

Here are 7 ideas for how to use the Creative Health Quality Principles to support collaboration. Use these ideas as inspiration and don't be afraid to develop your own.

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Advocacy and Reassurance

Introduce the Quality Principles early in the partnership development process to reassure partners that you are committed to recognised standards of practice. Tell partners that you have signed up to the Creative Health Quality Principles and include a copy of the Quality Principles in introductory emails and project proposals.

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Developing a Shared Vision

Use the Quality Principles to establish a shared vision that revolves around the eight Quality Principles. In developing the vision, encourage discussion on questions such as:

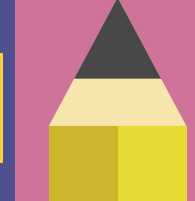
- How can we ensure this project remains person-centred?
- How can we ensure equity?
- How can we maintain a safe environment for all participants?

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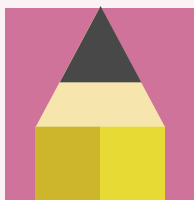


Discussion and Debate: Conversation Cards

Foster discussion and debate among partners and stakeholders using conversation cards. Create a set of index cards, each featuring one Quality Principle. Place them face down on a table and encourage people to work in pairs or small groups. Participants can take turns flipping over the cards and sharing what each principle means to them.



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Discussion and Debate: Sticky Wall

Facilitate further discussion and debate by setting up a brown paper wall. Write the Quality Principles as headings across the wall and invite partners and stakeholders to share their ideas for implementing each principle.

Provide post-it notes for participants to write their responses and place them next to the relevant principle.

Stand back and look at what has been shared. Where is there clear consensus? Are there any areas where partners have different ideas?

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Consensus development

Distribute copies of the Creative Health Quality Principles – you can use the downloadable PDF handout. Ask each person to identify the three that are most important to them. Ask everyone to share their top three with the group and record them on flip chart paper. Take note of which have been chosen more than once and are the most important to the majority.

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Identify expertise

Use the Quality Principles to identify the expertise brought by each partner and identify any gaps that need to be addressed.

Set up a brown paper wall with the Quality Principles as headings. Ask partners to use post-it notes to highlight the skills, expertise, or resources that they or their organisation bring in relation to each Quality Principle. Examples could include: providing Mental Health Awareness training or advising on a system for risk assessments.

Assess the shared expertise available and consider how resources could be pooled or shared. Identify any gaps that need filling.



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Keep On Track

Start or end each partnership meeting by spending 15 minutes exploring one of the eight Quality Principles. Use this activity to foster collaboration and reinforce the underlying values of the partnership.

Over the course of a project or programme, aim to cover all the Quality Principles, potentially revisiting some multiple times.

For example, when reflecting on “Safe” consider questions such as:

- How are we ensuring that the project is safe?
- What are we doing that is working well in relation to safety?
- What are we doing less well?
- How could we improve?

**Remember, these suggestions are meant to inspire you.
Feel free to adapt them to your specific context and needs.**