

# Appreciating Your Partners

**The first step in successful partnership  
is building trust.**

This exercise is designed to facilitate a candid conversation among collaborators about personal strengths, shared values, and important boundaries.



If you're learning creative placemaking along with a team, you might answer these questions first individually then, share with your partners. If you haven't yet recruited partners, use this exercise to start to identify the complementary skills, experience, etc., you will seek from community partners. Then, once the team is assembled, use the exercise to clarify expectations and need for additional help.

- Why are you here? Why do you intend to help bring creativity to community development?
  
- What do you bring to creative placemaking? Expertise, skills, networks, access to resources, etc.
  
- What gaps suggest a need for more partners?
  
- What expectations do you have for each other?
  
- What limits (in terms of partners' capacity and time, turf, and trust) need to be respected?