

Guidesheet 4 – Reality Check: Should You Go Ahead?

The questions below will help you decide whether to move forward. If you don't like the results, re-think your project until the answers change.

1. Need

Is there a clear need for the project?

Is there a need which will keep each collaborator involved, given their interests and affiliations?

2. Agendas

Is the project trying to meet too many agendas?

Are all participants committed to the same agenda?

Are both the school and community likely to see the project's importance?

Is the project agenda compatible with other projects taking place in the school and community?

3. Power

Have the collaborators been given the power to achieve the project?

4. Local Expertise and Leadership

Does the project utilize local expertise, leadership and arts talent/

Is all of the expertise that is needed available locally?

Is there a plan for turnover in leadership?

5. Resources

Are there adequate financial resources to begin the project?

Will teachers be supported through stipends, substitutes or release time?

Is there a plan for raising the additional funds that are needed?

6. Timing

When should the project begin?

Are there other school or community activities scheduled that may conflict with this project? Are there other activities scheduled that may drain the energy of key participants?