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# Collective Action with Communities

## Hapori Ohu Ngātahi

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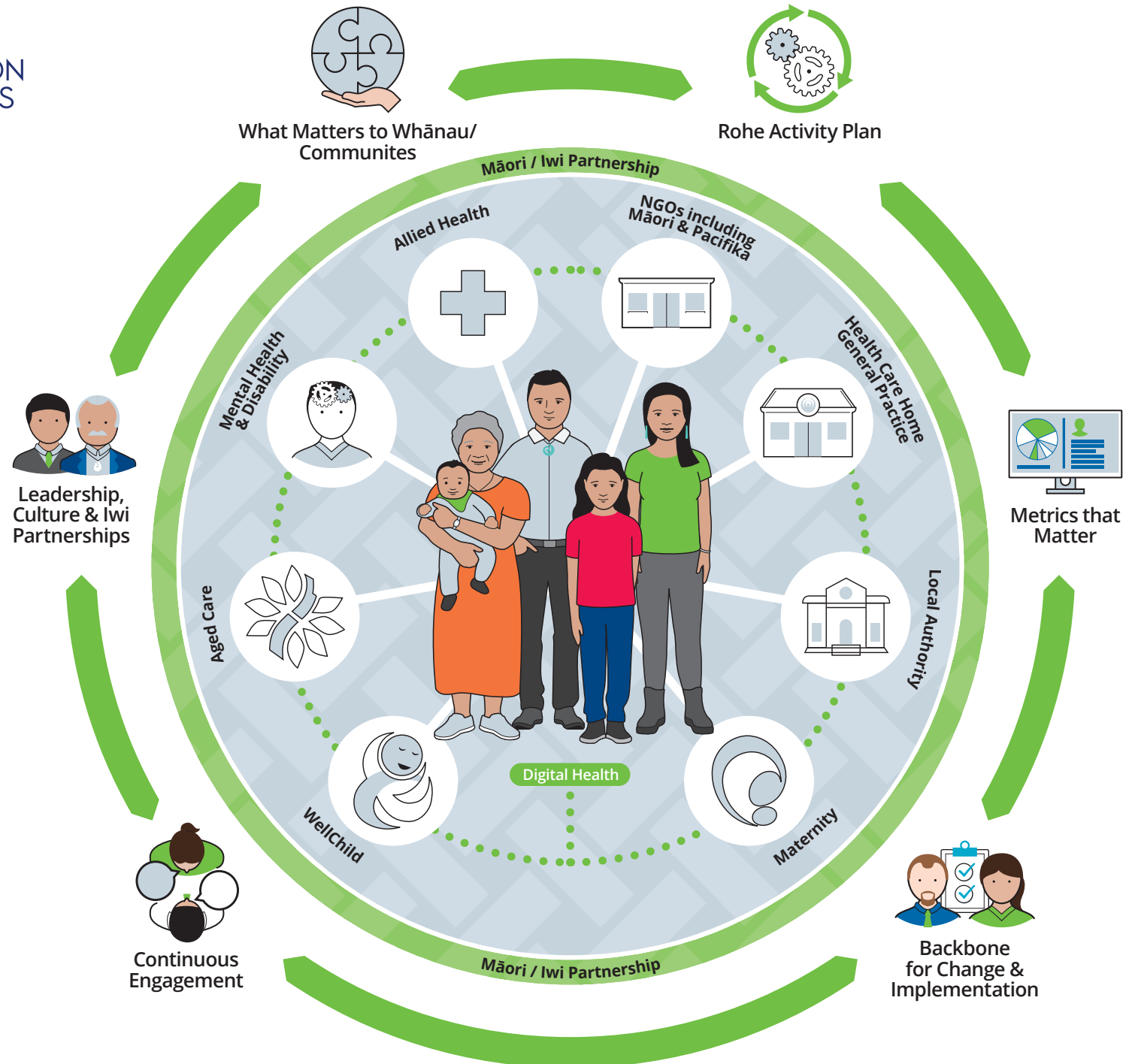
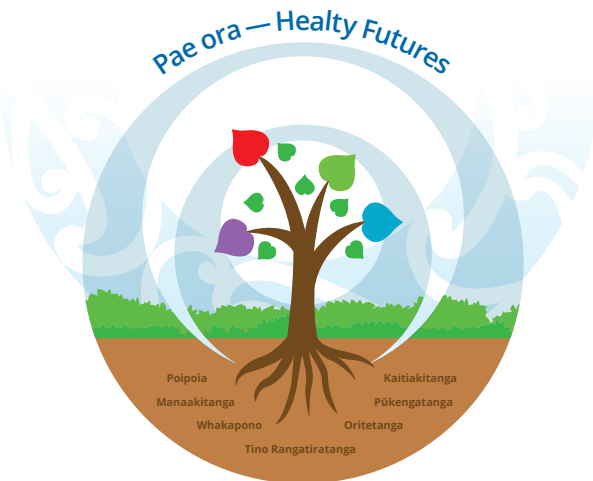
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# COLLECTIVE ACTION WITH COMMUNITIES

## COLLECTIVE ACTION FOR COMMUNITIES

### Hapori Ohu Ngātahi Locality Networks



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# Hapori Ohu Ngātahi



For networks to succeed we need a cross sector approach...

Collaboration  
works at the  
speed of trust



## Health Reforms

*So how can  
we help?*

# Responding to the Change

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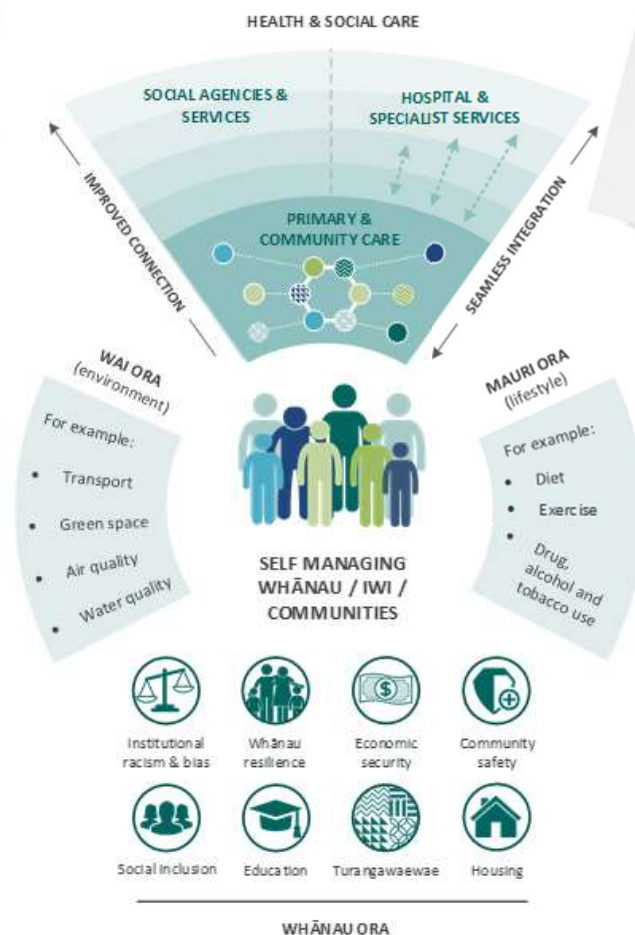
# Primary and Community Care

