Collaboration and Sustainability

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"Collaboration is working together to achieve a goal. It is a recursive process where two or more people or organizations work together to realize shared goals, (this is more than the intersection of common goals seen in co-operative ventures, but a deep, collective, determination to reach an identical objective) – for example, an intriguing endeavor that is creative in nature – by sharing knowledge, learning and building consensus." - Wikipedia, April 2012

Key Components of Successful Collaborations

- Common purpose or goal one that partners are passionate about
- Defined outcomes and benchmarks
- Clear commitments and roles

"If two men on the same job agree all the time, then one is useless. If they disagree all the time, both are useless." - Darryl F. Zanuck Key Components of Successful Collaborations

- Includes individuals with different skills, ideas, and expertise
- Opinions and ideas are shared freely
 - Partners are open to, and accepting of, change

"Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress, and working together is success."

- Henry Ford

Key Components of Successful Collaborations

- Successes are acknowledged and celebrated
- Failures are used as a learning tool
- Partners value each other and the process

Sustainability

Make it part of what you do
Share the value of the work with decision makers

"Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much." - Helen Keller

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