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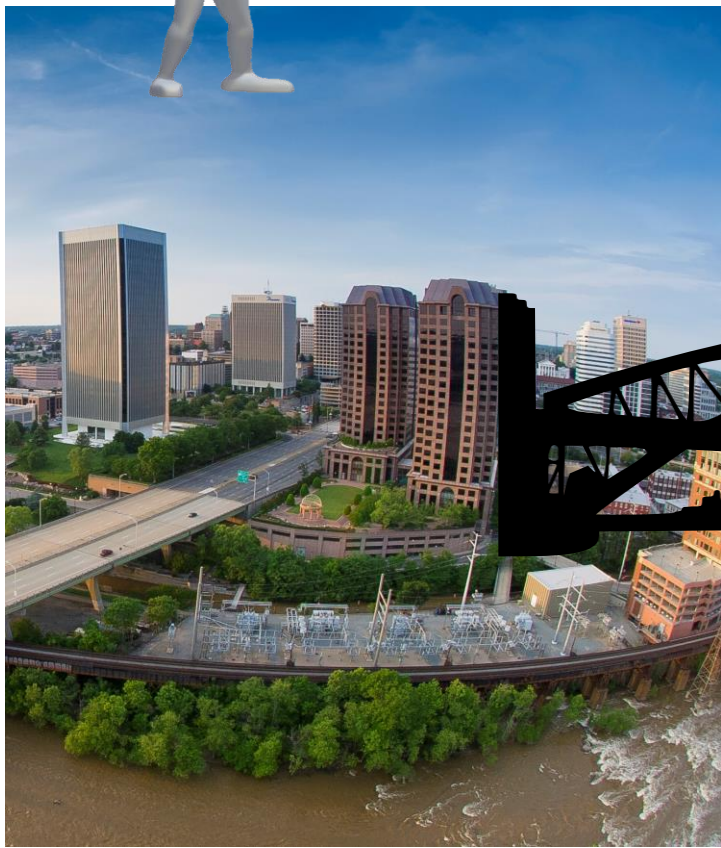
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# My Story



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# What is Research?