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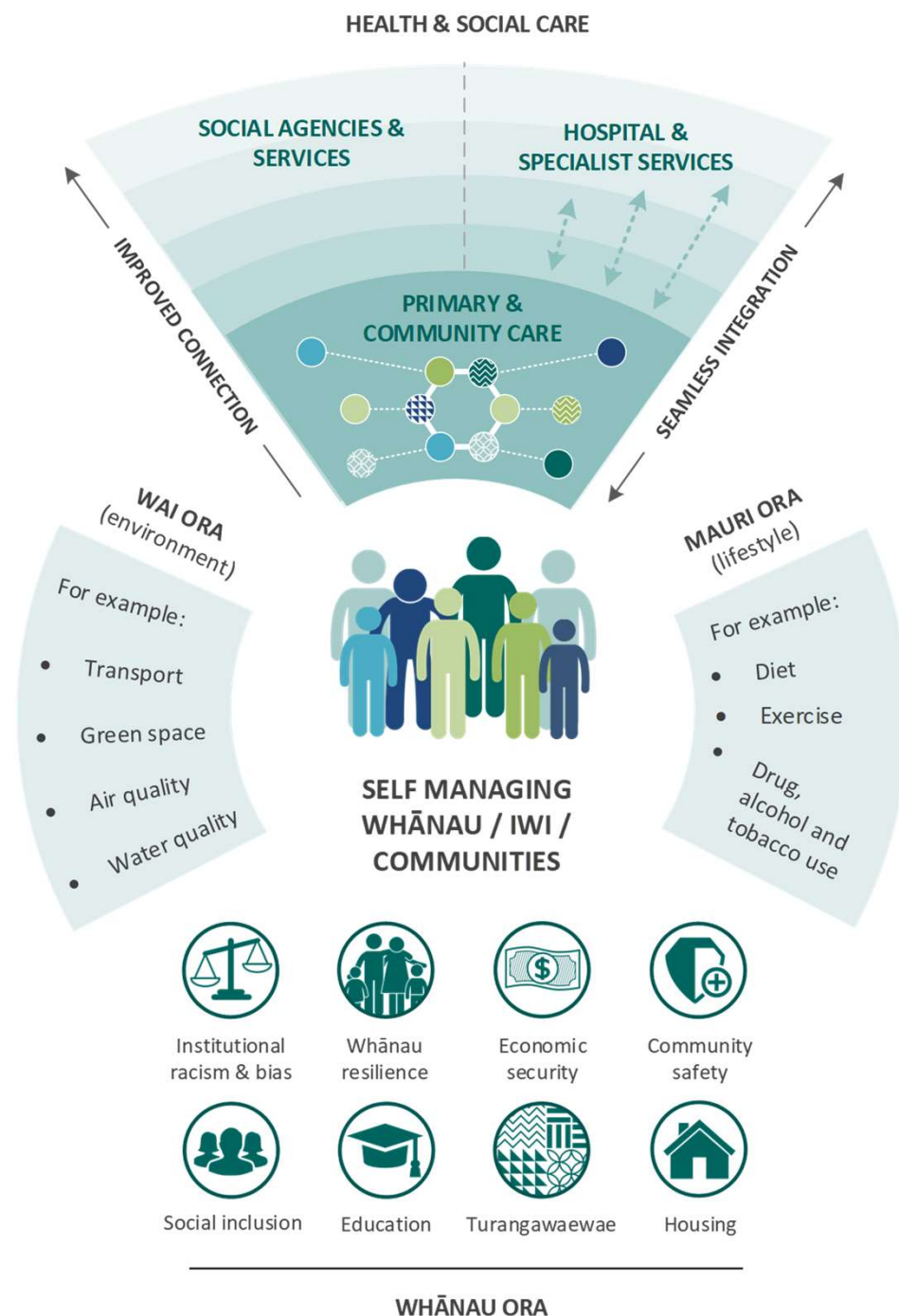
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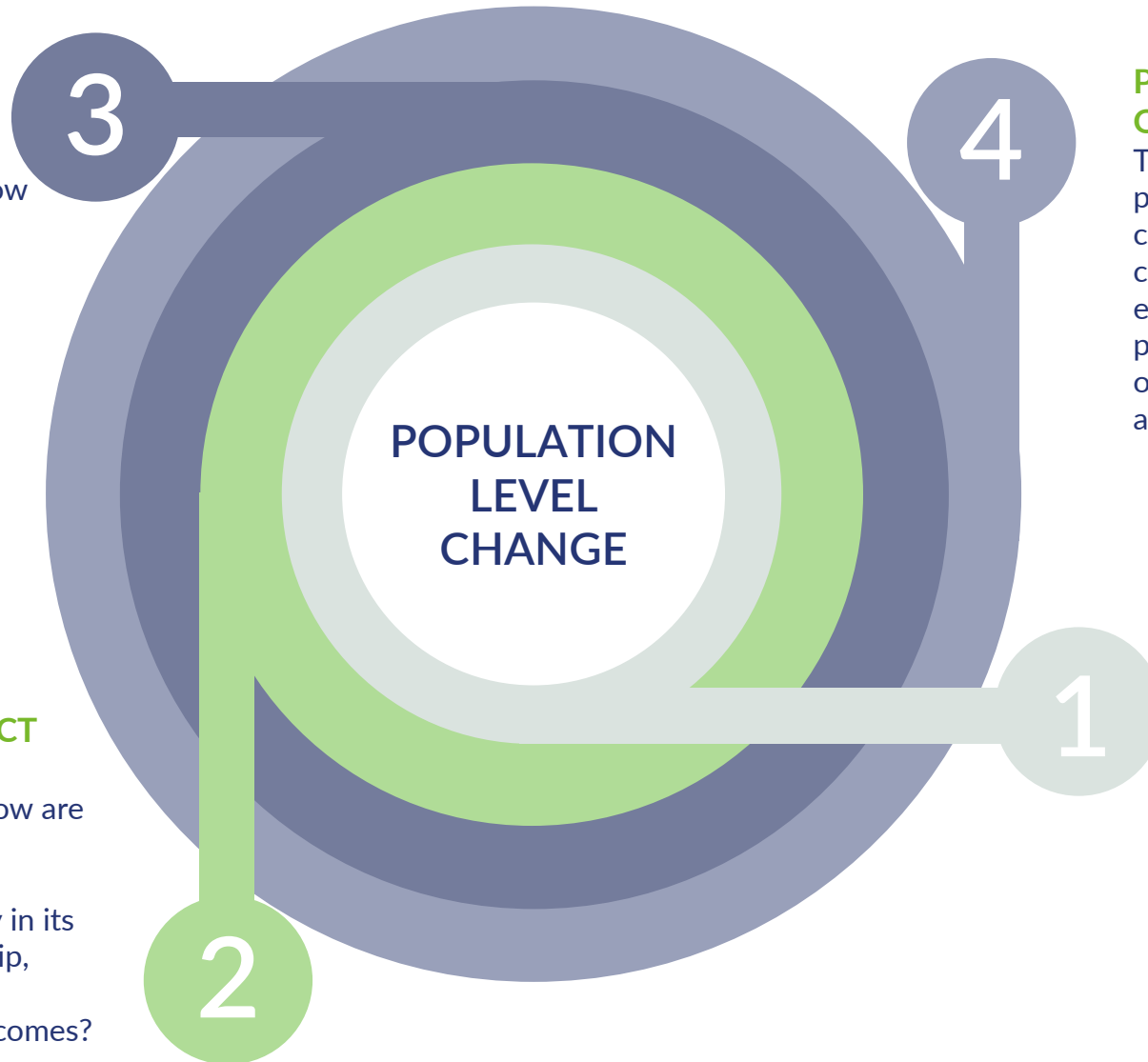
# Equity at every level from the start..

## BACKBONE ORGANISATION

To what extent and how is the backbone organisation(s) modelling / practicing their commitment to equity in leadership, staff composition, policies and practices?

## COLLECTIVE IMPACT COLLABORATIVE

To what extent and how are the collaborative modelling/practicing commitment to equity in its leadership, membership, engagement, data, interventions and outcomes?



## PARTNER ORGANISATIONS

To what extent and how are partner organisations in the collaborative assessing, committing to and acting to embed equity in their policies, practices and outcomes in the CI initiative and their work generally?

## INTERVENTIONS

To what extent and how are the collaborative's interventions (policy changes, system reforms and program improvements) focused on equity and decreasing disparities?

# Preparing for Change

## 3 MINDSET SHIFTS IN COLLECTIVE IMPACT

	<b>1. Appreciate and Adapt to Complexity</b> <i>Reframe the Nature of the Problem</i>
	<b>2. Explore Program AND Systems Change Strategies</b> <i>Refocus Our Work Together</i>
	<b>3. Reimagine Leadership   Individual + Collaborative</b> <i>Rethink Who is Involved</i>

# Using Collective Impact to support Localities: Adaptive Framework



## A Collective Impact Approach to Localities

Applying Collective Impact concepts as part of Localities, underpinned by equity, excellence, sustainability, partnership and whānau centred.



Bringing Localities and Collective Impact together to create collective action within communities



# Health reform aspirations in community wellbeing

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**Dr Andrew Miller**

*HCH Clinical Lead and Governance member*

*“The aspirations of the health reforms to create locality base collaborative well being focused community care is a huge opportunity we need to embrace”*

<https://youtu.be/g4H1ypXVIQk>



# Collective Impact Conditions...

Collective Impact has  
been used for some time  
in NZ

Not a formula or  
outcome – rather an  
approach of continuous  
learning that can be  
adapted...

*Facilitated by  
dedicated...*

**Backbone Staff**

*It starts with...*

Leadership Culture  
& Iwi Partnerships

*Creating...* What matters to Whānau

*Progressing...*

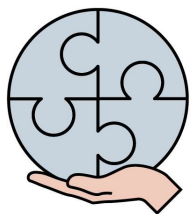
Rohe/Locality Plan

*Underpinned by...*

Metrics that Matter

*Building trust with...* Continuous Engagement

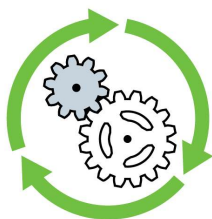
# Applying this in our communities



## What Matters to Whānau

Establishing what matters to whanau is about capturing the community aspirations and will include:

- Building a common commitment
- Reaching out to our community and those with lived experience – our context experts
- Evoking our curiosity and creativity
- Taking the time for grassroots engagement – two way conversations
- Using Data and Stories to build a picture of a possible future that is equitable



## Rohe Activity Plan

Developing a rohe / locality plan of action

- Stakeholder commitments that support equity and honour Te Tiriti o Waitangi
- Defining mutually agreed activities – not a programmatic approach
- Prioritising supporting activities that are most impactful and equitable



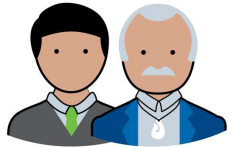
## Metrics that Matter

Defining shared measures, and understanding the gap between the current baseline and shared outcome is

- Define baselines and analytical storytelling
- Establish shared data sources
- Approach for regularly reviewing and tracking progress against agreed outcomes



# Applying this in our communities



## Leadership, Culture & Iwi Partnerships

### Leadership, culture and Iwi Partnership is about:

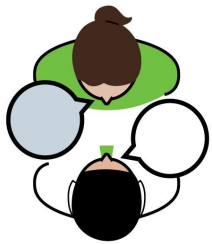
- Networks that are unique to each region - consider the population needs and related services within your community – equity will be front and centre
- Commitment to working in partnership with iwi and community leaders
- Te Tiriti o Waitangi articles legislate the requirements for Crown agencies to work with iwi
- We all lead - it's not just in the hands of a few



## Backbone for Change & Implementation

### Bringing together delivery teams of skilled facilitators with adequate time and support

- Skills based team that acts as the glue, and drives and monitors progress
- Facilitators need the authority and respect to support delivery of outcomes



## Continuous Engagement

### Consistent and clear communication, along with continuous engagement

- Taking people on the journey
- Pooling collective ideas to support the agreed common vision
- Creating ways of sharing that address any power imbalances, so that all voices can be heard



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Collective Impact  
readiness and maturity  
and be organised into 5  
Phases - source  
Tamarack Institute

Refer also to  
Collaborative Aotearoa  
Readiness Framework

## The 5 Phases of Collective Impact

CI Components of Success	Phase I <i>Assess Readiness</i>	Phase II <i>Initiate Action</i>	Phase III <i>Organize for Impact</i>	Phase IV <i>Begin Implementation</i>	Phase V <i>Sustain Action and Impact</i>
Governance & Infrastructure	Convene community leaders	Identify champions & form cross-sector Steering Committee (SC) to guide the effort	Determine initial Action Teams and plan backbone infrastructure	Launch Action Teams & establish backbone infrastructure	Build out the backbone infrastructure; evolve Action Teams to meet emergent strategy
Strategic Planning	Hold dialogue about issue, community context & available resources	Map the landscape & use data to make the case	Create a common agenda, clear problem definition & population level goal	Develop blueprint for implementation; identify early wins	Refine strategies & mobilize for early wins
Community Engagement	Determine community readiness; Create a community engagement plan	Begin outreach to community leaders	Incorporate community voice & an equity lens - gain community perspective & input around the issue	Engage community more broadly & build public will	Continue engagement & conduct advocacy
Evaluation, Improvement & Learning	Determine if there is consensus/ urgency to move forward collaboratively	Analyze baseline data to ID key issues and gaps	Develop high-level shared metrics and/or strategies at the SC level	Establish shared measures (indicators & approach) at SC & Action Team levels	Collect, track and report progress; establish processes to learn & improve



