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**Developing or co-designing a new project can be empowering. It can bring together Community voices and create a shared vision grounded in culture and connection to Country.**

## START YOUR JOURNEY HERE

### A. Ground your project in Culture and Country

Make sure the project respects cultural protocols and traditions. Involve Elders and knowledge holders to understand how it can support and protect Country.

*[01 Understand your rights]*

*[02 Protecting cultural knowledge]*

### B. Involve Community

Use Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC) to involve Community members early, so everyone understands the goals, risks, and benefits.

*[03 Engagement and consent]*

### C. Define your vision and objectives

Decide what you want to achieve (now and in the future). Write down measurable goals: economic, social, environmental, and/or cultural outcomes.

*[04 Defining your vision and goals]*

### D. Build capacity

Agree who will lead the project, make decisions, and report progress. Look for ways to build skills where needed.

*[05 Governance and decision making]*

### E. Develop an operational plan

Outline the project activities, timelines, budgets, and key milestones. Also consider any cultural, environmental, financial, and/or legal risks.

*[06 Project planning]*

*[07 Benefits assessment]*

### F. Look for partners with shared values

Choose respectful partners. Make sure the Community helps design the project.

*[08 Partnership agreements]*

### G. Delivering your project

Use your project plan to stay on track. If things change, update your plan with the right approvals so you can still reach your goals.

### H. Monitor and evaluate

Measure progress in ways that respect culture and make changes based on Community feedback.