



**EQUITABLE & JUST
GREATER PITTSBURGH**



THE EJGP NETWORK:

Equitable and Just Greater Pittsburgh is a regional network for people and groups committed to advancing equity and justice to connect, learn, collaborate, build power, and create change across interconnected issues and places.


OUR MISSION

To push for equitable and just policies and programs to achieve transformational, people-centered change in Greater Pittsburgh.









OUR VISION FOR THE REGION

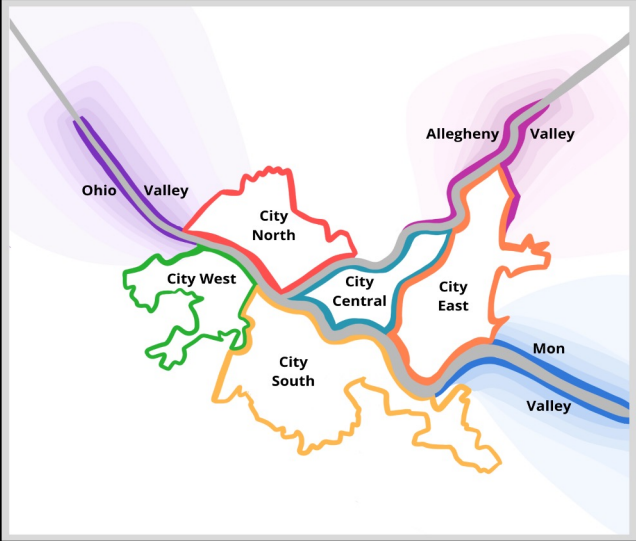
Every person in Greater Pittsburgh has the resources, ability, and power to feel secure and succeed in ways that matter to them, now and for generations to come.



- 2016: Named “equitable development” as a goal:
 - Coalition work 2017-2019
 - Stated policy goals around:
 - Raising the bar for new development
 - Neighborhoods of opportunity (housing issues)
 - Expanding employment & entrepreneurship
 - Racial equity within government
 - Community voice
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- 2020 through present
 - Expanding topic areas
 - Being intentional about community voice
 - Expanding the coalition
 - Co-creating a platform of shared values



							
Housing	Livelihoods	Health	Climate & Environment	Transportation	Education	Food	Other Topics That Matter to You





Full Network Meetings

June 2022: Livelihoods and Transportation

- Cheryl Stephens - Pittsburghers for Public Transit
- Rochelle Jackson & Brynnaiza Young - Black Women's Policy Center

August 2022: Public Safety

- Brandi Fisher - Alliance for Police Accountability

October 2022: Voting Rights

- Lee Smith - New Voices for Reproductive Justice

December 2022: Climate & Environment and Health

- Ana Hoffman - CMU CREATE Lab
- Germaine Patterson - Women for a Healthy Environment

February 2023: Housing, Health, and Community Development

- Donna Jackson - Larimer Consensus Group
- Ariam Ford-Graver - Grounded Strategies
- Dan Sullivan - ACTION Housing

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CLIMATE & ENVIRONMENT

INTERSECTIONS
ICON KEY:



We depend on our natural environment for the air we breathe, the water we drink, and the food we consume. It is a source of inspiration, hope, and recreation. Despite the improvements we've made in cleaning up our environment, we still have a way to go before our environment is healthy. Climate change presents additional challenges. In an environmentally equitable Greater Pittsburgh, all residents can live, play, and work in healthy spaces free from pollution or hazards. No group is disproportionately impacted. As we shift away from fossil fuels to renewable energy, equity and justice must guide the transformation.