# Resource Examples...

- Vision Story Board
- Current State Analysis
- Gap Analysis
- SWOT /PESTEL



What Matters to Whānau/  
Communities



Rohe Activity Plan

- CHN Charter
- CHN Stakeholder Approach / Matrix
- High level plan / roadmap
- Prioritisation framework
- PID on a page

- Governance Group TOR
- Strengths based glossary
- Leadership across the network
- Values and principles guide



Leadership,  
Culture & Iwi  
Partnerships



Metrics that  
Matter

- Define key metrics
- Baseline data – where we are now in relation to shared vision and outcomes
- Dashboard, reporting, tracking

- Comms Plan
- Key messages
- Running community focus groups
- Webinar logistics
- Survey guidelines

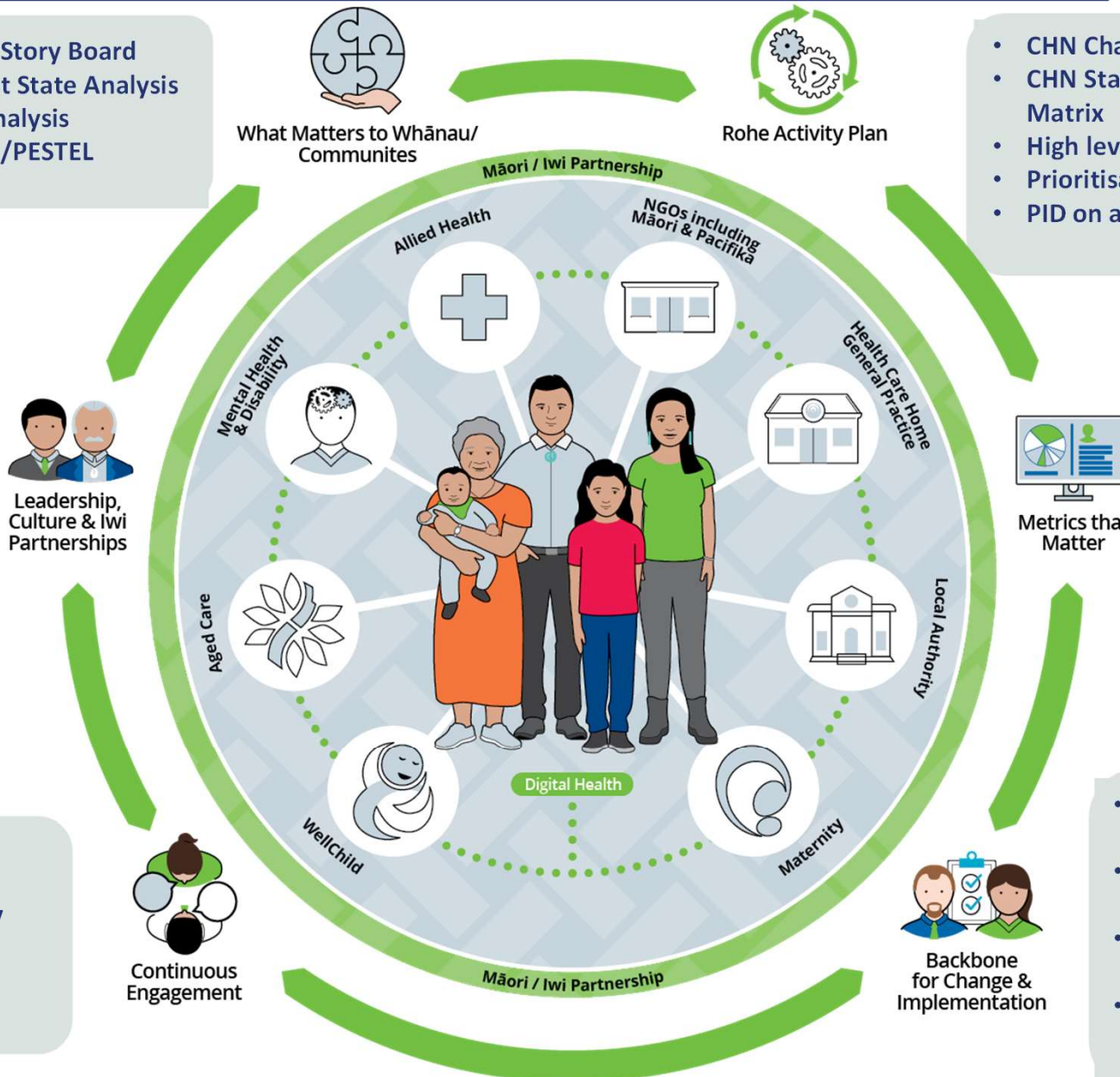


Continuous  
Engagement



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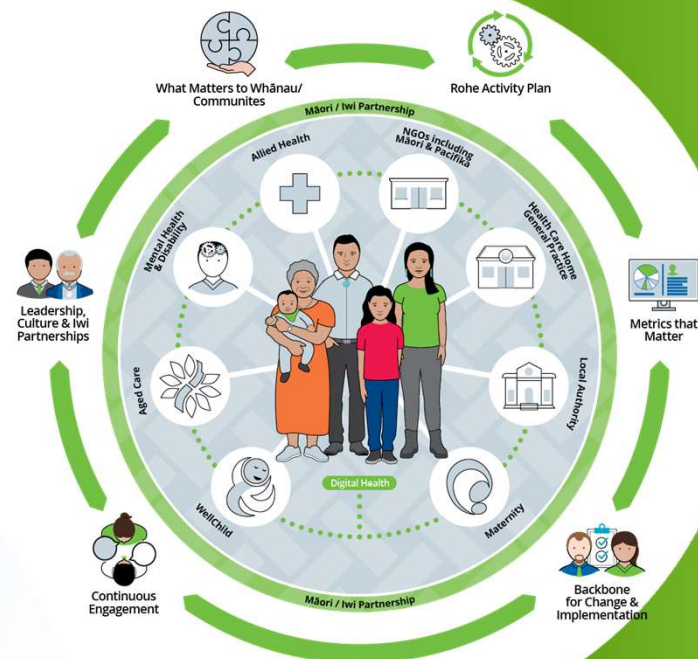
- Core team / key skills matrix
- Becoming a facilitator – key tips
- Supporting tools – Slack / Notion
- Logistics planning for community and organisational workshops







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# COLLECTIVE ACTION FOR COMMUNITIES

## Leadership, Culture and Iwi Partnership

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Sources include Tamarack Institute and Collective Impact Forum

# SECTION ONE

## DEFINING COLLABORATIVE GOVERNANCE

1. What is collaborative governance?
2. What are the core elements and principles of this?
3. Honouring Te Tiriti o Waitangi

# Making sense of Governance

## Traditional governance

Describes how an organisation, community or network, makes decisions. It determines:

- Who has power
- Who makes decisions
- How representative voices are heard
- How accountability works.

## Collaborative governance

An (in)formal agreement whereby representatives of different interest areas using a codesign approach, are collectively empowered to make decisions or recommendations to a final decision-maker, who will not substantially change consensus recommendations.

*Collaborative governance is anticipated to evolve as you progress through the various stages of your Locality CI initiative*

## In a nutshell...

*Leadership power in hands of a few influential leaders*



*Leadership power localised and shared among the community network representatives and those impacted by the changes*



# Governance elements & principles

## Core elements of collaborative governance

- Working through a **host/convener**
- **Managing overlapping roles** in the governance structure
- A **leadership group**
- A **backbone** support
- A **fiscal/legal** agent
- Executive or **Coordinating** Committee
- **Working Groups** and/or Action Teams

There is **no one right answer** for how best to establish a collaborative governance model.

Instead, models are shaped by the following factors:

- local context;
- member attributes;
- magnitude and pace of change desired;
- the style and spirit of the leadership;
- the group's framework for change;
- the preferences of the convener or fiscal sponsor; and
- the flexibility and adaptability your initiative requires.

## Collaborative governance principles

- **Transparency and Accountability:** Decisions take place in the public eye.
- **Equity and Inclusiveness:** All interests who are needed and willing contribute to solutions.
- **Effectiveness and Efficiency:** Solutions are tested to make sure they make practical sense.
- **Responsiveness:** Public concerns are authentically addressed.
- **Forum Neutrality:** Different perspectives are welcome; the process itself has no bias.
- **Consensus-Based:** Decisions are made through consensus rather than majority rule.





# Honouring Te Tiriti o Waitangi

The Ministry of Health provides a clear framework relating to Te Tiriti o Waitangi with a clear vision of Pae ora, strong principles including.

## Te Tiriti o Waitangi and the health and disability system



## Our Te Tiriti o Waitangi Framework

### Te Tiriti o Waitangi

The text of Te Tiriti, including the preamble and the three articles, along with the Ritenga Māori declaration, are the enduring foundation of our approach. Based on these foundations, we will strive to achieve the following four goals, each expressed in terms of mana:

- **Mana whakahaere**  
Effective and appropriate stewardship or kaitiakitanga over the health and disability system. This goes beyond the management of assets or resources.
- **Mana motuhake**  
Enabling the right for Māori to be Māori (Māori self-determination) to exercise their authority over their lives, and to live on Māori terms and according to Māori philosophies, values and practices including tikanga Māori.
- **Mana tangata**  
Achieving equity in health and disability outcomes for Māori across the life course and contributing to Māori wellness.
- **Mana Māori**  
Enabling Ritenga Māori (Māori customary rituals) which are framed by te ao Māori (the Māori world), enacted through tikanga Māori (Māori philosophy and customary practices) and encapsulated within mātauranga Māori (Māori knowledge).

### Principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi

The principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi, as articulated by the Courts and the Waitangi Tribunal, provide the framework for how we will meet our obligations under Te Tiriti in our day-to-day work. The 2019 Hōuora report recommends the following principles for the primary health care system. These principles are applicable to wider health and disability system. The principles that apply to our work are:

- **Tino rangatiratanga**  
The guarantee of tino rangatiratanga, which provides for Māori self-determination and mana motuhake in the design, delivery, and monitoring of health and disability services.
- **Equity**  
The principle of equity, which requires the Crown to commit to achieving equitable health outcomes for Māori.
- **Active protection**  
The principle of active protection, which requires the Crown to act, to the fullest extent practicable, to achieve equitable health outcomes for Māori. This includes ensuring that it, its agents, and its Treaty partner are well informed on the extent, and nature, of both Māori health outcomes and efforts to achieve Māori health equity.
- **Options**  
The principle of options, which requires the Crown to provide for and properly resource kaupapa Māori health and disability services. Furthermore, the Crown is obliged to ensure that all health and disability services are provided in a culturally appropriate way that recognises and supports the expression of hauora Māori models of care.
- **Partnership**  
The principle of partnership, which requires the Crown and Māori to work in partnership in the governance, design, delivery, and monitoring of health and disability services. Māori must be co-designers, with the Crown, of the primary health system for Māori.

### He Korowai Oranga

Meeting our obligations under Te Tiriti is necessary if we are to realise the overall aim of Pae Ora (healthy futures for Māori) under He Korowai Oranga (the Māori Health Strategy).

- Along with the high-level outcomes for the Māori Health Action Plan:**
- Iwi, hapū, whānau and Māori communities can exercise their authority to improve their health and wellbeing.
  - The health and disability system is fair and sustainable and delivers more equitable outcomes for Māori.
  - The health and disability system addresses racism and discrimination in all its forms.
  - The inclusion and protection of mātauranga Māori throughout the health and disability system.



### Equity lives within our Treaty framework

Equity is defined as 'In Aotearoa New Zealand, people have differences in health that are not only avoidable but unfair and unjust. Equity recognises different people with different levels of advantage require different approaches and resources to get equitable health outcomes.' Equity is both inherent to Article 3 and an important Treaty principle.

[Te Tiriti o Waitangi Framework \(health.govt.nz\)](https://health.govt.nz)

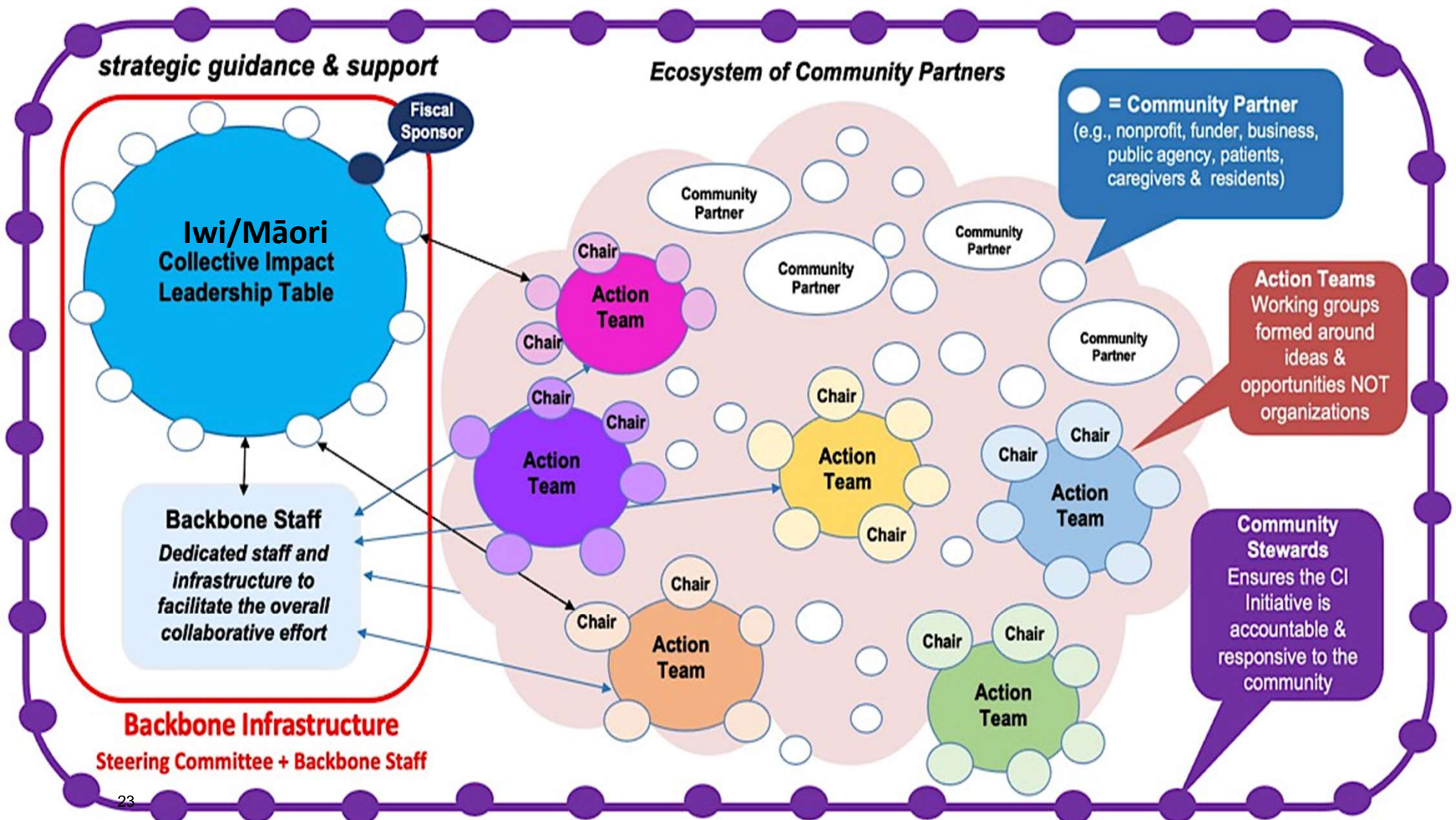
## SECTION TWO

# EXPLORING LEADERSHIP STRUCTURE AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1. How is a collaborative leadership model structured?
2. How do I go about engaging iwi and cultural groups?
3. How do I embed equity into leadership?
4. What are the core functions of each leadership group?
5. What are common collaborative governance progress measures?

# Collaborative Leadership Structure

Common Agenda - Shared Metrics – Mutually Reinforcing Activities – Continuous Communication



# Culture and Iwi Partnership

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- Partner with Iwi in your rohe (and the right people within the organisation)
  - Do the appropriate organisations have a seat at the table? The right people at the table may change as the project progresses.
- Is whakawhanaungatanga and cultural competency a must have part at all meetings?
- Trust takes time to build and historical relationships may need time to heal from previous projects



# Embedding equity into leadership

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- There is a requirement to look inwardly to embed equity into leadership.
- Understand and dismantle the systemic privilege in your culture. i.e. Symptoms like perfectionism, either/or thinking, and defensiveness are a few of the clues to systemic privilege.
- Create a culture of psychological safety and belonging; get comfortable being uncomfortable, practice having difficult and awkward conversations in real time, fostering deep trust, and building emotional intelligence.
- Set clear expectations for behaviours among all members of the locality network
- Align the mission of their locality network to the broader equity issues being faced by the communities being serviced
- abandon a "one-size-fits-all" mindset and tailor services to community members' unique conditions and cultural factors.



*Equity vs Equality*



*Other underserved  
populations*

# Leadership function overview

The Leadership Groups within a Locality collective impact initiative performs the following functions. Leadership exists at all levels within the overall network.

Collaborative Governance Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Provides strategic direction and decision making</li><li>• Champions the work</li><li>• Aligns own work to the common aspirations and what matters to whanau</li><li>• Some Collaborative Governance Group members serve on work groups</li></ul>
Backbone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Provides dedicated staff – cross sector resources</li><li>• Supports the work of partners by assisting with strategic guidance, supporting aligned activity, establishing shared measurement, building public will, advancing policy, and mobilising resources</li></ul>
Work Groups (Action Teams)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Comprised of cross-sector community partners targeting particular element of common agenda</li><li>• Typically led by co-chairs, supported by backbone</li><li>• Designs and implements strategies, involving non-working group members as needed</li></ul>
Community partner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Individual organisations and members of the community</li><li>• Partners should have access to a variety of opportunities to learn about and engage in the initiative, and will be key to implementing strategies</li><li>• Ultimate ‘power’ resides within the community and those with lived experience</li></ul>

*The Backbone and Governance are often considered two side of the same coin....*

*The backbone outlines the structure...and Collaborative governance outlines how the structure operates*

# Collaborative Governance Progress Measures

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- The group is making satisfactory progress
- The effort and conflict required to make progress is reasonable
- Members are achieving some personal/organisational objectives
- Everyone involved is learning much more about the complex issue
- The overall process is self-refueling, leading to greater ambition and capacity



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# COLLECTIVE ACTION FOR COMMUNITIES

Defining your community aspirations  
and goals – what matters to  
whānau/community



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# SECTION ONE

## CAPTURING COMMUNITY ASPIRATIONS

1. What are community aspirations – what matters to whānau?
2. What makes a good vision statement?
3. Community / whānau aspirations considerations
4. Setting community aspirations and goals

# Community aspirations and goals components – what matters to whanau

Your community aspirations and goals defines “what” it is you are collectively trying to achieve for your cross-sector collaboration initiative. This ensures that you:

- Are all on the same page and can visualise a shared future, and what this looks like
- Have identified an opportunity for change that can achieve this vision, and are aiming towards this aspiration
- Have anticipated the outcomes, and what success looks like to know when you have implemented this vision
- Have a clear understanding of what the focus is and is not
- Are working together with the common values when undertaking the work
- Ensure equity is embedded at every level



WHAT IS THE  
OPPORTUNITY  
OR FUTURE YOU  
IMAGINE FOR  
YOUR CHN  
(VISION)



WHAT  
OUTCOMES /  
SUCCESS WILL  
COME FROM  
ACHIEVING THIS  
VISION?