**“Research is formalized curiosity.  
It is poking and prying with a purpose.”**

~Zora Neale Hurston 1903-1960

# What is Community-Engaged Research (CEnR)?

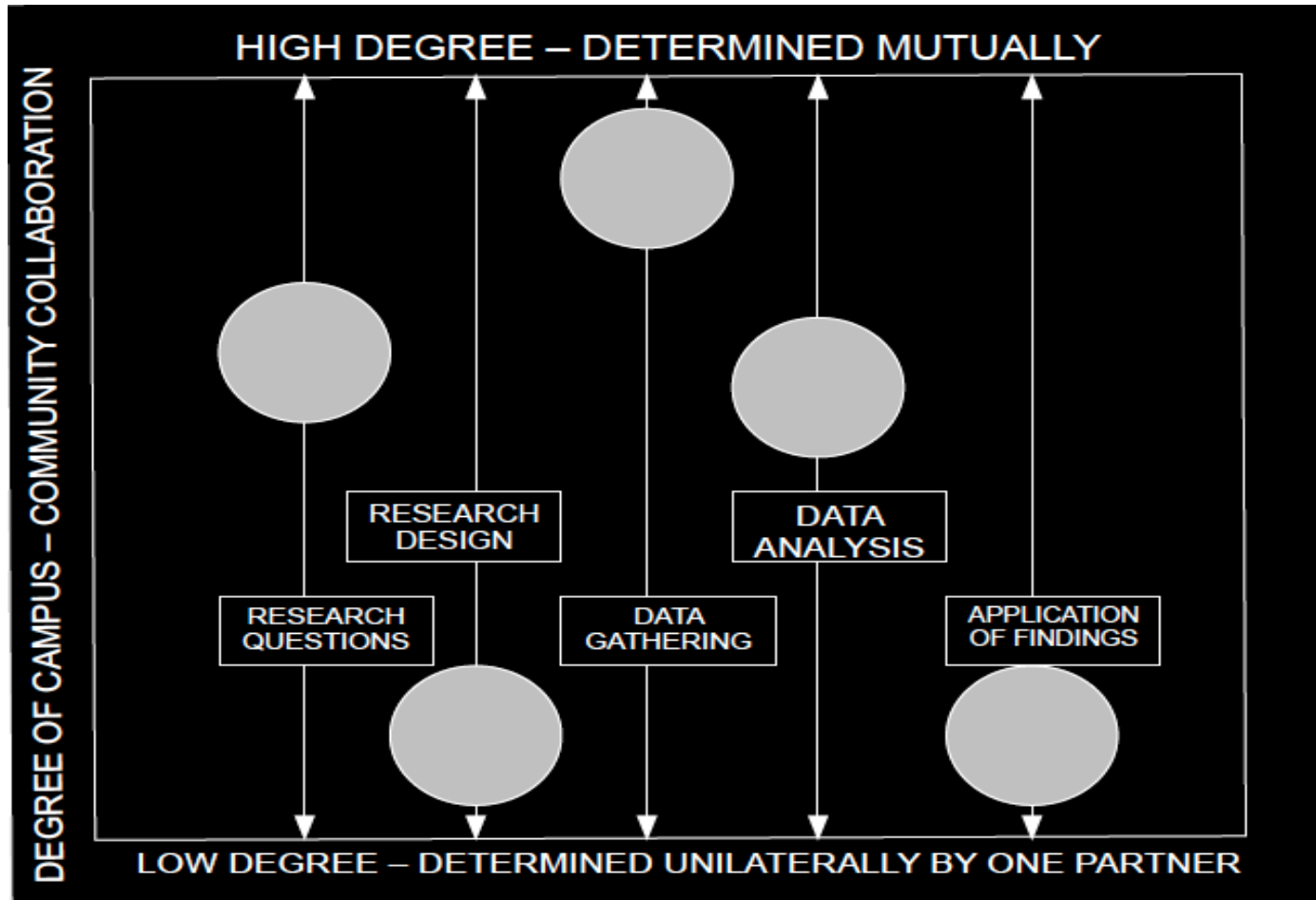
An approach to research that incorporates the expertise of diverse stakeholders into the design and conduct of the different phases of the research process.

For VCU definitions, see  
<http://www.community.vcu.edu>



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# How does the community get involved?



Stanton, T. (2012). New Times Demand New Scholarship II: Research Universities and Civic Engagement: Opportunities and Challenges. *Journal of Higher Education Outreach and Engagement*, 16(4), 271.

# CEnR Continuum

Less  
community  
involvement

More  
community  
involvement



Investigator-  
Driven  
Research

Community-  
Placed  
Research

Community-  
Based  
Research

Community-  
Based  
Participatory  
Research,  
Social Action  
Research, etc.



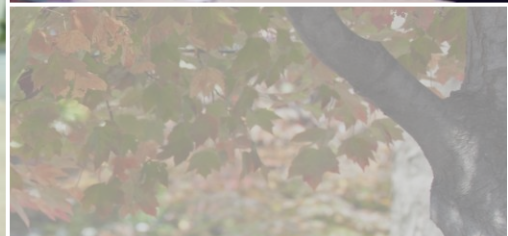
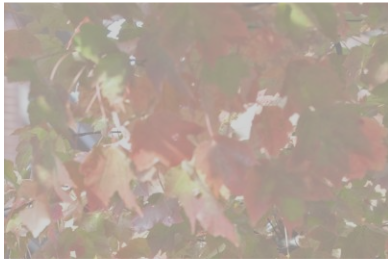
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	<u>Investigator Research</u>	<u>Community-Engaged Research</u>
Goal of research	Advance knowledge	Betterment of community
Source of research question	Theoretical work	Community-identified problem
Designer of research	Trained researcher	Trained researcher & community
Role of researcher	Outside expert	Collaborator, learner
Role of community	Subject of study	Collaborator, learner
Relationship of researcher to participants	Short-term, task-oriented, detached	Long-term, multifaceted, connected
Value of research	Acceptance by peers (e.g., publication)	Contribution to community change
Ownership of data	Academic researcher	Community
Means of dissemination	Academic conference, journal	Any and all forums, media, meetings, community

