

Direct[Message] Principles of Collaboration

- Ensure clarity of purpose and/or task
- Exchange and draw on each other's ideas and experiences to establish collective vision, using empathy (imagining yourself in someone else's shoes)
- Use respectful listening, generosity of spirit – an attitude of giving
- Trust, transparency
- Patience
- Learn to work well with each other as a team and help each other out
- Share life experiences
- Respect each other's heritage and approaches to senior community-building
- Highlight different cultures' and communities' relationships with seniors as a community and a resource to society – challenging ageism
- How do you begin a collaborative relationship during a pandemic?
- The word "arts" isn't interpreted in the same way based on culture, privilege, access – high art / low art → we should explain what the arts mean to us personally.
- This project should break down the strict boundaries between high and low art and explore what "art" means for different individuals and communities (art in the museum, art in the community, art through the eyes of the artist or the beholder, etc.)

Collaboration requires:

- shared learning
- experimentation
- respect
- reciprocity
- diversity (of experiences and perspectives)
- transparency
- exchange
- mutually beneficial
- imaginative
- Valuing each others' work/labour
- Self-reflection
- open accessibility
- Responsiveness
- Recognizing intersectionality
- Recognizing privilege
- Decolonizing
- Ethical
- Commitment to communities
- Trust
- Research accountability