WHAT IS IN AND  
WHAT IS OUT  
(SCOPE/  
BOUNDARIES)



WHAT  
STRATEGIES YOU  
WILL USE TO  
GET THERE



HOW YOU ARE  
GOING TO  
WORK  
TOGETHER  
(VALUES AND  
GUIDING  
PRINCIPLES)

# What makes a aspiration statement?

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A 1-2 sentence statement that describes a desired outcome and invokes a vivid mental picture of your goal. It should:

- **Inspire and energise, evoke emotion**, have a 'stretch factor' to reach it, yet **be achievable**.
- **Say something about your locality network**, and your **dream**.
- **Build a picture** – the same picture, in peoples minds and tell everyone where we are going.
- Be written in the **present, not future tense**
- Be summarised with a **powerful, repeatable phrase** that uses simple, relatable language – without business or technical jargon, metaphors.
- **Not confuse aspirations with the business goal and objectives** for a particular period of time, or provide numeric measures of success.
- **Align with your values** and way you work together with others to achieve this vision.



Difference between vision and mission statement?

*The aspiration statement is the locality network's desired future position for the network and community it serves.*

*Whereas, the mission statement is essentially the definition of a locality network's current network and community state and its objectives.*

# Whānau aspiration considerations

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The community aspirations sets about looking at what it would take to achieve your vision within your community. Honouring Te Tiriti o Waitangi and embedding equity for Māori and other underserved populations will be front and centre.

It should:

- **Identify potential opportunities** within your locality network to achieve this vision of what matters to whānau
- **Draw on data** on current state on potential focus areas to **inform prioritisation** – what are demographics and other characteristics
- **Define the outcomes** that you would anticipate seeing when your vision becomes a reality – what will change for whānau
- **Clarify what success** on achieving this vision **looks like** – how do you know you have got there? Outcome measures show progress
- Provide **clear bounds** of what you are and are not going to be doing
- Articulate your **ways of working**, and **strategies** for achieving the outcomes and vision. Whakawhanaungatanga, creating strong, connected and trusting relationships



# Setting your aspirations

## Vision Statement:

What is our “passionate purpose”?



## Outcomes:

What outcomes would we want to see to know that our vision has become a reality?

## Scope:

What is and isn't on our radar for this initiative?

## Strategies:

What strategies can our collaborative undertake that will lead to the desired outcomes?

## Principles:

Which core values will guide our work as we take action on our strategies?

## Success:

What would success look like when we have got there?

What matters to whānau  
Community aspirations



Outcome 1

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Activity we will be doing

Activity we won't be doing

Strategy 1 =  
Working Group 1

Strategy 2 =  
Working Group 2

Strategy 3 =  
Working Group 3

Principle 1

Principle 2

Principle 3

Success criteria 1

Success criteria 2

Success criteria 3

With the vision statement in place, flesh out these remaining elements to form your aspirations



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# COLLECTIVE ACTION FOR COMMUNITIES

Defining and planning the backbone  
to support localities/ rohe  
development

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# DEFINING THE BACKBONE

1. What is the backbone?
2. What are its core functions?
3. What doesn't it do?

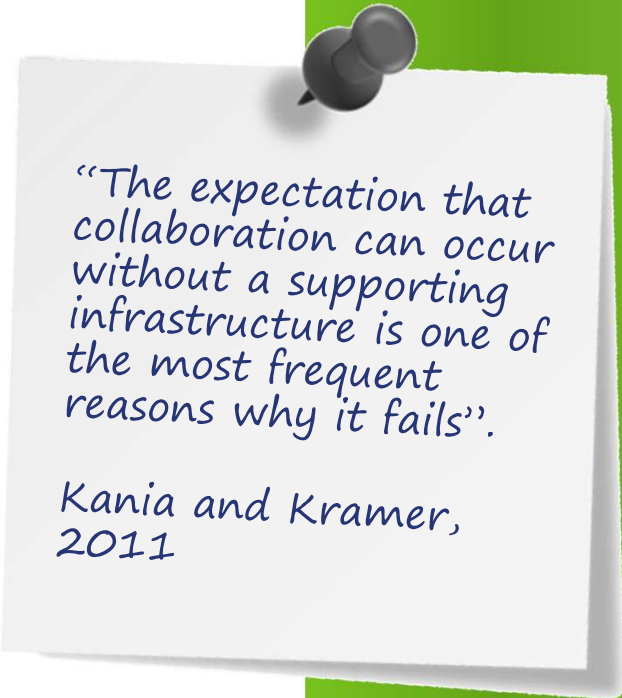
# What is the backbone?

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The backbone of a Collective Impact initiative forms the support infrastructure needed to foster the cross-sector communication, alignment, and collaboration required to achieve population-level systems change in the area of focus.

## Backbone characteristics

- Backbone makeup is specific to the locality and the population that the initiative hopes to impact.
- The Backbone requires staff / capacity dedicated to this collective impact initiative who can:
  - Plan, manage, and support the initiative through ongoing facilitation,
  - Provide technology and communications support,
  - Produce data collection and reporting, including analytical storytelling
  - Handle the myriad logistical and administrative details needed for the initiative to function smoothly.
  - Ensure meticulous processes



*“The expectation that collaboration can occur without a supporting infrastructure is one of the most frequent reasons why it fails”.*

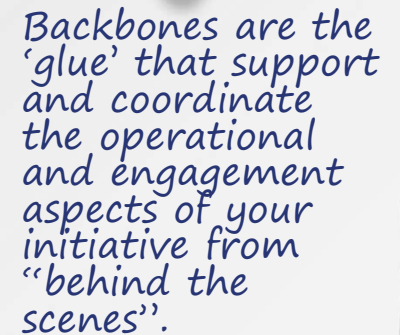
*Kania and Kramer,  
2011*



# Backbone Responsibilities

The backbone is a team of dedicated resources responsible for facilitating the aligned day-to-day operational and engagement activities required to fulfil the initiatives collective vision and agenda

1. **Guide Vision and Strategy** –Working with the Collaborative Governance Group to identify CHN priorities, develop a common vision and agenda, and adapt to changing context as the initiative progresses.
2. **Support Aligned Activities** –Facilitating engagement between partners, and supporting the Collaborative Governance and Working Groups as needed, coordinating and align the actions across the initiative, and monitoring progress of these.
3. **Establish Shared Measurement Practices** – Establishing agreed metrics and monitoring activities, including managing data collection among partners and supporting the use of data for learning and evaluation of the effort.
4. **Build Public Will** –Continuing to build consensus and commitment around your initiative through cultivating community relationships and fostering ownership within the community over the long term.
5. **Advance Policy** – Including an aligned policy agenda is part of the Collective Impact effort, to ensure where the initiative impacts on disparate systems and institutions, the overall goals can be achieved.
6. **Mobilise Funding** –Securing resources for the initiatives sustainability, including aligning funding, resources, and other non-monetary support for delivering on the initiatives goals.



Backbones are the 'glue' that support and coordinate the operational and engagement aspects of your initiative from "behind the scenes".

# What the back bone doesn't do

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When considering the role and functions of the backbone, it can be helpful to examine what the backbone does not do.

## The backbone:

- **Does not set the group's agenda:** Rather, it collates the input from different members to collectively build and maintain focus around the common agenda as defined by the Collaborative Governance Group with input from the community.
- **Does not drive or independently determine the solutions:** Rather, it supports the Collaborative Governance Group and Working Group members as they align the activities within their respective organizations with the common agenda.
- **Requires funding to operate but does not receive all of the funding for the initiative:** Funding must also be directed toward the implementation of services, innovation, advocacy, or other types of activities that the partners advance in service of the collective effort's goal.
- **Is not self-appointed:** The Collaborative Governance Group, often in consultation with other key community stakeholders, selects the backbone.
- **Does not operate like an organisation** as it needs to be more nimble and agile – with the minimum amount of structure to enable partners to work together well



*By supporting the work of members, highlighting their successes, and authentically attributing or sharing credit with partners, backbones foster shared leadership.*

## SECTION TWO


# PLANNING YOUR BACKBONE STRUCTURE

1. How is the backbone structured?
2. How can equity be embedded into the backbone?
3. What does the backbone consist of?
4. What types of backbones are there?

# Creating your backbone structure

## Considerations for the Collaborative Governance Group and key partners when forming the backbone structure for an initiative:

- Does it make sense to select an **existing organisation or structure** to house the backbone or **create a new structure**?
  - If selecting an existing organisation/structure, should the selection process be open or closed?
- How much **capacity** does the backbone need? **How many full-time employees** – how do you flex the workforce?
- **Who will the staff report to?**
- Is the organisational home also **where the staff are located**? Or does it make sense to split the fiscal agent from the physical location?
- **Who will fund the backbone infra-structure** (e.g., salaries, benefits, operating expenses)?
  - In the short term?
  - In the long term?
- **Does your backbone reflect the diversity of the community health network that it is seeking to represent?**
  - Factors such as economic class, gender, race, ethnicity, language, and lived experience may be important to consider when selecting staff to serve as the backbone for the collective impact effort.



*“Backbone organisations need to have credibility with the communities most affected by inequities.”*

*Junious Williams  
and Sarah Marxer*



# Embedding equity into your backbone

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To be authentic and credible within the community they are seeking to represent, the backbone must begin its commitment to equity and inclusion by examining its own internal practices, structures, and staff—paying great attention to equity and intersectionality.