(Strand K, et al. 2003)

# Engaging Richmond



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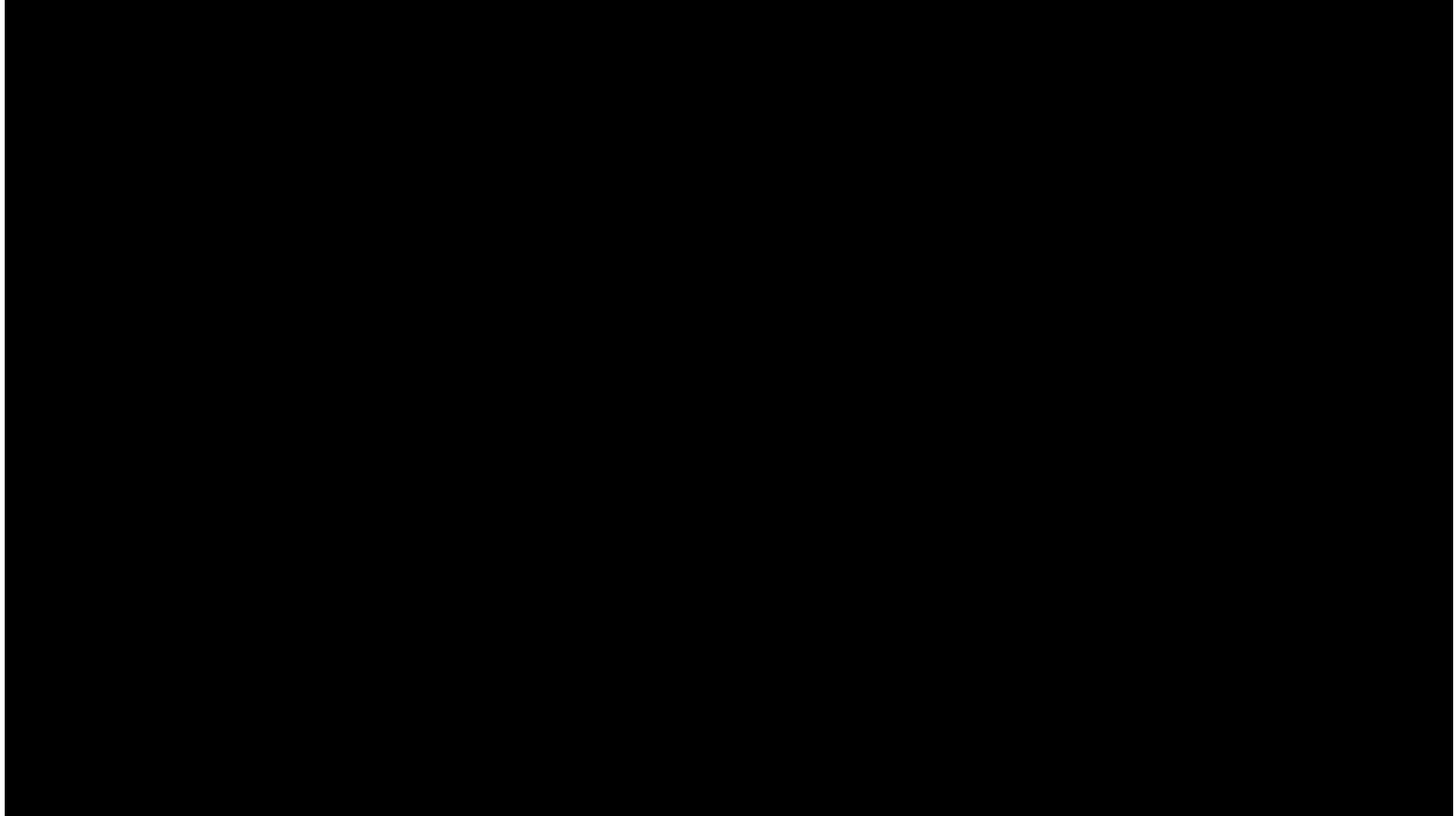


# Community



<http://rampages.us/communityengagedresearch/2015/03/10/picturing-community-cenr1/>

