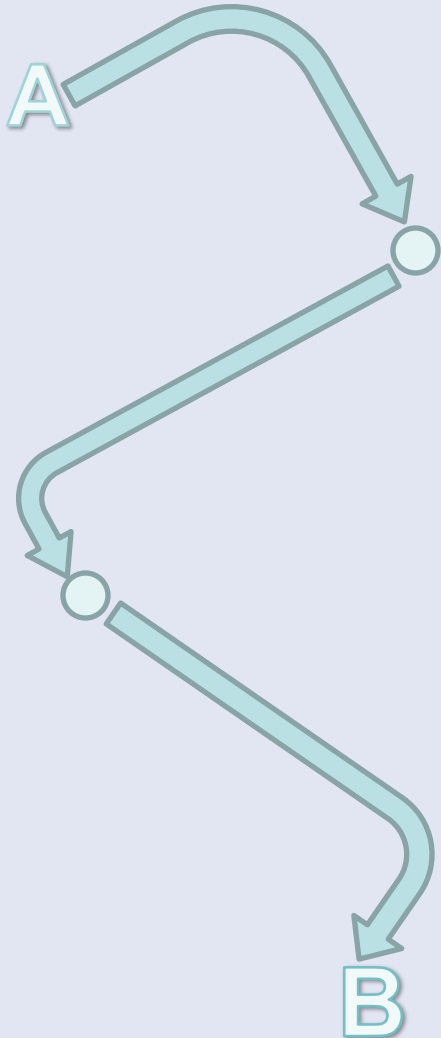


Partnership & Collaborative Working Event



Arts & Humanities
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Collaborative Journey