Several important equity considerations when forming your backbone:

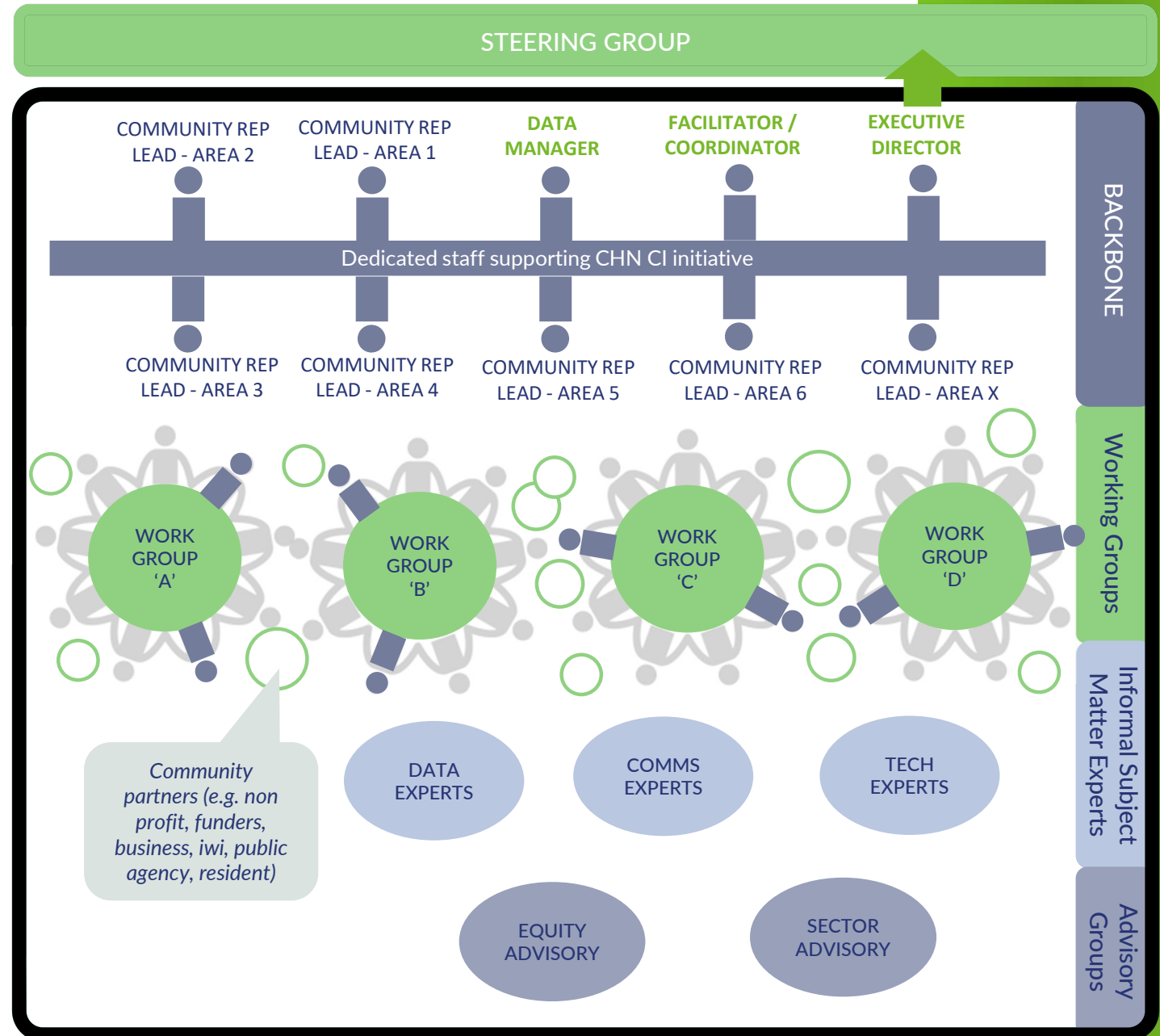
- How do we effectively integrate community voice into institution-heavy collective impact efforts?
- How do we authentically and meaningfully involve communities who have historically been excluded from decision-making processes?
- How do we engage stakeholders in sensitive conversations about race, class, and culture without driving away those who need to sit at the problem-solving table?

# What the backbone consists of

## EXAMPLE BACKBONE STRUCTURE

The backbone is structured to foster shared leadership and create multiple avenues for cross sector stakeholder engagement.

It is the 'glue' to facilitate across stakeholder engagement, and aligned activity towards achieving the collective outcomes and vision.



# Backbone – success factors

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## Some final thoughts about structure

- The working relationship amongst partners is vital
- Understanding and working within the limits of accountability and structures
- There is a need to focus both on the process and the product of governance in collaboratives
- Use the opportunity to learn together and build connections

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## Metrics that Matter



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# SECTION ONE

## WHY MEASURE?

1. Benefits of measuring and evaluation / learning
2. Rohe considerations / characteristics

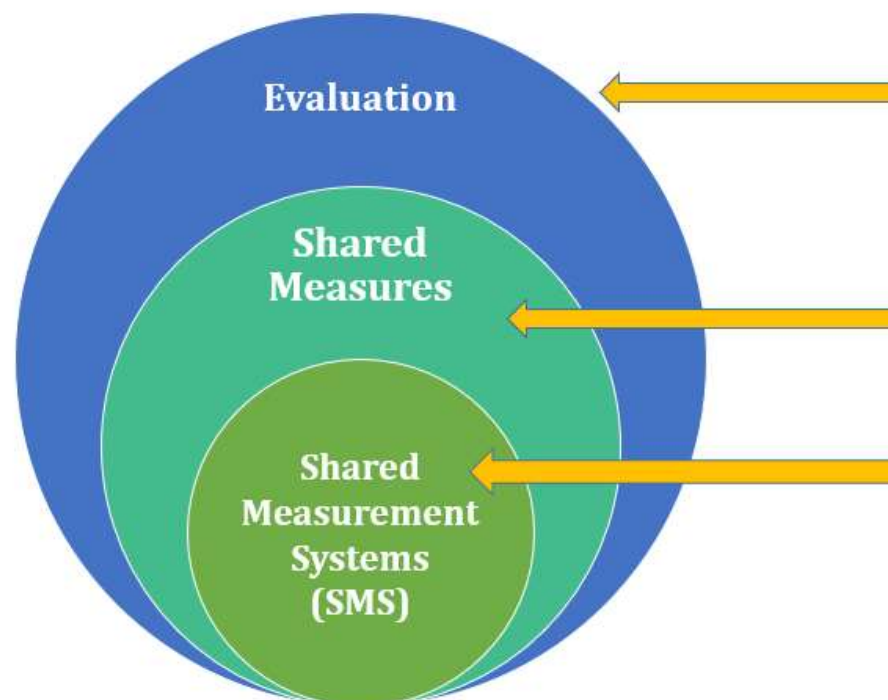
# Benefits of tracking metrics

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- Used to inform the development of a “what matters to whānau” – community aspirations
- Reflects key measures that capture critical outcomes
- Includes establishing systems for gathering and analysing measures
- Facilitates continuous improvement and ongoing learning through the creation of sense-making ” opportunities and reflection

# Importance of evaluation

## Evaluation = Learning + Shared Measurement



**Evaluation** refers to a range of activities that involve the planned, purposeful, and systematic collection of information about the activities, characteristics, and outcomes of a CI initiative

**Shared Measures** are the common indicators used to monitor the progress of a CI initiative

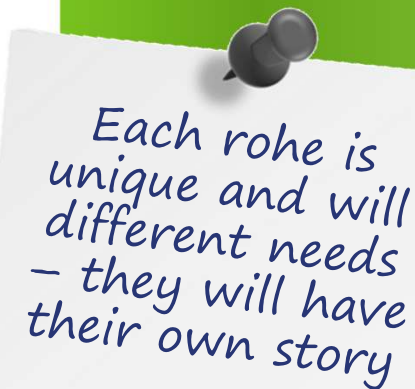
**Shared measurement system (SMS)** this is the agreed upon system for regularly monitoring and reporting on the CI Initiative's indicators, making sense of what they mean and tracking i progress toward goals

SMS can be both an input to evaluation (by providing data and/or shaping evaluation questions) and an object of evaluation

# Rohe considerations & characteristics

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- Locality / rohe networks may be defined by geography or population group.
- Capture the characteristics of your rohe / group population, understanding the demographics, health and social statistics
- Tell the story of your network in a way that makes sense to the whānau/community and those we are serving
- Consider what matters to whānau with equity front and centre



*Each rohe is  
unique and will  
different needs  
– they will have  
their own story*



## SECTION TWO

# WHAT MEASURES DO I NEED?

1. What's relevant to our whānau – choosing the right outcome metrics and setting the baseline
2. Ensuring accountability and learning

# Choosing metrics that matter

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<b>Laying a Foundation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Define and understand your community</li><li>• Be patient—lay a strong foundation via the backbone and what matters to whānau</li></ul>
<b>Long-Term Focus</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Assess your capacity, be realistic and take time to build it. Set a baseline for the metrics that matter</li></ul>
<b>Iterative Nature</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Prioritise your actions—there is no “right” answer, but rather many different changes that are worth trying</li></ul>
<b>Advancing Equity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Define the problem and include equity</li><li>• Focus on action WHILE building capacity and representation</li></ul>
<b>Consider your Rohe</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Be context aware and intentional about the rohe you are serving - position the initiative in the broader environment—remember, it may be more effective to support than to lead</li></ul>

