes place?	Besides the giving process, are there other ways members learn about philanthropy, charities or issues in the community?	Besides the giving process, are there other ways members learn about philanthropy, charities or issues in the community?	Besides the giving process, are there other ways members learn about philanthropy, charities or issues in the community?
7. Who participates and why? 8. What have been the benefits and challenges for donor/participants of participation?	What is your role within the giving circle? Why do you participate in this giving circle? What are the benefits or challenges of participating in the group? How many people are members of the giving circle?	In your experience, what kinds of people participate in the groups in [name]? Why do you think they participate? What are the benefits and challenges?	In your experience, what kinds of people participate in giving circles? Why do you think they participate in a giving circle? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the benefits and challenges?

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	How would you characterize the other members of the giving circle?		
9. How do giving circles interact with funding recipients?	<p>What types of organizations or groups have been funded by your giving circle?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How much has your group given? What is the average gift size? • Do you fund in a particular area or have a geographic focus? • How or why were these chosen? • What is your impression of the funding recipients? <p>What is your relationship with the funding recipients?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do giving circle members do more than give? <p>Can I get a list of your funding recipients?</p>	<p>What types of organizations or groups are funded by [name]?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How much have groups given? What is the average gift size? • Do you fund in a particular area or have a geographic focus? • How or why were these chosen? <p>How would you describe the relationship the groups in [name] have with funding recipients?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do giving circle members do more than give? 	<p>What types of organizations or groups are funded by giving circles with which you are familiar?</p> <p>How would you describe the relationship giving circles have with funding recipients?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is it different from other types of giving?
10. What are giving circles' impacts on members and funding recipients?	<p>What impact has participating in the giving circle had on your philanthropy or engagement in the community?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How is it different from other ways you give? • Has it changed your perspective, awareness or knowledge about philanthropy, charities or community issues? • Do you give differently or to different areas than you would have otherwise? 	<p>What impact have you seen participation in [name] has had on members?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do these differ across groups? 	<p>What impact have you seen participation in a giving circle has on members?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do these differ for different types of giving circles? • Do you think this differs from other modes of philanthropy? How?
	Is there anything else you would like to tell me about your experience participating in a giving circle?	<p>What do you think makes a good or successful group?</p> <p>Do you have any other information or data about [name] that you would be willing to share?</p> <p>Is there anything else you would like to tell me about [name]?</p>	<p>In what ways have you interacted with giving circles? What do you think makes a good or successful giving circle?</p> <p>Do you have any other information or data about giving circles that you would be willing to share?</p> <p>Is there anyone else knowledgeable about giving circles I should talk to? Can I use your name as an introduction?</p> <p>Is there anything else you would like to tell me about giving circles?</p>