EXPLORE CONNECTIONS

Make sense of the conversations and experiences you had by seeing what connections exist between them

USEFUL FOR

- Seeing how data and information may be connected

TOOLS

- Theming
- Concentric Circles
- 2x2

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Look at the relationships between the data – your notes from your Talk to a Terp and / or Shadow a Terp experience(s)-- by using a 2x2.

Start by putting your notes onto post-its, one piece of information or one quote per post-it.

Then label each axis with a theme you'd like to explore (*i.e. engaged vs. not engaged, energized vs. not energized… and think of your own!*).

Place your post-its along both axes. Once you've placed all of your post-its on the 2x2, make note of what the data is telling you:
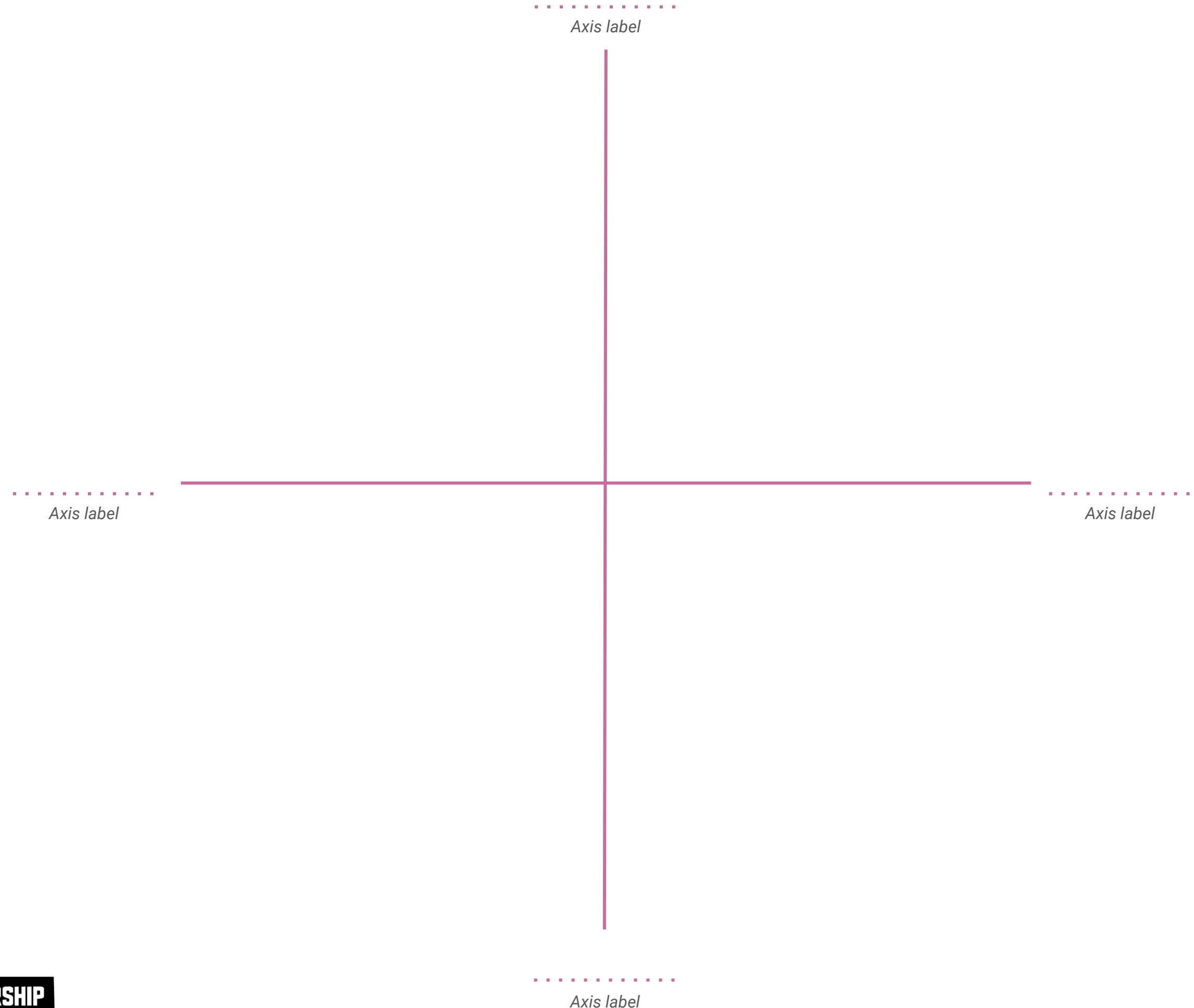
"Something I'm noticing is…"

"I wonder if this means…"

Capture your thoughts on the back of this paper.

Try it again!

Remove the post-its from the 2x2 and try out different axes labels to continue to explore different relationships between the data.

Axis label

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Concentric Circles

Explore how your initial thoughts, assumptions, and expectations compare to the actual experience itself.