WE CALL FOR GOVERNMENTS, BUSINESSES, DEVELOPERS, AND FUNDERS (AS APPLICABLE) TO:

- Ensure the rights for residents, especially communities of color, to live in an environment free from exposure to pollution (adapted from EJNCP) 
- Invest in front line communities, especially as it relates to the expansion of green infrastructure, energy-saving strategies, and cleaning up of contaminated properties, both private and commercial (adapted from B-G, GHNP, MCNP) 
- Ensure that workers and other community members are safe and have equitable access to energy efficiency savings and clean, affordable energy, water, and transportation choices (adapted from B-G) 
- Provide ample high-quality, safe, accessible recreational spaces and cultural services including: parks and green spaces, facilities, programs, and special events (adapted from BLM-LA, GHNP) 
- Enhance education, awareness-raising and human and institutional capacity on climate change mitigation, adaptation, impact reduction and early warning (adapted from UN SDG #13) 

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TRANSPORTATION

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Even though COVID-19 kept us home more than usual, we still need to move across the region for recreation, shopping, school, and work. Goods need to move across the region, too. The current infrastructure in our city, region, and country tends to prioritize cars and trucks above other forms of transportation. Investment in public transportation is on the decline despite that many people still rely on it. A Just Greater Pittsburgh prioritizes getting people to and from the services they need and facilitates economic mobility and access to housing. This includes providing the necessary infrastructure to better connect neighborhoods and advancing policies that ensures people can access affordable and reliable modes of transportation.

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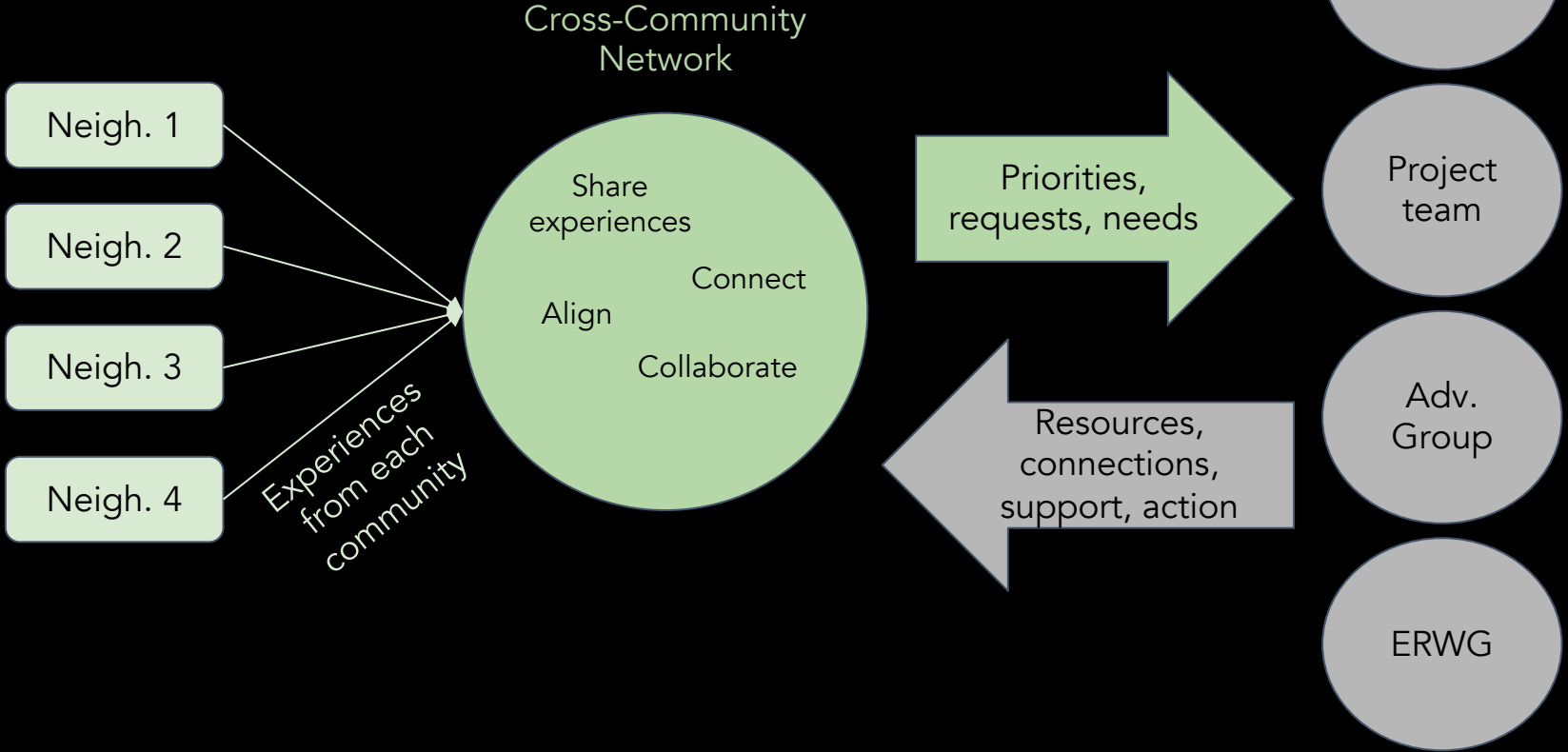
- Invest in and expand public transit 
- Prioritize and protect people (including workers, low income/protected classes) 
- Provide free and reduced transit 
- Build sustainable, accessible transportation systems 
- Incentivize building near existing transit infrastructure 
- Ensure pedestrian and bicycle safety and accessibility 
- Incentivize electric vehicles and make them affordable 



