

# [EXTERNAL] Gov Innovators Reunion, date change!!!

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Hey all,

It turns out I have to unexpectedly travel on the 19th now!

Thanks to so many for RSVP'ing and apologies for this last minute change.

If it sounds good to all, I am going to try to pick 2 dates in the coming weeks for "Mini-reunion lunches" in DC and then a date in Sept for the all day event.

If you have date preferences, let me know by emailing me directly.

Can't wait to see you all! And I hope you are doing well!

ps- it was also awesome seeing many of you at the 4th of July!

Alexis

On Tue, Jun 22, 2021 at 8:18 AM Alexis Bonnell [Ex 6 - \(5 U.S.C. Sec 552\(b\)\(6\)\)](#) wrote:  
Hey Government Innovation Family,

While I am no longer the Chief Innovation Officer at USAID I am still 100% a Gov Innovation Cheerleader and supporter!

I have so enjoyed connecting with all of you over the last year and I know how burnt out many of us are feeling. It is hard to innovate and disrupt without a RECHARGE of like-minded friends (...therapists :) who understand the challenge of trying to be a change-leader!

To that end, I am hosting an "unofficial reunion" of innovation folks in Gov at the Quarry (Harpers Ferry, WV...about an hour from DC)  
OR if folks really want to do this, but need to do it in DC, I will make that work too. But as we all know, sometimes to get inspired you have to take yourself out of your normal environment :)

My Goal in buying the Quarry was to ultimately turn it into a free community facilitation space for Innovators. So I figured we might as well get started with us!  
(This is done in my personal capacity, nothing to do with Google, this is my way of giving back over time to our country and its public servants) [\(You can see more of the Quarry here\)](#)

This is a chance to catch up as human beings, build cross-agency relationships, welcome each other and new voices and do a bit of an "unconference" to share insights, lessons learned, issues and challenges.

I realize it would be hard to pick a perfect day that will work for everyone so landed on July 19th from 10-3. This is intentionally a work day, as you can absolutely take calls or VTC's from the house as well, so think of it as an "Alternative Telework Location" for the day, where you will happen to be surrounded by the most creative and amazing people in Government...who is in?

For me this would be exciting if it was 4 people or 40, so feel free to invite other innovators who need a "Recharge" and a chance to inspire or be inspired by others.

[Please RSVP here, can't wait to see you all!](#)

Best,

Alexis