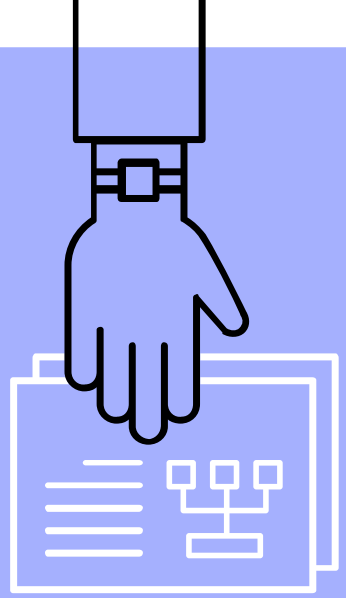
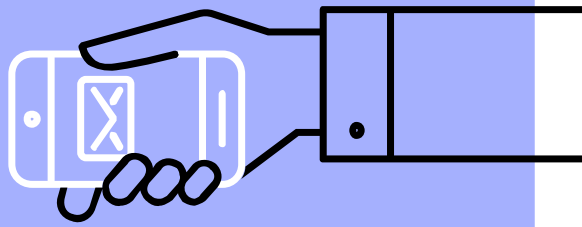
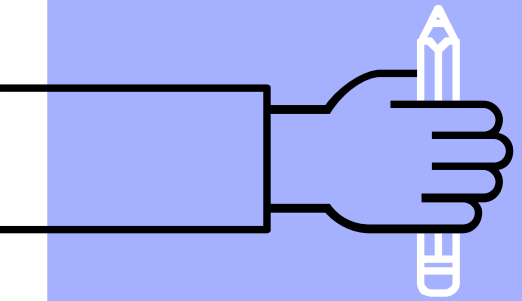
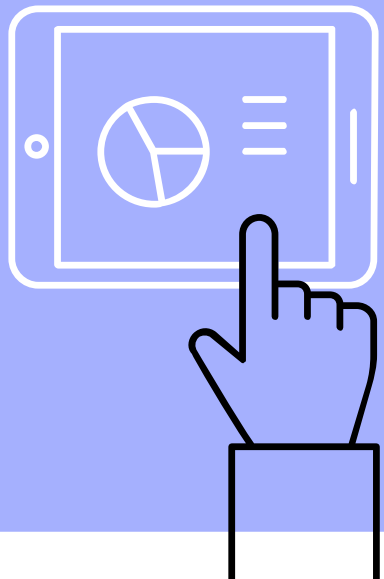
Collaborations, Consortia, Conundrums



