Our Framework for Engaging and Building Support for Anti-Poverty Research Capacity

Voices

Research partners should be willing to listen and hear other perspectives and be prepared to have their views challenged. This involves acknowledging the differences that exist between and within communities and finding different ways to ensure everyone's voices and ideas are heard.

Easy

Collaboration in research should be easy. Everyone should feel part of the conversation and understand that we all bring our own experiences that should have a space to be heard.

Collaborative

To be truly collaborative in research everyone needs to take an active role, at the same time acknowledging that whilst all parties bring something different, we all have an equal footing.

Boundaries

Respect each other's limitations, working towards transparency by respecting boundaries without creating barriers within research.

Valuing Community Experience

As an active research partner, communities deserve a place at the table, and their experiences deserve to be heard and valued. Consequently, there is an expectation for action to be taken and change to be visible.

Dignity

Treating people and groups according to their needs and recognising what makes them unique within a research partnership.

Trust

Trust is key to collaborations. It is important therefore that a person-centred approach is taken when establishing trust and for partners to be clear in communicating what they can do for one another within research collaborations.

Uneven Power Relations

Collaborators need to acknowledge uneven power relations and be aware of how their respective 'positions' can create barriers. This involves ensuring that research projects begin with open, broad, place-based conversations, involving communities in research design and building knowledge from the ground up.

Safe

Research collaboration should offer a 'safe' space where everyone feels comfortable to speak freely. This involves actively listening to one another and being empathic and responsive to one another's needs.

Honest

Being honest in collaborations means being realistic, authentic and accountable. All partners need to be honest about what they can bring to the partnership, and open about what they want and need from it.

Strength-based

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