Effective Partnership Building

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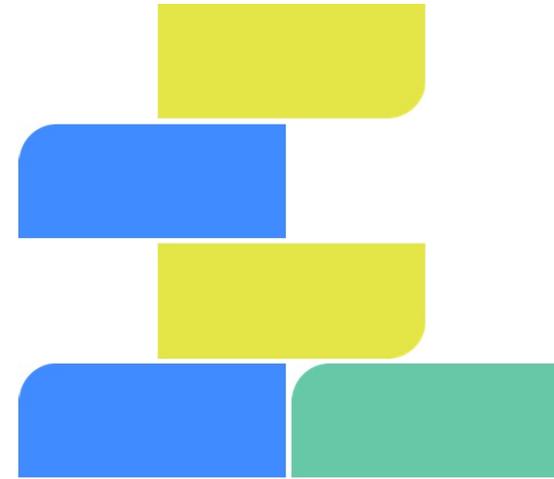
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Conversation Bingo

How to make partnerships work

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How it works

1. **Pair up** with someone near you (or join a three if needed).

2. **Choose one square** you most want to talk about first.

3. **Round 1 (5 mins):** Person A shares their reflections and a real example from their work. Person B listens

4. **Round 2 (5 mins):** Swap roles.

5. **Commit (5 mins):** Together, note down: *"One partnership move I'll try in the next month."*

Be ready to **share your 'one move'** back to the room at the end.

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What's one trust-building behaviour you saw that you *under-use*?	Where do you most often get stuck—roles, money, power, pace, or accountability?	What assumption did the story challenge for you?
What mechanism will you use to handle tensions early (e.g., escalation path, facilitated reset, principles)?	*The question I want to ask my partner is…* **?**	How will you make residents/community voice real without creating token roles?
What's one thing you should stop doing that looks like partnership but isn't (e.g., updates-only meetings)?	What will you measure together that signals progress *without* creating perverse incentives?	What's one "non-negotiable" you'd set for ways of working (decision-making, comms, transparency)?

ONE PARTNERSHIP MOVE I'LL TRY NEXT MONTH…

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