

Collaboration in your context

Use this reflection tool to consider how the concepts of collaboration get misused and misunderstood in your context.

1. **Collaboration is getting things done in groups**
2. **Don't collaborate on everything or with everyone**
3. **Collaboration needs ownership and order**
4. **Collaboration isn't rocket science!**

It's best to think of collaboration as a specific activity with specific people aiming at a specific goal
- it's not a vague positive behaviour.



In your context, how does "collaboration" get misused or misunderstood?

Collaborate on challenges that are important, complex and where you need alignment.



Bearing in mind all the challenges you face in your context: where *should* you and where shouldn't you be collaborating?

When do you play the roles of SPONSOR, OWNER and CONTRIBUTOR in your collaboration?

For collaboration to be effective you need a plan and it helps to be clear about who is playing what role: **owner, contributor, sponsor.**