Zone 1

Where to go & Who to go with
Prepare for the journey
Set off & start the journey

Zone 2

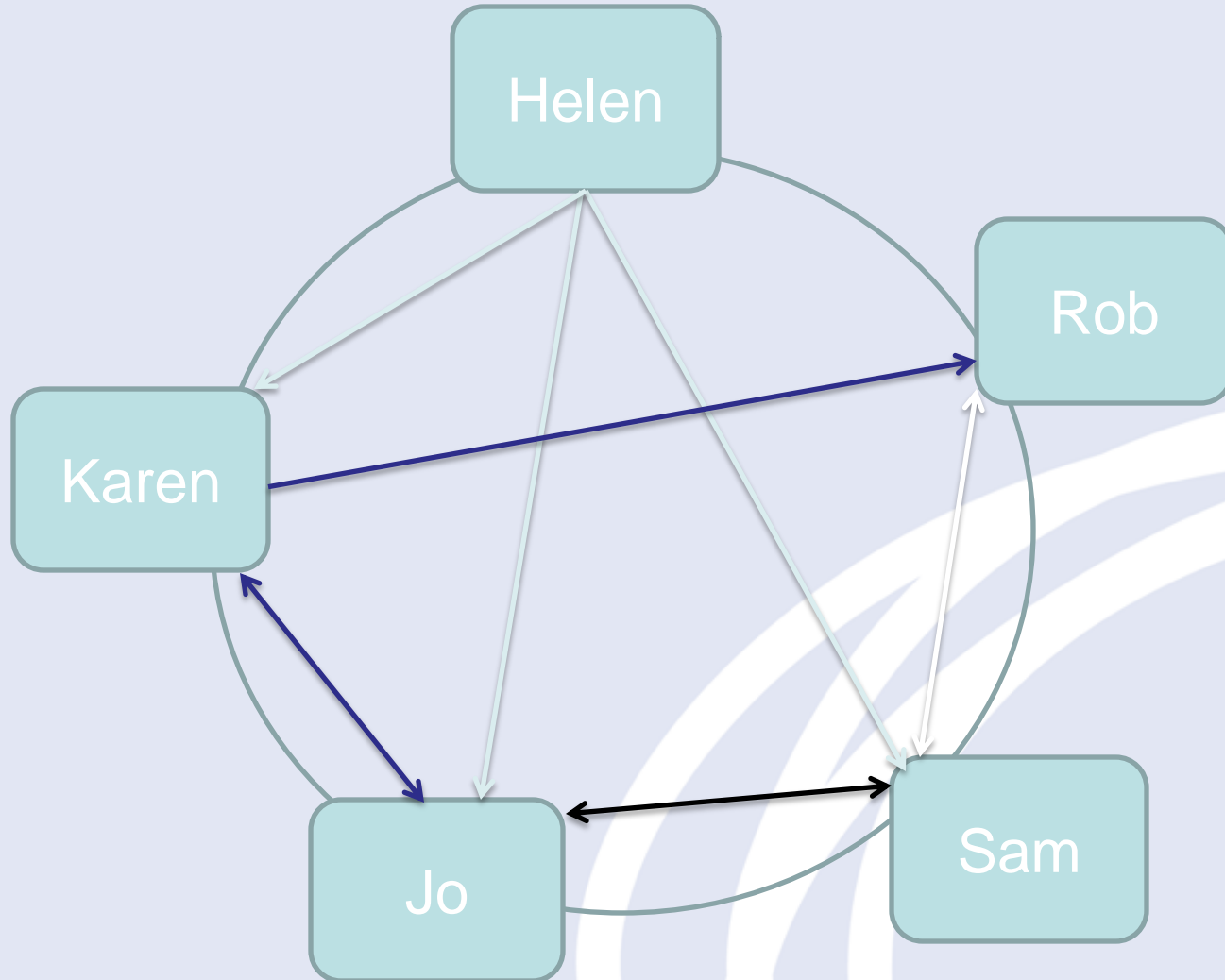
On the Way
Breakdowns
Pit-stops

Zone 3

Getting There
Final Destination
Making the Most of it

Another trip.....?

Collaborative Journey – Connections!



Zone 1

Collaborative Journey

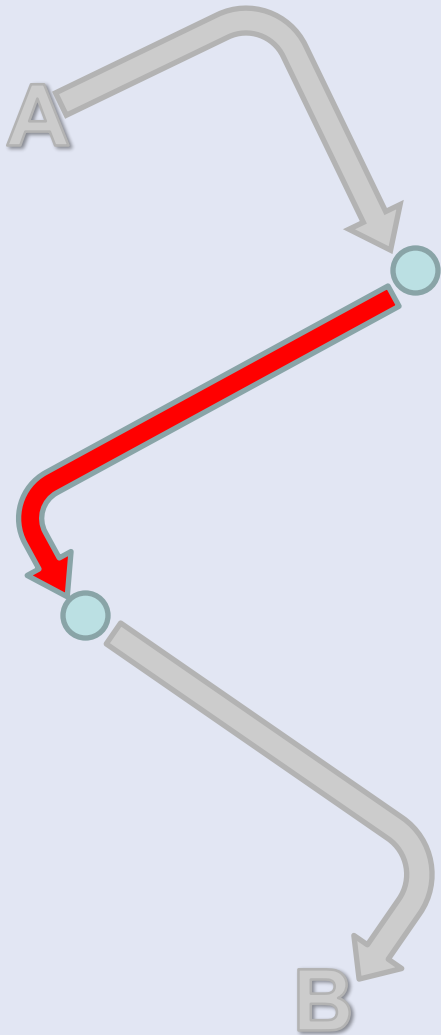


Where to go/Who with/Plan and Prepare/Set off

- Why collaborate?
- How do I find a suitable partner?
- Are there different types of collaboration?
- What do I need to consider/discuss/ resolve in setting up a partnership?
- What planning do I need to do?

Zone 2

Collaborative Journey

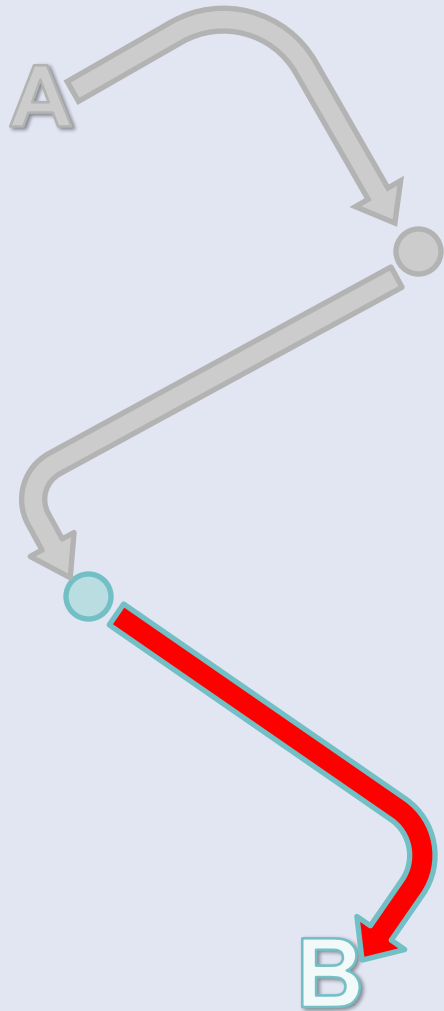


On The Way/ Avoiding Breakdowns/Pit-stops

- What makes a good collaboration succeed?
- How should partnerships be managed?
- How can I ensure a collaboration is an equal partnership?
- What are the problems which might arise during partnership working?