# Benefits to Community Partners

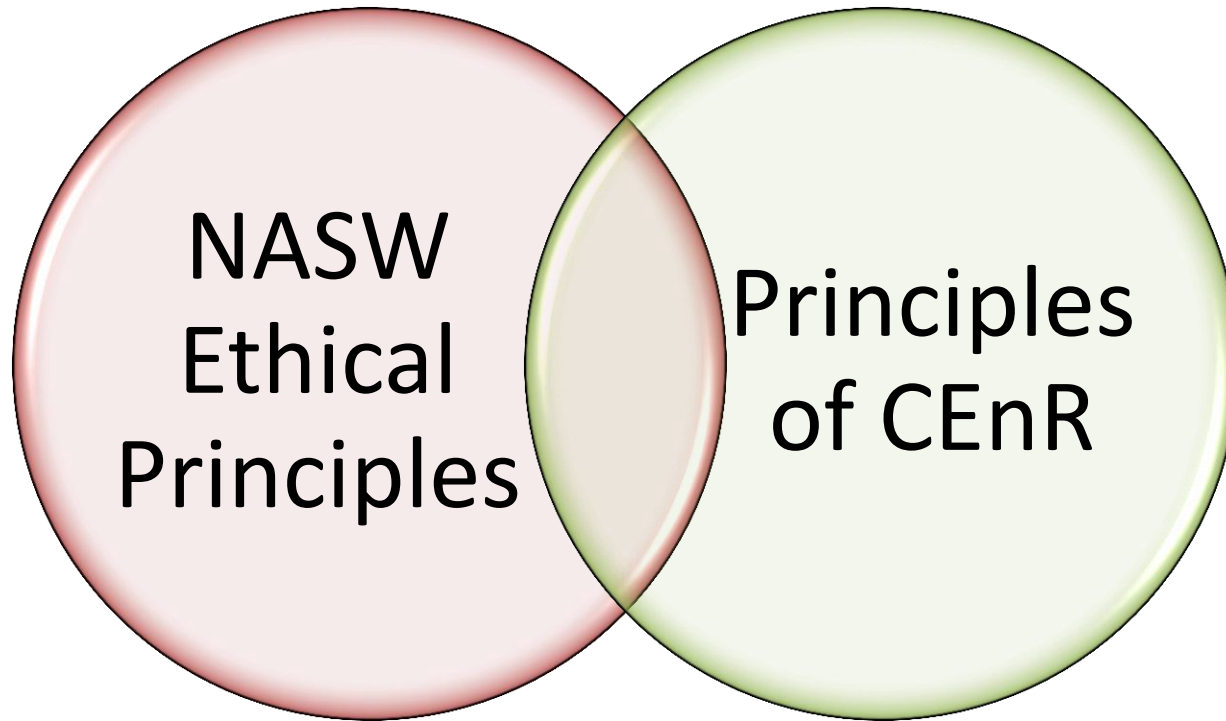


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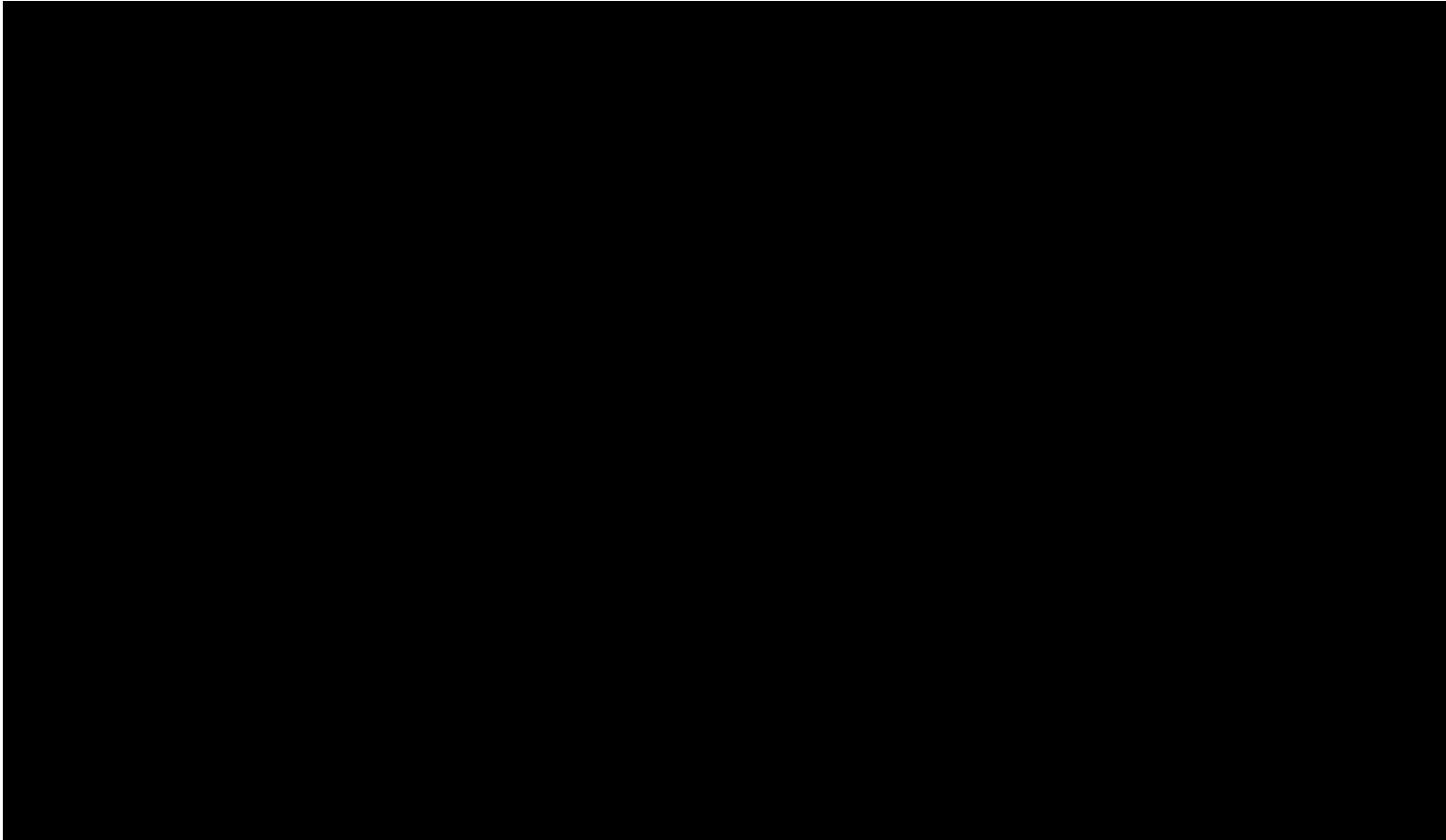