STEP 1 // In the outer circle: Write down what your initial thoughts, assumptions, and expectations for either your Talk to a Terp or Shadow a Terp experiences.
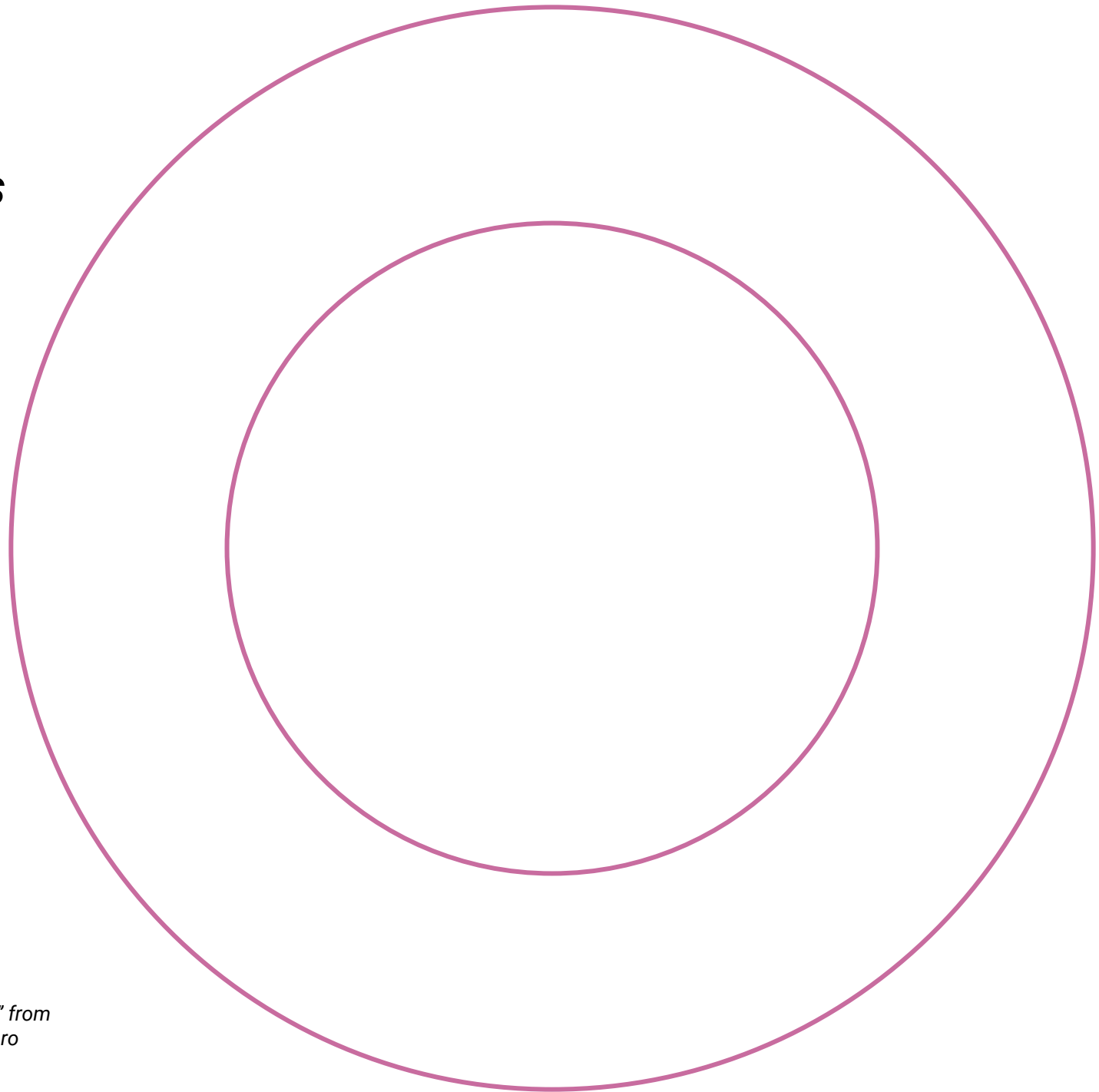
STEP 2 // In the inner circle: Write what you learned after having that experience.

STEP 3 // Compare & Contrast: what is similar and between the two circles? Why might that be? What is unexpected or surprising?

Adapted from "Figure Out Who You Are, Really" from Experiments in Reflection by L. Britos Cavagnaro

THEMING

Look at your notes from your Talk to a Terp and / or Shadow a Terp experience(s) to see what connections emerge.

Connections don't have to be things that are strictly similar, they can also be something that shares a common variable.
This is both easier and harder than it might seem! Here are some suggestions to get started:

- Start by re-reading your notes
- Find one thing that connects to something else and give that grouping a label or short description – it's okay to start with a broad category and you can narrow down as you work through your notes
- It's okay if a piece of data or note doesn't fit into a groupings
- Continue going through your notes until different groupings emerge
- Capture your work here and on the back, if needed --------->