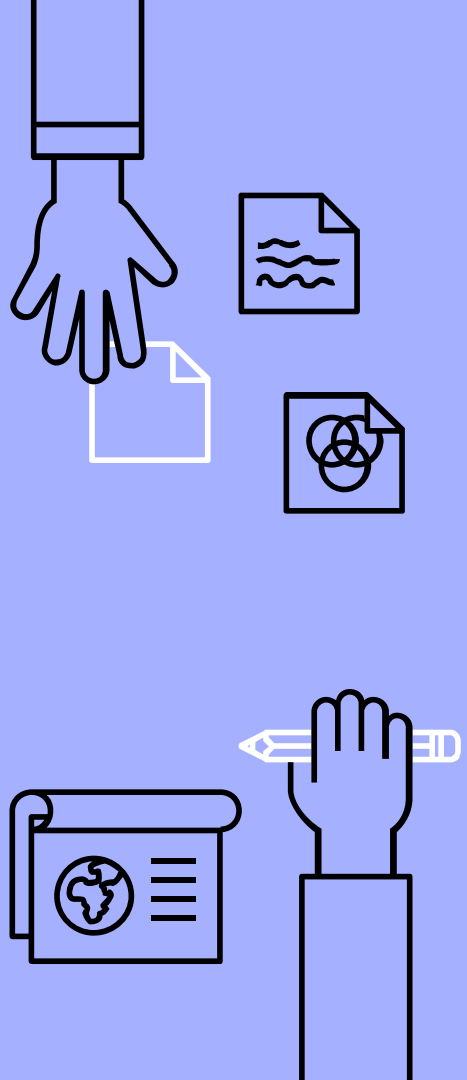


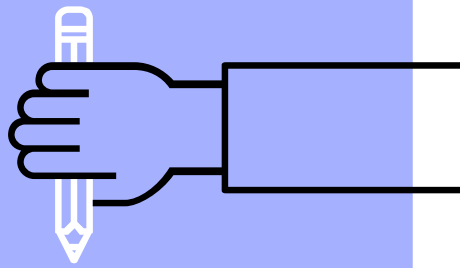




Today's Presentation

- Background on the Five College Consortium (5C or FC) and its migration to Future of Libraries is Open library service platform (FOLIO)
- Official mechanisms for collaboration at the consortium and by extension institution, and FOLIO levels
- Conundrums
- How do we move forward towards successful collaborations and does this mean a successful migration?





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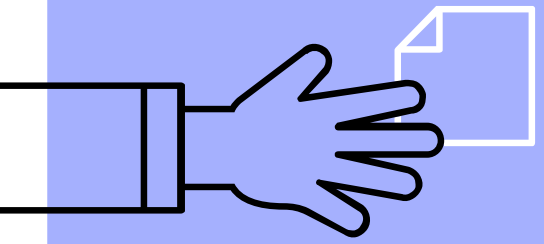

What is the Five College Consortium? What is the migration project?

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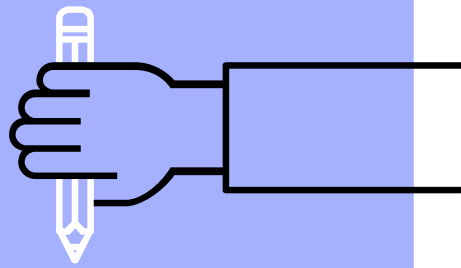
In 2018, Five Colleges Consortium announced a FOLIO beta partnership with EBSCO, which allowed the institutions to contribute to the development of the library services platform and test FOLIO in large, real-world environments and multiple institutional scenarios. The beta partnership allowed EBSCO and The Five Colleges to contribute to the FOLIO Community and the development of the innovative, reimagined library services platform and demonstrate its viability for consortia.