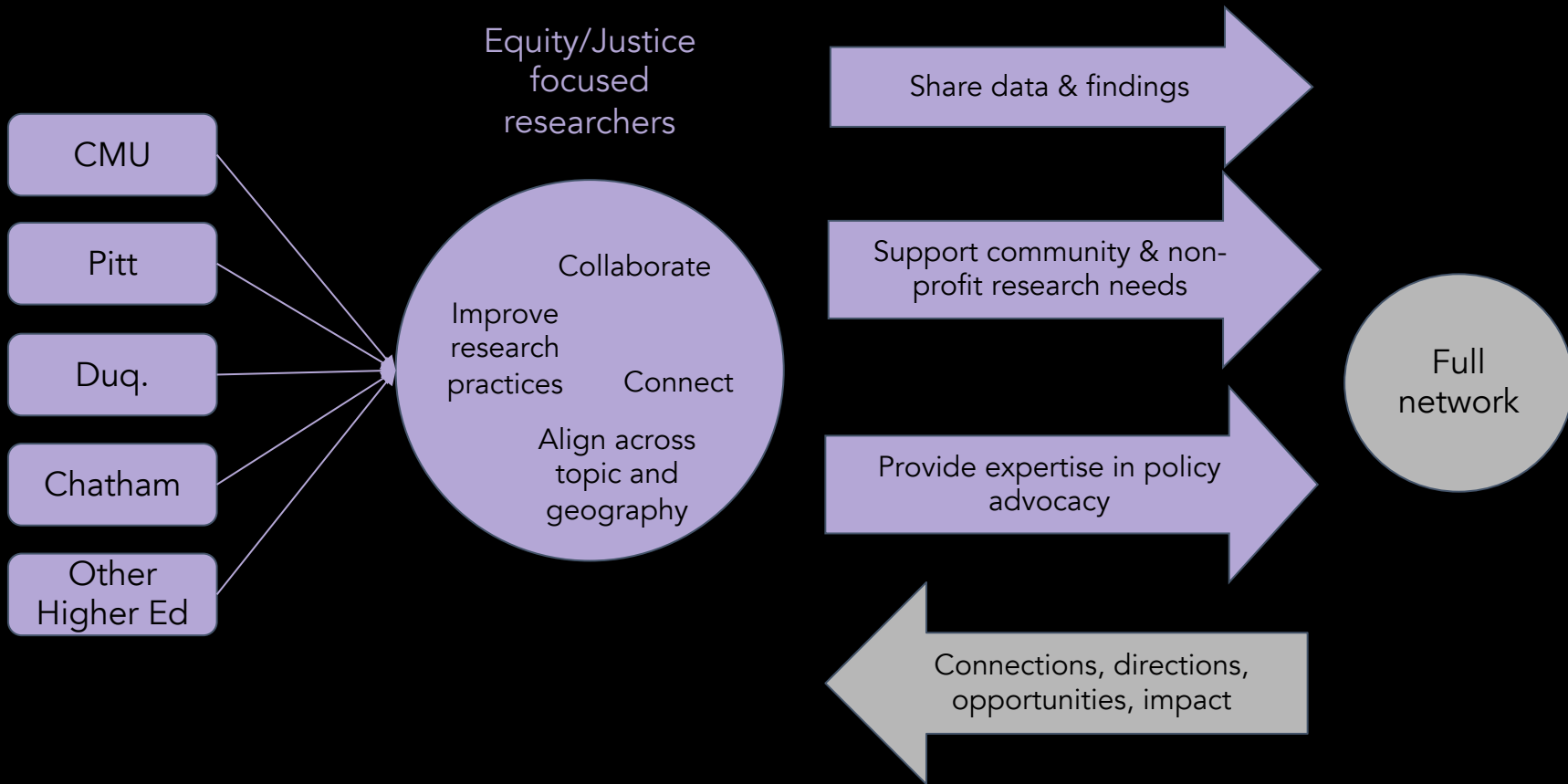
Campaigns Currently Elevated:

