

# Co-labouring in research: knowledge production and ethics in community engagement



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# Few ideas based on personal and professional experience as an Indigenous researcher

- Know that being part of the community does not make you an expert by default.
- Communicate your research interests in simple terms.
- Be ready to present your research to many people... or just to a few... or to nobody.

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- Try not to step on anybody else's toes, but also... do not fear getting into trouble (negotiation 1).
- Change your research objectives, language and methods (negotiation 2).
- Talking about epistemic violence... Are there local definitions that work better to explain things? Why not using them instead of imported terms, notions, concepts?

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- Acknowledge the source of your ideas; if appropriate, by name. You are but a tiny part of a larger conversation.
- At the end of your research, share your work and allow your collaborators to take it apart and recycle it.
- If appropriate, share authorship with your community. Otherwise, acknowledge their voices.