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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]

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]

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]

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.

F. Look for partners with shared values

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

[08 Partnership agreements]