- Get the Lead Out, Pittsburgh!
<https://gettheleadoutpgh.org>
- Fair Fares for a Full Recovery
<https://www.fairfaresnow.org>
- Level Up! Pay Equity Campaign
<https://www.ywcapgh.org/equalpay/>

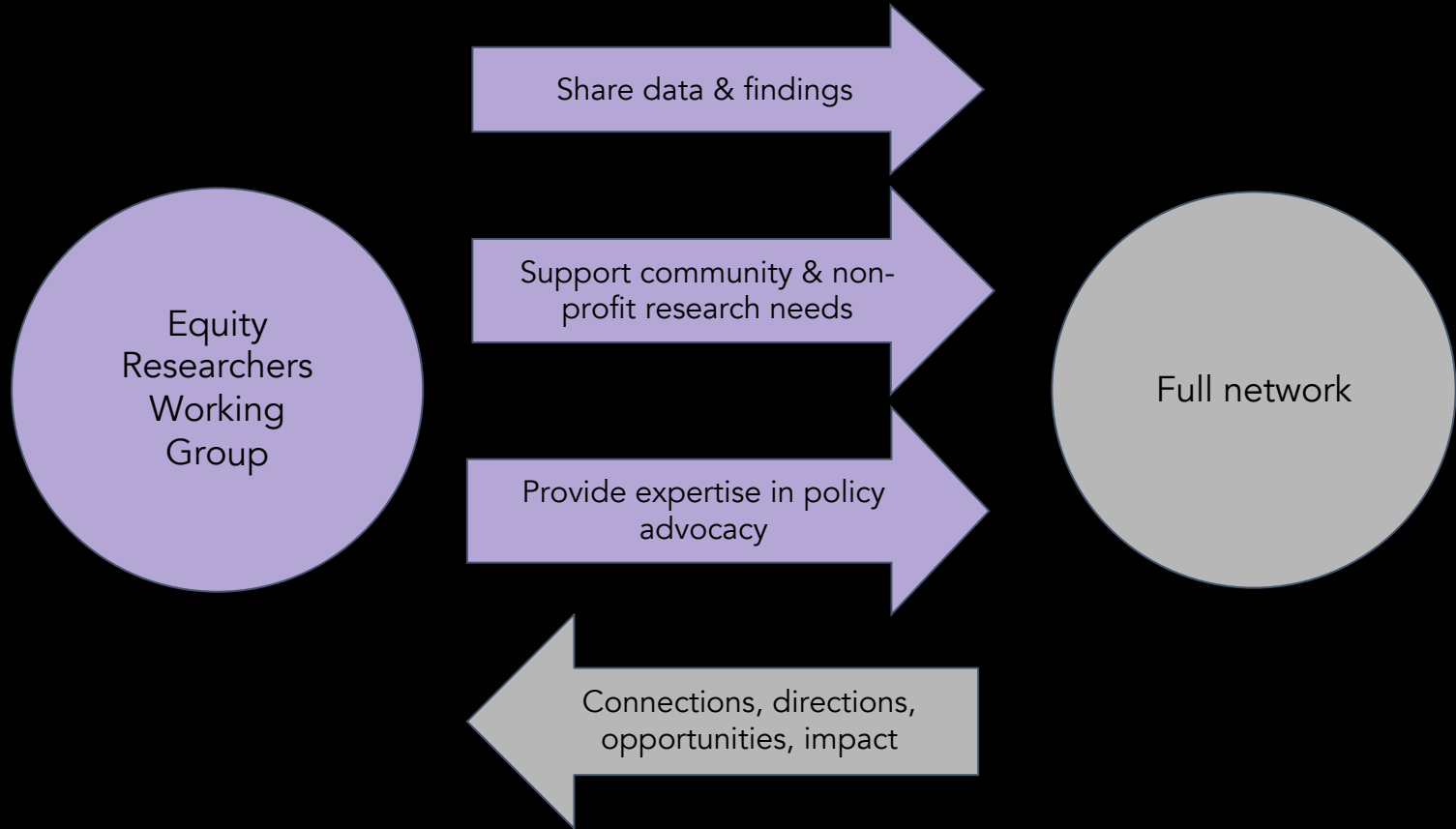
Centering People



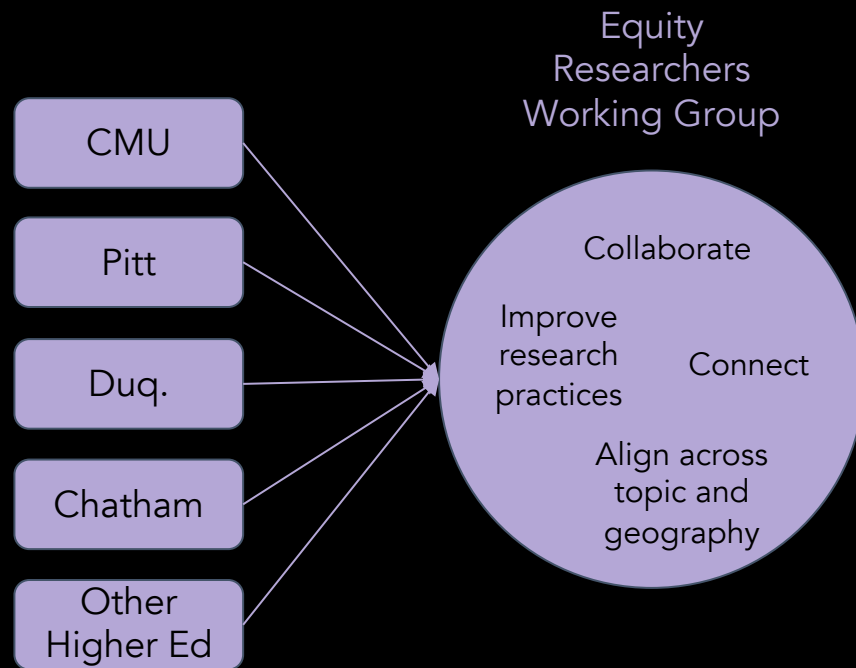
Equity Researchers Working Group



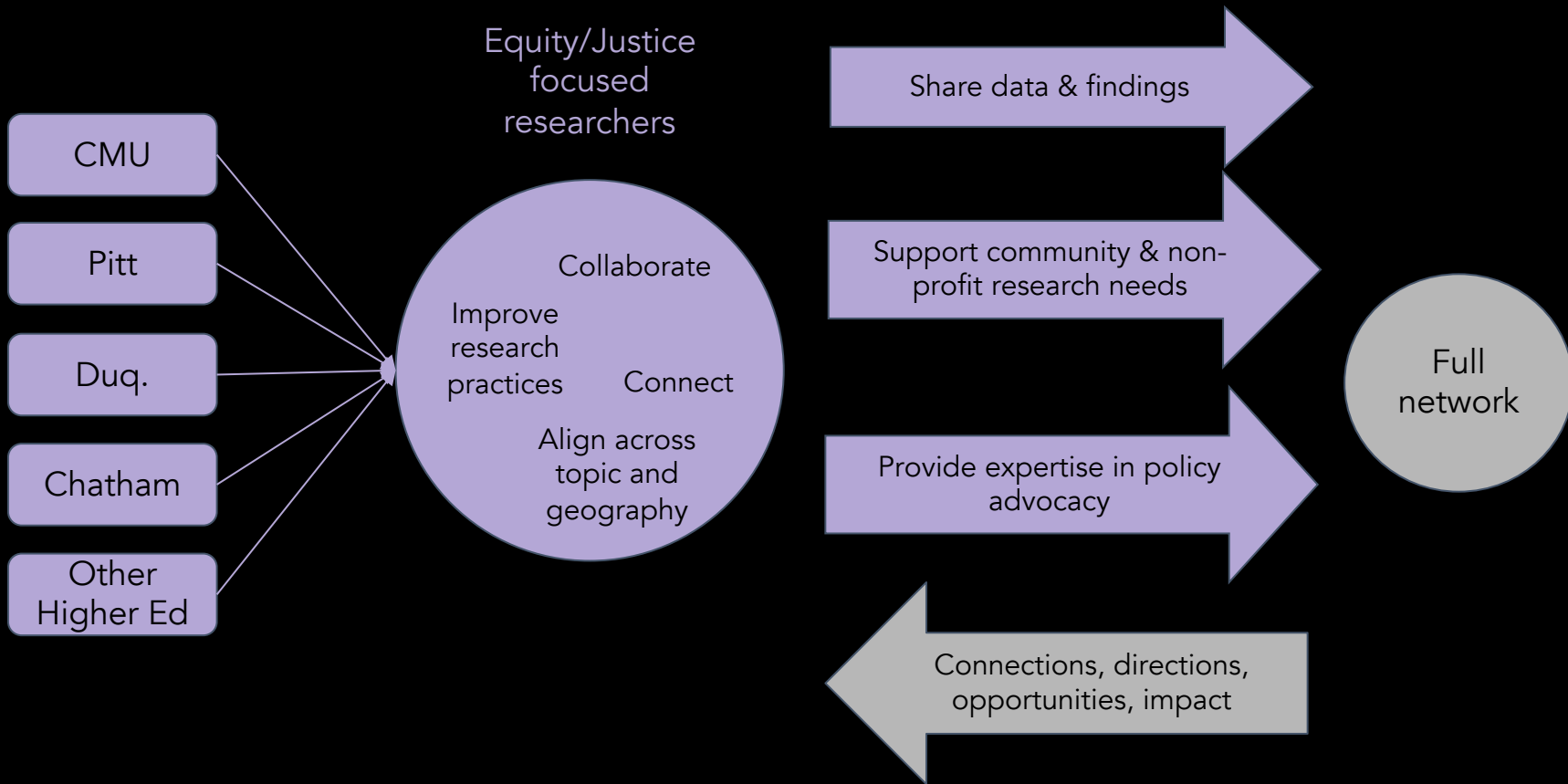
Outward-facing work



Internal work



Equity Researchers Working Group





ERWG Activity!

- Get into small groups - ideally with people you don't know!
- Introduce yourselves - Name, affiliation (if any), and what brought you to this session
- Share:
 - How does your work connect to equity and justice?
 - What are your experiences working with groups outside of universities? OR What are your experiences working with universities, researchers, students, and others?
 - What opportunities do you see to improve university-community relationships?
 - What challenges remain?
 - What suggestions do you have for the EJGP-ERWG?

Use <https://bit.ly/CESF-ERWG> to capture notes!



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Sign up for our ERWG & EJGP mailing list: www.bit.ly/EJGP-ERWG

Next ERWG meet-up: Weds., March 29th, 4-6 p.m. @ Trace Brewing in Bloomfield

Next Full Network meeting: Thurs., April 13th, 9-10:30 a.m. on zoom

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