# Accountability and Learning

## Accountability



## Learning



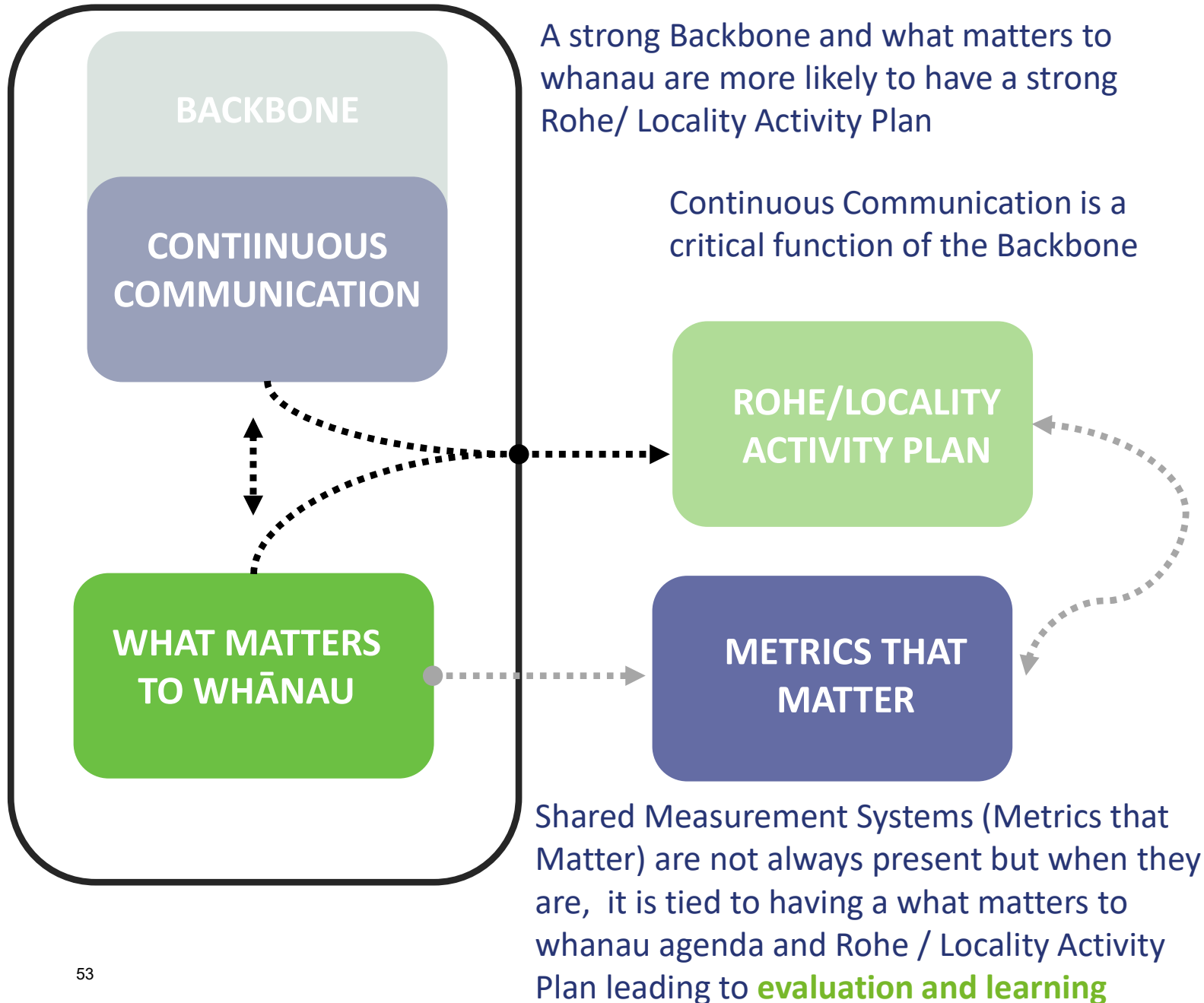
## SECTION THREE

# PUTTING IT INTO PRACTICE

1. Evaluation and learning is key
2. Tracking progress towards agreed aspirations and what matters to whānau
3. Reporting and Analytical Storytelling
4. Understanding challenges

# Evaluation and Learning

## FOUNDATIONAL ELEMENTS





# Framework for tracking progress

## PILLAR 4 – EVALUATION & IMPROVEMENT

	<b>PHASE I</b> <i>Assess Readiness</i>	<b>PHASE II</b> <i>Initiate Action</i>	<b>PHASE III</b> <i>Organize for Impact</i>	<b>PHASE IV</b> <i>Begin Implementation</i>	<b>PHASE V</b> <i>Sustain &amp; Retain Impact</i>
<b>Evaluation, Improvement &amp; Learning</b>	Determine if there is consensus/urgency to move forward collaboratively	Analyze baseline data to ID key issues and gaps	Develop high-level shared metrics and/or strategies at the SC level	Establish shared measures (indicators & approach)	Collect, track and report progress; establish processes to learn & improve
<b>Focus of Pillar</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensuring that our CI Initiative is tracking progress</li> <li>Ensuring we are making time to review and make sense of our data</li> <li>Adjusting and or making changes in our plan accordingly</li> </ul>				
<b>Pillar Goal</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To assess progress, outcomes and impact of our work</li> <li>To capture and share our learning</li> </ul>				
<b>Key Questions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What is changing and what are we learning based upon our actions?</li> <li>What impact are we having and how can we sustain &amp; grow it</li> <li>How are we changing policies, culture, norms &amp; systems?</li> </ul>				
<b>Success Indicators</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Learning is captured and used to refine action</li> <li>Learning is documented and shared</li> <li>Evidence of our progress and impact is measured and communicated</li> <li>Unintended consequences (both positive &amp; negative) are intentionally documented and shared</li> </ul>				

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# Reporting and benefits

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- Clarity of Focus
- Tracking progress towards a shared goal
- Enabling co-ordination and collaboration
- Improved data quality
- Continuous learning and course correction
- Catalyst for action
- Fueling momentum

# Analytical storytelling considerations

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1. What is your data telling you.. **What's the story** that makes sense to whānau and community
2. How does the data show correlations between health and social outcomes within your locality network
3. Consider data walks to support – this allows sharing of metrics in an engaging way with whanau
4. Listening to the context experts, those with lived experience will provide rich insights to providing

# Understanding measurement challenges

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Difficulty in **coming to agreement** on common outcomes and indicators



Concerns about **relative performance / comparative measurement** across providers



**Limited capacity (time and skill)** for measurement and data analysis within participating organizations



**Alignment among funders** to ask for the common measures as part of their reporting requirements



**Time and cost** of developing and maintaining a system, both for human capital and technology





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## Continuous Engagement



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# SECTION ONE

## IDENTIFYING YOUR STAKEHOLDERS

1. What are the characteristics of your target population/communities
2. Who are your key stakeholder groups?
3. What levels of influence do these groups have?

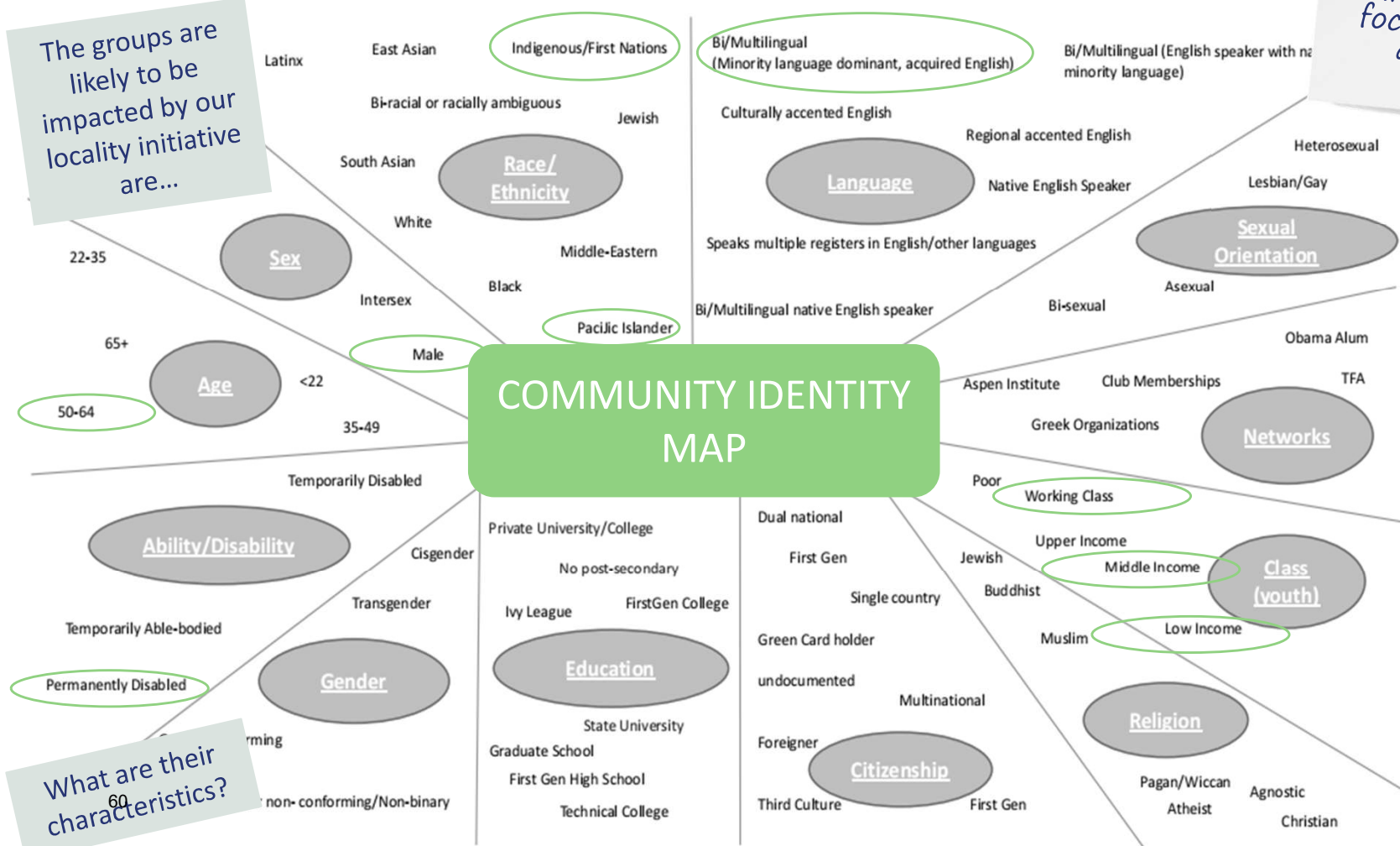
# Defining your target population

Which groups within your locality network will be impacted by your initiative?

Once you are clear on your common agenda and vision, and have prioritised what your initiative will focus on, pulling together shared data on relating to this, will help to identify target population. Tools like this actor map can help with this.

Linking a tool like this identify map may be a useful way to think about the various identities within your community, to conceptualise the target population to focus on (backed by data findings).

The groups are likely to be impacted by our locality initiative are...



# Identifying your stakeholder groups

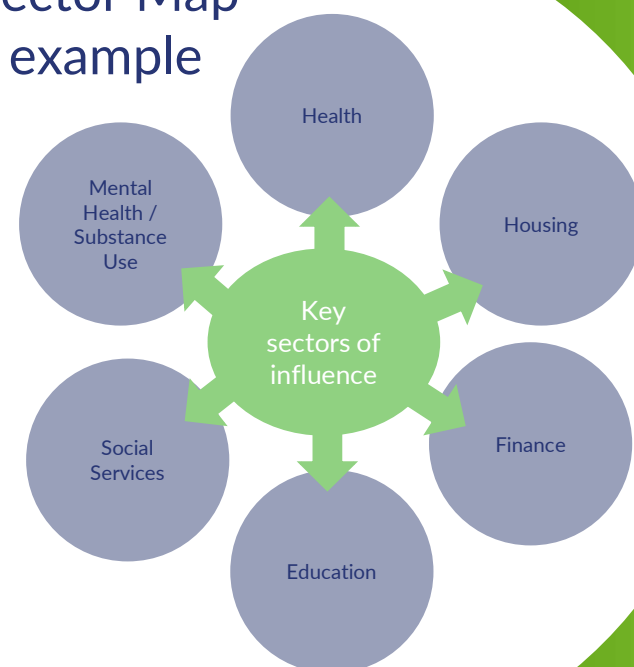
Aggregate data sources and undertake an asset scan to inform which sectors are involved or impacted, and their level of engagement and readiness.

