

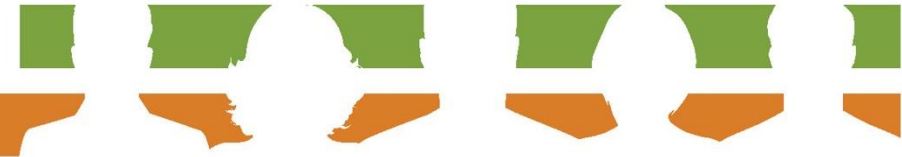


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SESSION 5

Regional Economic Growth and Infrastructure Renewal

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 27, 2026





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Brennan Carroll
Partner
BLG

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TODAY'S AGENDA



9:00AM – Welcome by BLG

9:15AM – Project Time

10:45AM – Break

11:00AM – Panel Discussion

12:30PM – Working Lunch

1:30PM – Keynote Conversation

2:45PM – Break

3:00PM – Walking Tour of the PATH

4:15PM – Social at Chefs Hall



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Ossie Airewele
Residential and Mixed Use Lead
BDP Quadrangle
Program Chair



Gregg Lintern
Principal
Gregg Lintern Associates
Program Dean



Project Time
9:15AM – 10:45AM



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Reflecting What We Heard

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“Applying a growth mindset, If you had a magic wand, how do we meet the moment by leading on opportunity while achieving inclusive and social values and interests.”

Define the moment? Is this a Reset..

***What** approaches would you apply?*

***How** would this happen?*

***Why** is this important?*

1 - Inclusive and Community Driven

2 - Visionary and Systemic Change

3 - Adaptability and Innovation

4 - Economic Gamechanger

Leverage your Why?

*"People don't buy **what** you do, they buy **WHY** you do it!"*

Simon Sinek – Author and Inspirational Speaker



Team 1

Inclusive and
Community Driven



St. Luke's United Church
355 Sherbourne Street



Walmer Road Baptist Church
188 Lowther Avenue

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Inclusive and Community Driven



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Team 2

Visionary and
Systemic Change



Disruption Accelerating
Digital Transformation

Team 2

Visionary and Systemic Change



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Team 3

Adaptability and Innovation



The Soul of Nørrebro,
Copenhagen, Denmark

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Adaptability and Innovation



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Team 4

Economic
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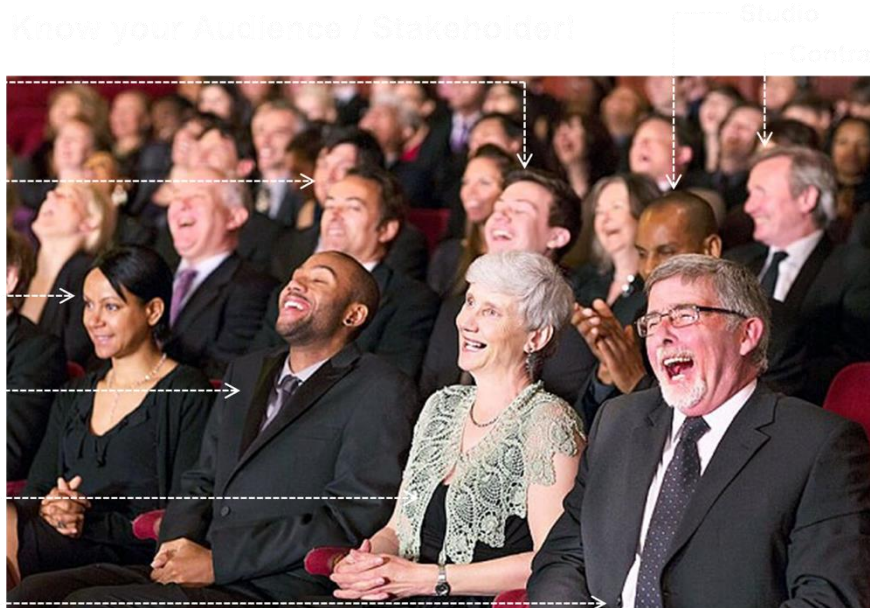
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Shannon Woods
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Purpose of the Assignment

To demonstrate / practice your leadership skills by making a pitch on your "opportunity project" that responds to the challenge of meeting the moment via the approach your team has been assigned.

