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BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS MAP

LEVEL OF INVOLVEMENT


More complex tool that should ideally be done over a few days. Given the strategic nature of the inputs/outputs, this needs consultations with seniors, peers and ideally needs to be revised after a first pass.
Many complex problems have several different yet related causes and effects - with several organisations from different sectors trying to solve things individually. With many organisations having limited resources, forming partnerships is a good approach to not only increase capability, but also your reach. Partnerships help build a common understanding, and harness the knowledge which might be spread across various different perspectives.

Building partnerships takes a lot of effort from all those involved. They often take a considerable investment of time to build the high quality working relationships that underpin effective collaboration. The Building Partnerships Map breaks the process into steps, so you can anticipate difficulties and challenges ahead.

The Building Partnerships Map describes a series of phases which a partnership might involve. The map indicates what is needed in each phase to make such partnerships work, offering guidelines rather than rules. Each phase, as outlined on the worksheet, is important and should not be neglected if the partnership is to remain balanced and on course to achieve its goals.

To work well, partnerships need to be mutually beneficial to the partners involved.

You can use the Building Partnerships Map to analyse at what phase of partnership you and your partner are, so that you can move through the next phases to build a strong partnership together.

- Identify the stage that shows where you are at
- Identify the stage where you would like to be
- Use the template as a map to build a pathway towards that stage

The mapped pathway gives an outline of the activities that need to be done in between.
1 Download the PDF file and print it in a normal A4 printer.

2 Align the worksheet prints according to the numbered boxes along the edge of the sheets.

3 Join the aligned prints with cellotape or tacks and get started!

SIZE AND ORIENTATION GUIDE

A1

A2

A3
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Partners plan programme of activities and begin to outline a coherent project.

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Reviewing the partnership: what is the impact of the partnership on partner organisations? Is it time for some partners to leave and/or new partners to join?

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