Come up with a snapshot profile of your community showing where its currently at as a high level baseline, to help identify the opportunities and across sector actors involved.

## Community Profile Snapshot example

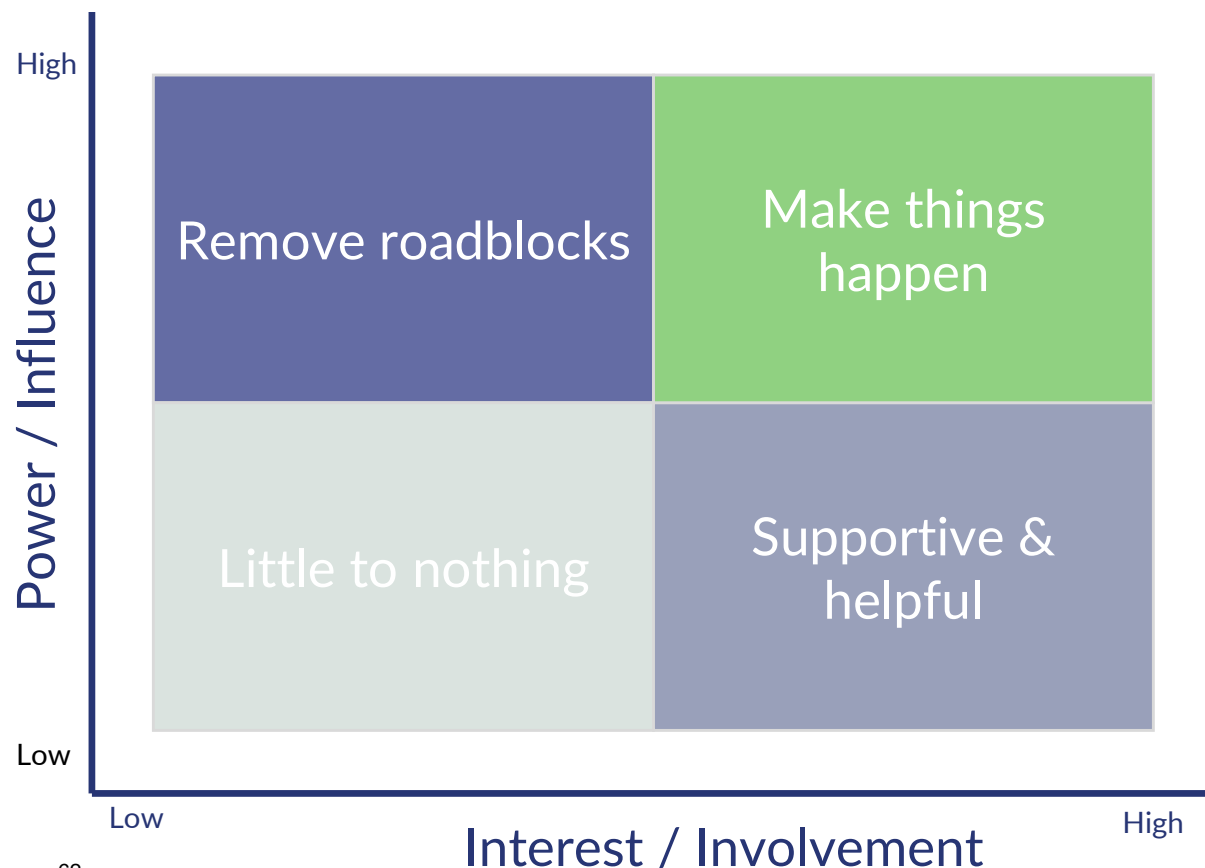
Demographic Snapshot	Economic Snapshot	Health Snapshot
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Target neighbourhoods consisting of x residents</li><li>• x% of population identify as Maori or Pasifika</li><li>• X% are between 18-44 years of age</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Median household income is \$x</li><li>• x% of population live in poverty</li><li>• X% of the population living in poverty are under x years of age</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Approximately x% of children and x% of adults are uninsured</li><li>• x% of residents reported using ED as their primary source of health care</li><li>• Leading causes of death are heart disease/hypertension, diabetes, homicide, and HIV</li></ul>

## Sector Map example



# Levels of influence

Once you have identified your target population and stakeholder / sector groups, a useful exercise can do a stakeholder map like the example below, to identify their level of influence. This will help you formulate an appropriate level of engagement strategy for each.



## SECTION TWO

# HOW TO ENGAGE

1. How do I go about engaging with my core stakeholders?
2. What is your engagement trying to achieve?



# Coming up with an engagement approach

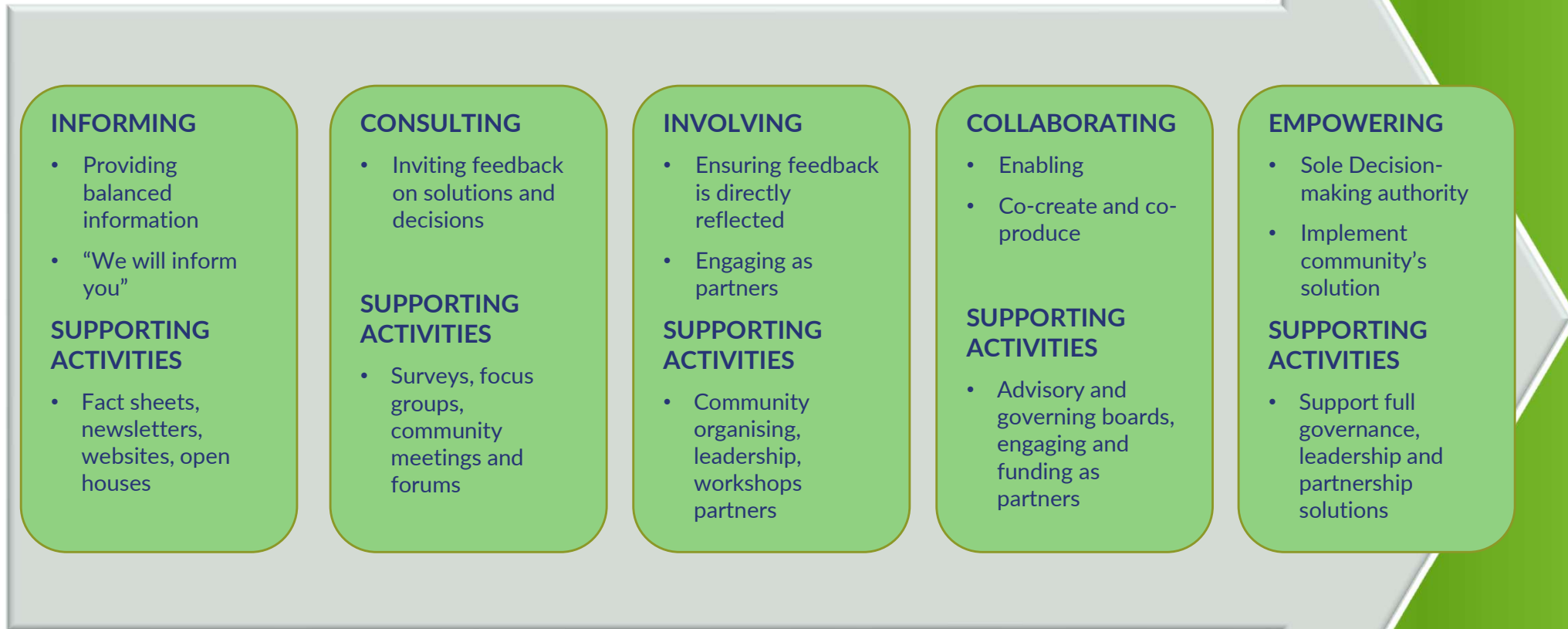
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Considerations when defining an engagement approach or strategy for your locality initiative:

1. **Choose** where on the engagement spectrum your initiative sits
  - i. Your approach will determine the outcome you are seeking from the engagement
2. **Clarify what you are undertaking to do** with community members
  - i. We undertake to...
  - ii. Your part in this is...
3. **Do what you say you are going to do**
  - i. To build relationships and trust, do what you say you are going to do...
  - ii. Understand the importance of “closing the loop” and sharing highlights from your engagement efforts and how their input has been used. This also helps to build trust

# What is your engagement trying to achieve?

This engagement spectrum is a useful tool to help determine what you are trying to achieve and how to go about it, when engaging with your stakeholders / target population



Source: AIP2 International Association of Public Practitioners

## SECTION THREE

# KEEPING PEOPLE ENGAGED

1. How do I have the 'courageous conversations'?
2. How can I maintain interest and momentum with my stakeholders?

# Opening up to courageous conversations

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Some considerations to have those courageous conversations.

## 1. What do we mean by a courageous conversation?

- i. Honest and authentic discussions
- ii. Leading from the heart
- iii. Respectful but direct

## 2. When to engage in these

- i. Consider the audience ability to manage such openness – trust and whakawhanaungatanga must be present first

## 3. How to go about this

- i. Take the lead from your audience – listen and take it slow

# Keeping the engagement momentum

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The importance of continuous conversation.

## Considerations

- i. Equity is at the forefront
- ii. Honour Te Tiriti o Waitangi
- iii. Respect individuality and differences
- iv. Sound planning and realistic timelines
- v. Value audience time
- vi. Whakawhanaunaungatanga – trust and relationships



# Whakawhanaungatanga

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*Trust, Power & Engagement*

## Nurturing a Culture of Trust

Beyond individual behaviours, we are all responsible for nurturing a culture of trust. We do this by:

- Naming the elephants in the room
- Sharing responsibility for the future
- Expecting and valuing independent judgement
- Developing and sharing leadership capacity
- Fostering and institutionalizing reflection and continuous learning

# Removing barriers to building trust



## Trust, Power & Engagement

### 3 Trolls in Nurturing a Culture of Trust

- **Competition** – stakeholders in any collaboration are often in unspoken competition for resources, authority, recognition or power.
- **Control** – stakeholders try and maintain control through access, knowledge, participation. It requires us to acknowledge and speak to what's at stake.
- **Commitment** – there are different levels of investment and things at stake for those involved.

*"We want to work differently together but (we continue to) use the same approaches that are designed to maintain the status quo, rather than designing our approach to enable experimentation and learning as we go."*