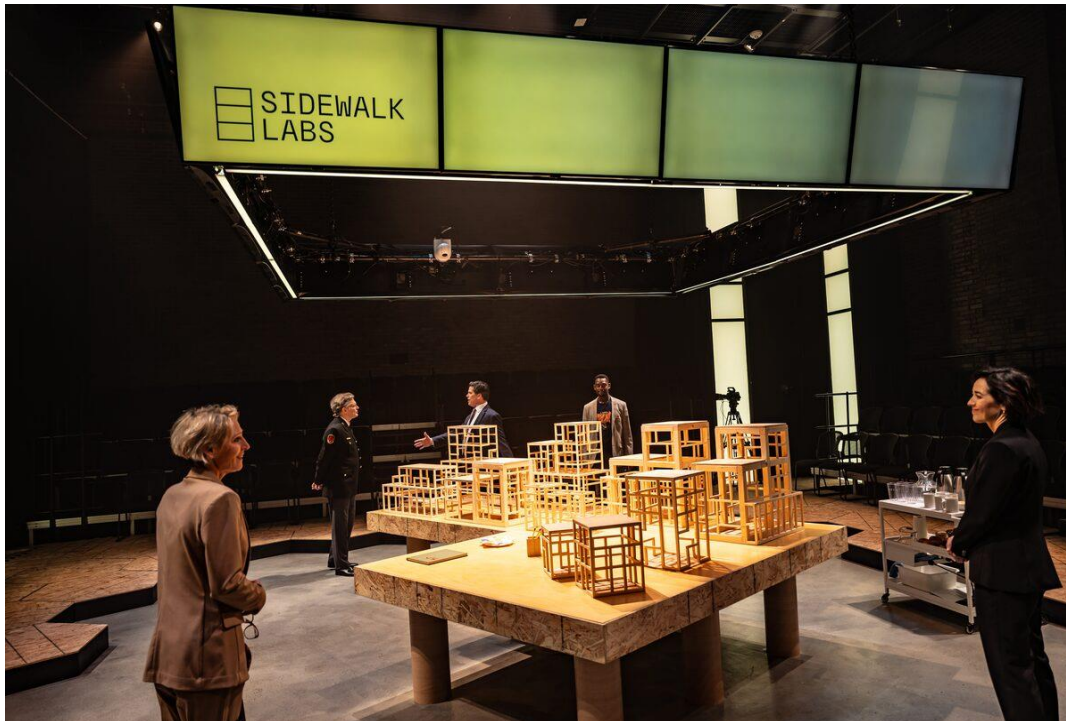


Your Audience could include:

- *Cohort Participants*
- *Steering Committee*
- *Past Speakers*
- *Curtner Urban Leadership Alumni*
- *Invited Guests – maybe your boss!*

