

Charter of Values

“We recognize that we have an opportunity and a responsibility. An opportunity to heal a relationship between two very distinct ways of understanding. A responsibility for the use of distinct knowledge to find the solution to the problems we are creating, not just for ourselves, but for the future.”

– Mary Boyden

All collaboration with the First Peoples will reflect the following values:

1. We will listen more than we speak.
2. We will approach conversations with an open mind and an open heart.
3. We recognize that Indigenous Knowledges are 12,000+ years old and hold significant teachings and understandings of the world.
4. We acknowledge that learning from these Knowledge Systems are a gift from the First Peoples and their Ancestors and that this knowledge comes with responsibilities.
5. We will show gratitude and practice reciprocity by offering more than we receive.
6. We will recognize that Indigenous Knowledge Keepers are experts in their fields.
7. We will not reject the knowledge that each of us brings and will respect and seek to understand the world through the lens of both Western science and Indigenous Knowledge.
8. We will approach our work from the perspective that the world and all things in it are interconnected and interdependent, and seek to better understand these relationships.
9. We will seek to connect to ourselves and to one another.
10. We will work towards harmony and continuity, for the next seven generations and beyond, in all that we do.