

PRINCIPLES *of* EFFECTIVE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

HUMILITY

Begin with a humble mindset, recognizing the value of listening and respecting the various perspectives and experiences of those with whom you are working. Though you may have unique strengths you can bring to the table, begin by first learning about the strengths and perspectives of the broader community and partner. Consider what already exists and what you may learn from others.

Questions to Ask Yourself



- Where are your gaps in knowledge relating to the issues or community?
- What assumptions, ideas or beliefs do you hold about this community? Are you open to having those assumptions challenged as you learn from others?
- Who do you know who can help you? How can you support existing efforts?



- How are you approaching this project – as a learner, an ally/advocate, problem solver or something else? Is this approach flexible?