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# Keys to Successful Partnerships

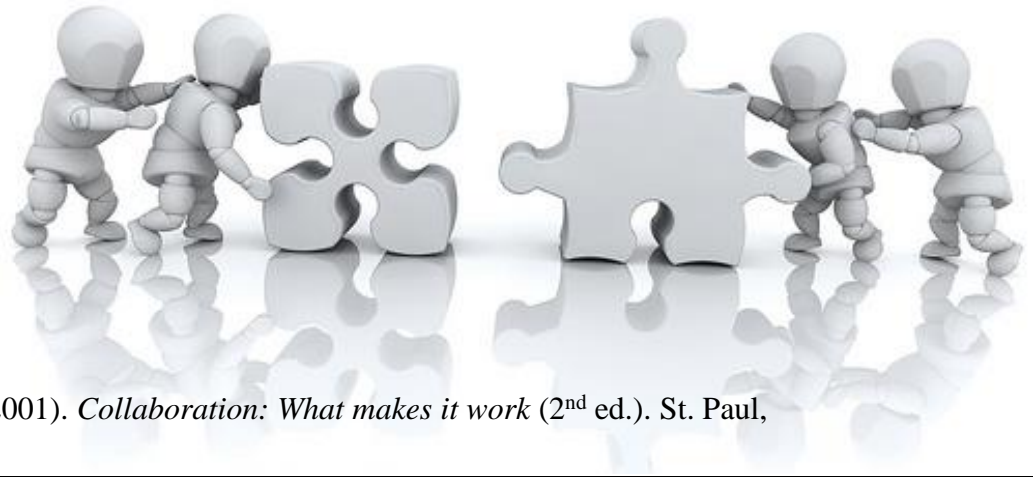


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# Elements for Effective Partnerships