Zone 3

Collaborative Journey



Final Destination/Making the Most of it

- How do I know we have reached the right destination?
- How do we identify & exploit the opportunities & benefits?
- Apart from specific outcomes what are the broader benefits of partnership working & collaboration?
- Was the journey worth it?

Another trip...?

What sort of collaborations?

- Art history with museum/gallery
- Built environment with heritage organisation
- Medical ethics with NHS Trust
- Fashion with clothing designer/manufacturer
- Drama with theatre company
- Information science with public/private archive
- Archaeology with local history museum
- Design with industrial company
- Musicology with Opera Company
- Cultural policy with regional museums service
- Dance with ballet company
- Jewellery with small local company/sole trader
- Textile conservation with chemical company

More collaborations



- 'Taking Heritage into Hospitals' – will take museum collections into NHS hospitals and study the potential benefit for patients.
- Connecting Cornwall – will show how UK telecommunications developed and Cornwall's key role in this.

And another...



Shipshape - The most substantial medieval ship found in Britain will be rebuilt digitally to allow visitors to the museum to see what it truly looked like & a 1:10 scale replica will be built of the ship as the five year conservation process of the original timbers takes place.

Why collaborate?

- sharing of skills, knowledge, resources
- provides enhanced access & deepens understanding
- challenge perceptions & intellectual frameworks
- new areas/fields of research and enquiry
- create long-lasting, fruitful partnerships
- share expertise across sectors / knowledge exchange
- professional/personal development for staff
- social, cultural, economic, academic benefits

What makes a successful collaboration?

- Coherent, realistic & feasible research topic
- Meets needs of partner organisation & HEI
- Time-frames, access, agreements, costs (inc IPR/Ethics)
- 'True' partnership/collaboration
- Outcomes/output – commercial, public engagement
- Recognise and accept 'cultural differences'
- Communication & Trust
- Don't underestimate the commitment

How do I find a partner?

- Understand the sector & what research can do for both partners – needs, motivation, culture
- Make contacts & build on existing links
- Informal/Formal Funded/non-Funded
- Link potential of research to needs of potential partners
- Lead in time – confidential discussion, explore/identify the research, build partnership – *Networking Scheme?*
- Publications/Conferences/Prof Assocs/websites/RDAs

Advice

- AURIL - Assoc. for University Research Industry Links
- Business Dev/Enterprise/Research/ Ind. Liaison office
- Colleagues
- AHRC website – new Partnership page
- Best Practice Guide - in development

Partnerships

The AHRC provides a number of funding opportunities that encourage existing or new partnerships, from large research grants, networking awards, knowledge transfer schemes and collaborative doctoral awards (see below). These partnerships benefit researchers by providing the opportunity to exchange ideas across disciplines and sectors, by encouraging innovative approaches to research, and by initiating longer-term relationships that continue well beyond the life of a single research project.

What is the AHRC doing to facilitate partnership working?

The AHRC has organised some events to promote the benefits of collaborative working and provide advice on building successful partnerships with a range of partners, including academic institutions, commercial organisations and museums, libraries and archives. The events include presentations from AHRC award holders, detailing their experiences of how real partnerships work.

We are often asked if the AHRC can act as a broker to help organisations find appropriate partners. These events are operating as a first step, and other ways in which we might fulfil a brokerage role are being explored. In the meantime, however, please do contact the AHRC with any questions or ideas, and we will try to offer advice.

The Events



We have run two events so far, one at the Science Museum in Birmingham and one at the RIBA in London. We hope everyone who attended these events found them useful, and met a potential new partner!

The events involved a round table discussion where participants could add their comments on paper table cloths. We've been busy collating the information from the events, which can be found in [note form](#) (100kb). This is a work-in-progress summary of the comments received; these will feed into a good practice guide for partnership working



What's New

Additional 10 CDA awards announced for 2010 to support projects in *Museology*, *Design and Applied Arts & Crafts*.

For further details please click [here](#).

Funding Initiatives

Religion and Society, Science and Heritage, Beyond Text, Landscape and Environment.

Find out about all these and our other [funding initiatives](#) in the [funding opportunities](#) section of our website

What's New

Find out about our [latest events](#) including:

- [Regional event programme](#)
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- [Award Holder Events](#)
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Follow us on Twitter

The [AHRC press team](#) is now on Twitter - keep up to date with all our latest news and press stories.

Activities

Find out about our latest activities including international, knowledge transfer and evaluation in the [policy section](#).

What next?

- What did I learn from it?
- How can I take it forward?
- Who have I met?
- What conversations have I had?
- What ideas has it generated?
- What contacts can I follow up on?
- Who can help me?
- Who else can I tell?

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