Examples of Cohort Building Activities That Can Occur AFTER the POWRR Institute

The following list contains suggestions for possible activities for collaborative activities that Institute cohorts could pursue after the POWRR Institute closes[1]. Are there any activities on this list that members have any interest in working on together? Any others not listed?

- Set up a regular monthly meeting time with your cohort and agree to get together virtually (on your private Slack channel or elsewhere); see how you are progressing on implementing your POWRR Plans, etc.
- Identify a webinar on a topic of interest – a recent or current one; invite the rest of your cohort to join; facilitate a discussion via method of your choice (email, Slack channel, Skype, Google Hangout, phone, etc)
- Identify a topic of interest; do some background research to identify some good resources; share and discuss with the rest of the cohort via method of your choice
- Collaboratively create a blog post for the POWRR Blog on your experience working together at/after the Institute (contact powrr@niu.edu to submit your finished entry & any relevant graphics)
- Interview someone who is working on something of interest and collaboratively write/submit a write-up to the POWRR blog about it
- Organize a demonstration of a tool or a discussion on multiple approaches to some aspect of curation with a speaker within or beyond the Cohort (can be done in person if you are geographically close, or online)
- Pick a relevant topic and informally present your cumulative findings/lead discussion in your POWRR Slack channel.
- Organize a half or all-day workshop or event as a group (if geography allows!) to explore a topic or tool of interest.
- Work with your Cohort Advisor to identify an opportunity for you to interact with an expert working closely with a topic of interest to your cohort (the interaction could take place on a POWRR Slack channel or another online/in person location of your choice)
- Identify a local or regional professional association you might attend – consider doing a poster as a group.
- Identify a local/regional/national conference that your cohort (or some members of the group) may be interested in attending and propose a panel related in some way to how you have worked together.
- Find a slightly intimidating open source digital preservation/curation tool & experiment with it as a group. Get hung up? Submit a question to Digital Preservation Q and A - http://qanda.digipres.org/
- Collaborate on the writing of an article for an organizational newsletter or journal of your choice

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[1] Adapted in part from the following sources:
https://www.clir.org/pubs/reports/pub173/ndsr-boston-expectations-and-opportunities
https://www.clir.org/pubs/reports/pub173/ndsr-dc-host-manual-2015

- Does your organization need written documentation on any software, workflow or procedure? See if the group has anything that could be written collaboratively - or shared in a way that works for everyone.

Please note any other activities you can think of that aren't listed here:
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