**IS NOW THE RIGHT TIME FOR A MENTOR?**

The following questions will help you decide if now is the right time to work with a mentor, and how you might like to approach the **2021 Connecting Places Mentorship Program.**

**Please note: These questions *do not* form part of the application process, however, they provide a useful starting point for discussions with your committee ahead of completing the application form.**

1. What challenges am I and/or my committee currently experiencing in the work that we do?

2. What kinds of skills, knowledge, networks and/or expertise would help address these challenges?

3. How could a mentor help me or my committee to develop these skills, knowledge, networks and/or expertise?

4. Do I/we have the interest and time to develop and implement new skills into the work we do?

5. Am I/are we able to make time to meet with a mentor (minimum 15 hours across 2021) and implement our learnings over time?

6. Can I/we be open to constructive feedback?

7. Do I/we want a formal or informal mentoring relationship? An informal relationship might be an in-person or phone meeting once a month where the mentor acts as a sounding board. A formal relationship might be a strategic planning session, followed by regularly scheduled progress updates and feedback.

8. What would my/our mentor’s responsibilities be?

9. What would my/our responsibilities be?

10. At the end of 12 months, what do I/we hope to have achieved through a mentorship?