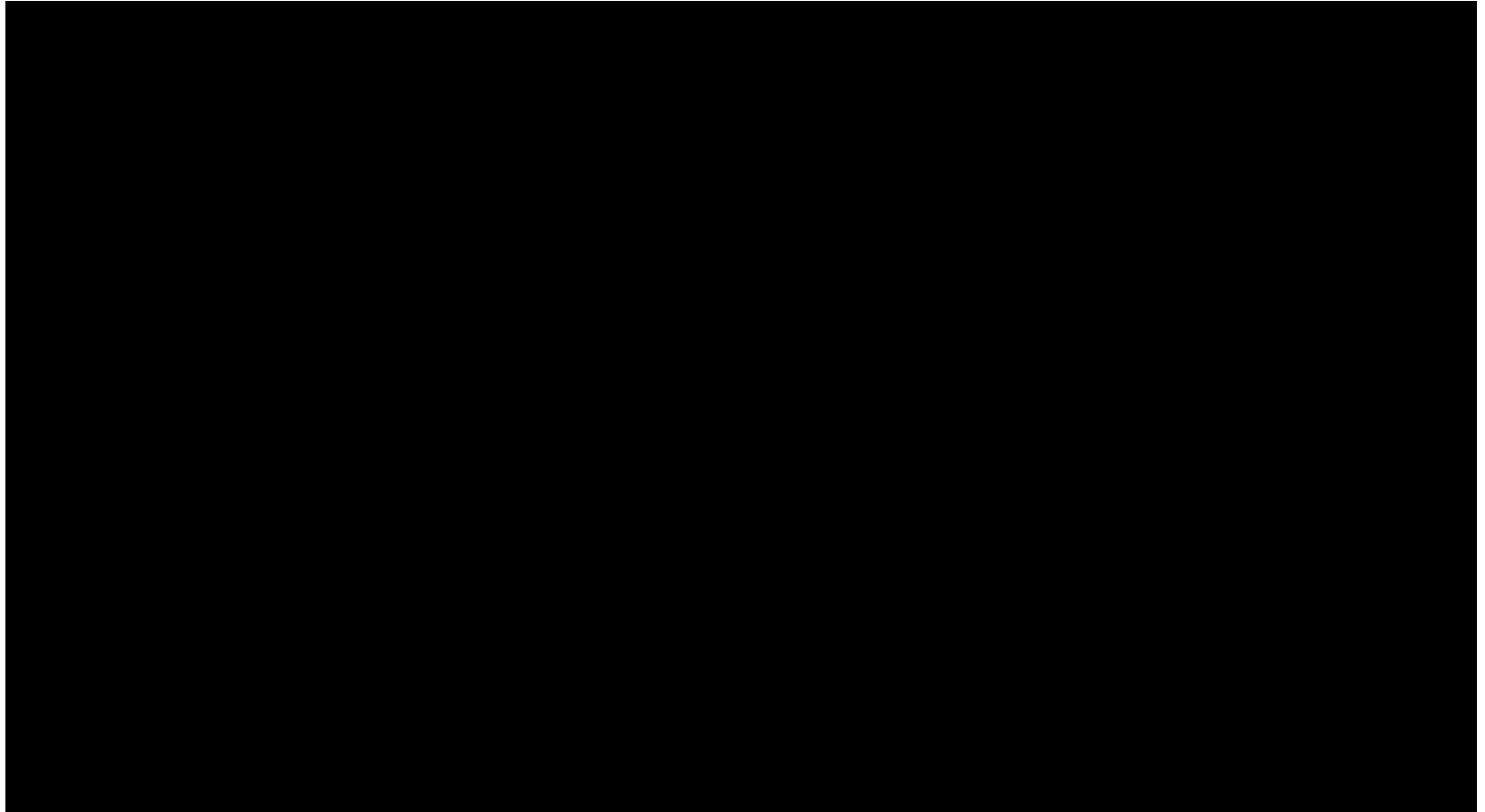
- Mutual Respect, Understanding & Trust
- Multiple Layers of Participation
- Sufficient Resources
- Mutually Beneficial
- Shared Vision
- Sustained



Mattessich, P.W., Murray-Close, M., & Monsey, B.R. (2001). *Collaboration: What makes it work* (2<sup>nd</sup> ed.). St. Paul, MN: Fieldstone Alliance.



