1 WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP

Get contributors and partners; those who have the same goal in mind work best together. Therefore, it's very important to surround yourself with people who share your vision and that want the best for our communities. There are multiple resources available to provide guidance and help you with the project development. Ask everyone to help you - younger people, volunteers, etc. - because your project won't happen by itself. Together, everything is possible!

What you can do:
Identify and contact the people or organizations that might be interested in being part of your project's implementation. Group them according to their abilities or the resources they could provide:
- Financial or material support (loans, meeting room rentals, tools, art supplies, transportation...)
- Knowledge (facilitation, management, knowledge of specific subjects...)
- Expertise or abilities (field that requires specific skills, for example: electricity, civic engineering, scientific, manual labour, arts, planning, communications, IT, agriculture, knitting, etc.)
- Time (People that want to get involved in multiple tasks, ask about their interests and abilities)
- Students who want to share knowledge, have learning opportunities and get involved (ex: computer graphics, management, accounting, lawyers, environment, journalism, etc.)
- Networks, publicity, local media...

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It's important that you're aware of when your partners are available and what level of involvement they want to put into the project. Remember that no matter the amount of hours, the length or the level of involvement someone has in the project, everyone and their resources will play an important role in how successful your project will be.

They can be:
- One-time, intermittent, or for specific tasks

Example: fundraising day
- Short term, in the next days or weeks

Example: students on vacation
- Medium term, in the next weeks, few months

Example: a retired couple living in the area for 6 months
- Long term, many months: they're the main group

Check Chart 1: Identification of resources, partners and their level of involvement

This method allows you to:
- List the resources you have and the ones you will need
- Share duties according to everyone's interests and abilities
- Promote involvement while respecting everyone's limits
- Create a trusting environment, a sense of purpose and long-term involvement for your partners

Sometimes you will need to identify new partners or collaborators after you have created your action plan. In creating a project, it's possible AND recommended to get some perspective in order to make any necessary adjustments. However, don't lose sight of your goals!

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