Assignment Deliverables

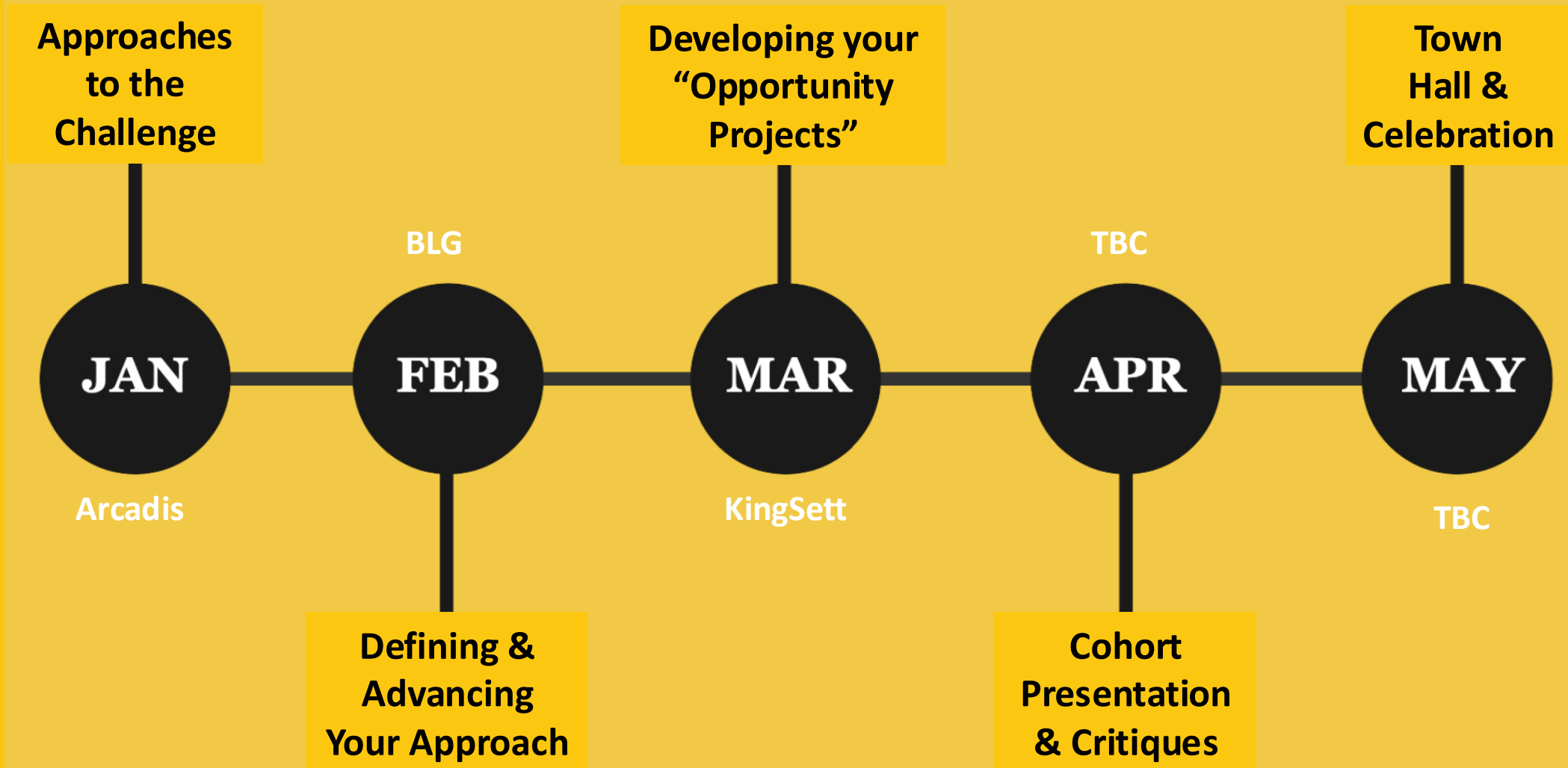
Presentation of your "pitch" on your "opportunity project."



The method of presentation is entirely your choice, it can be:

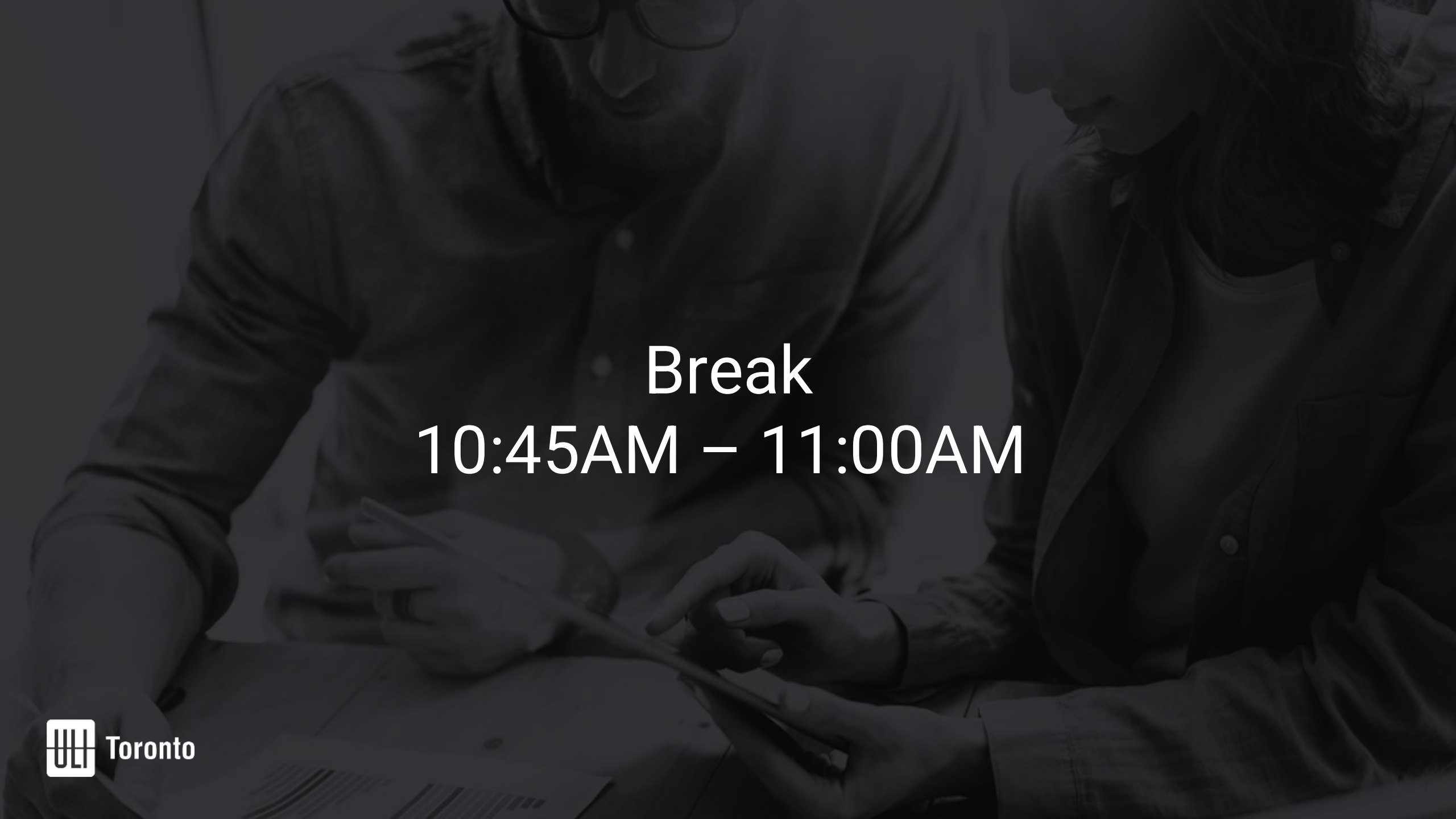
- *PowerPoint*
- *Poster*
- *Report*
- *Dramatization*
- *.... be Innovative*

How do we Respond to Moment?



Project Time 9:15 - 10:25 am
Steering Committee support will join your table
Report Back at 10:25 / 5 minutes per team

***Explain the "moment" your team is trying to respond to
and WHY your team believes it is going to resonate
with people.***



Break
10:45AM – 11:00AM



Panel Discussion 11:00AM – 12:30PM



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CLASS MODERATOR:
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Working Lunch 12:30PM – 1:30PM



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Keynote Conversation 1.30PM – 2.45PM



