Partnerships and Collaboration in P.E in CANADA
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Introduction:

Who do we bring into Canada to get involved in public engagement?

What are we going to do in the Atlantic Canada do promote public engagement?

Partnership – different form of collaboration.

‘CASE STUDY’

(International Women’s Day Event) (Identifying the various ways to contribute to a partnership that can help to overcome inequality)

Money is always the issue; it is standard view that more money = more say.

Having food at discussions helps bring people together and get them comfortable.

In collaborations, it’s important to make sure notes are taken for record, and there is a distribution of responsibilities.

It’s important to make sure all parties share the same objective; so everybody is working in unison not trying to pull the organization in different paths simultaneous.

Have an agenda and make sure the sequence of events is taken care of. Make sure people know where to be and what they’re supposed to be doing at all times. (Efficiency)

Method of discussion needs to be a mix of different aspects, not just one. (For example, include visual, audio, interactive aspects as people learn differently)

Group Brainstorm:
- Being prepared, formally in writing
- Identifying hurdles/challenges prior to meeting
- Relationship building, trust, building common goals,
- Defined vision, goals, objectives and financial input
- Open dialogue, listen, create consensus
- Recognizing your Niche, what strengths are you bringing to the table
- Acceptance of equal representation, however ‘letting go’ of your institutional labels,
- Be aware of Power Dynamics
- Look at small objectives and bigger internships
- Being aware of different forms of Capital (Financial, Social Outreach, Political Power”
- Learn to give, in order to create cooperation
  Importance of bidirectional communication and action.
- The Importance of building informal networks
  Getting together / checking up on each other without the need for help
- Mentorship programming
  Constant communication for evaluation and feedback
- Making sure gratitude is shared and celebrate among all partners, regardless of size, power, financial contribution.

**What possibilities are there for collaboration in Atlantic Canada?**

ACIC initiatives:

1. Collaboration Fund up to $1000
2. Travel Fund (Extend existing tour)

Public Engagement

1. IYIP sharing Youth Interns
2. ACOA $Follow-up work with Interns
3. Mentorship
4. In Person Gatherings – clusters
   Face to Face
5. Develop Drinks
6. Decentralize ACIC Staff
7. Share Membership
8. Calendar of events