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What should my partners know about me, my work, and the way I approach community development?

What misperceptions or stereotypes should they learn to avoid?

What perceptions and assumptions do I make about my partner(s)?

What should I learn to better understand?