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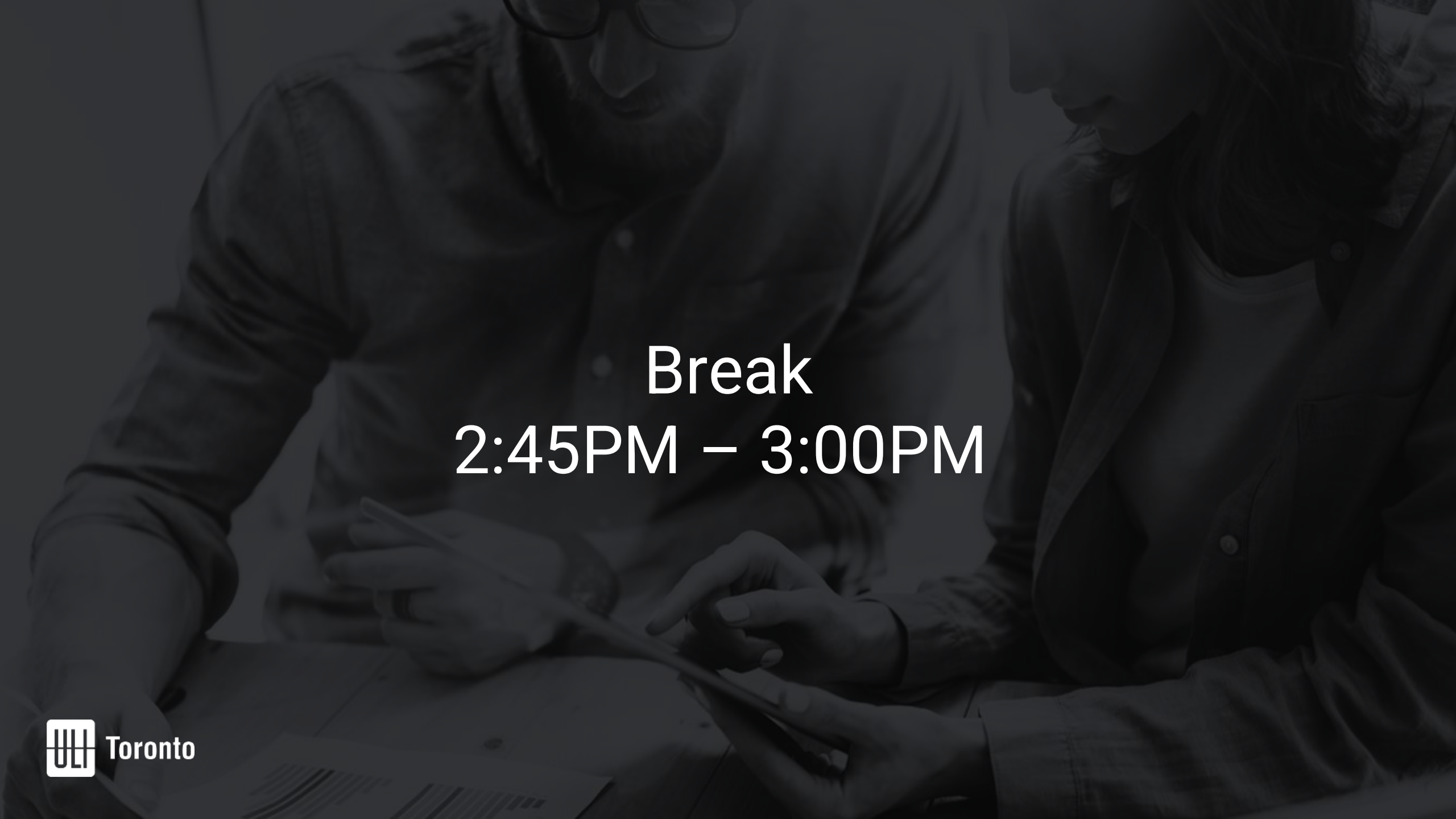
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Eman Abdelsabour
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Daniel Hengeveld
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Break
2:45PM – 3:00PM



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Walking Tour of the PATH

3:00PM – 4:15



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Hollybeth Fudger
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Chefs Hall 4:15PM

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