# Collaborative Curiosity



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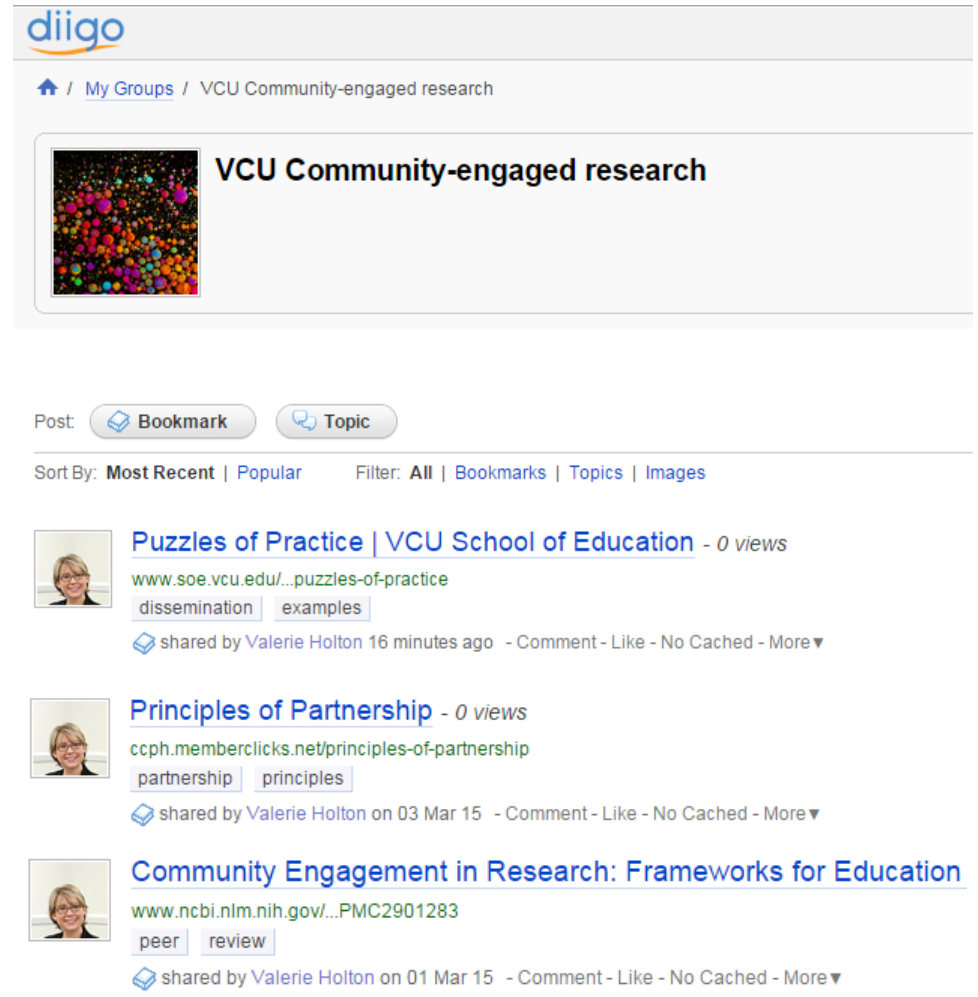
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# Resources

1. Sign up for free Diigo account  
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2. Click on this link  
<http://tinyurl.com/l2bzpzn>
3. Enjoy the library of resources in the VCU Community-Engaged Research group under your “My Groups” tab



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# Your Next Steps

How will you engage the community in your project?

What will you do to ensure the partnership is effective?

# Thank you

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