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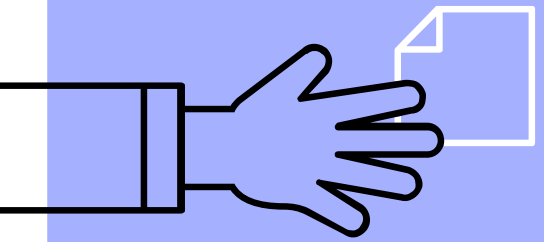
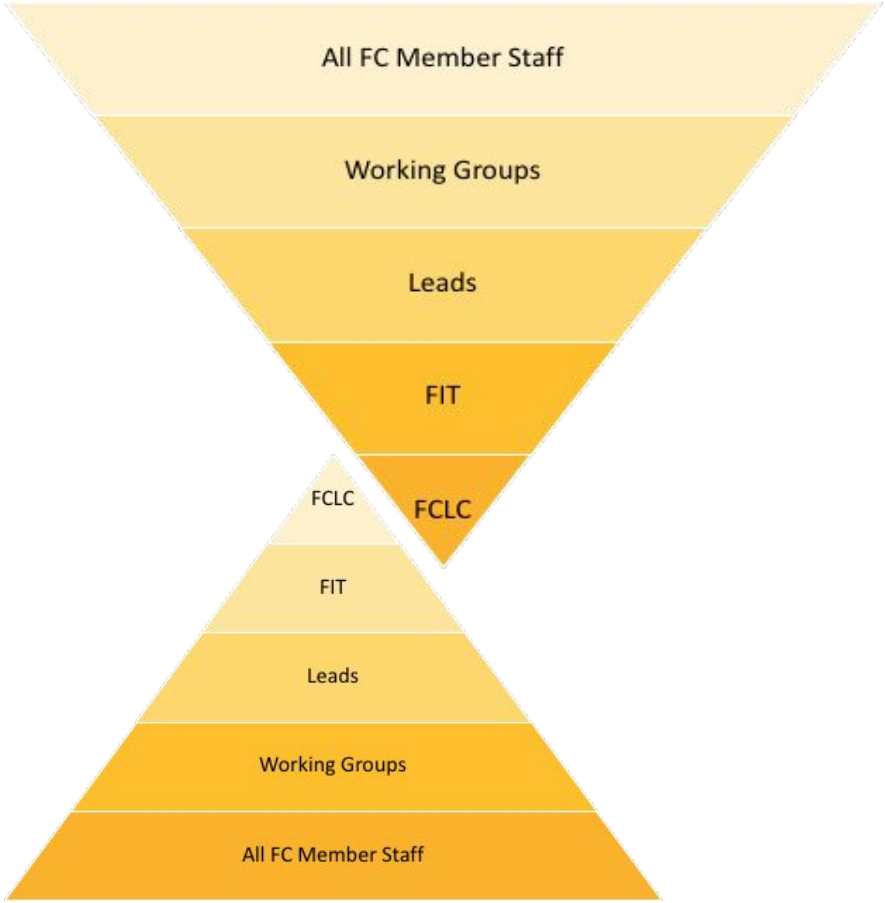
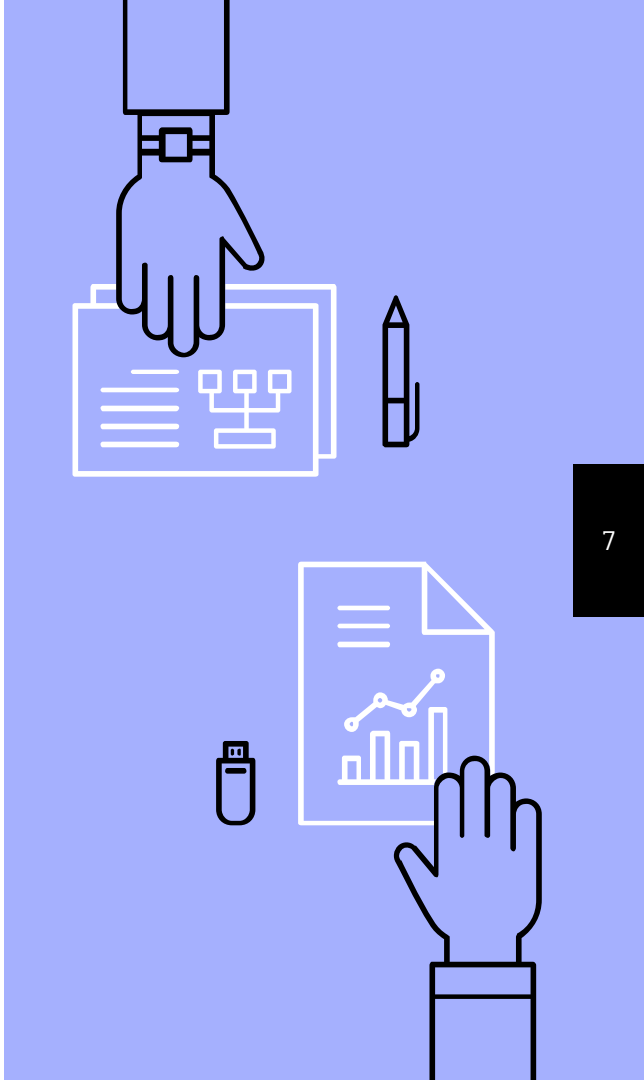


Conceptualizing collaboration at the consortium, institution, and larger international levels

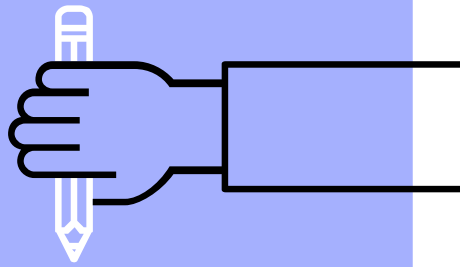
Consortium -> Institution





Larger FOLIO Community

"FOLIO is a collaboration of libraries, developers and vendors building an open source library services platform. It supports traditional resource management functionality and can be extended into other institutional areas."



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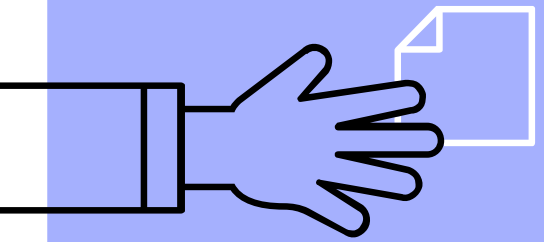
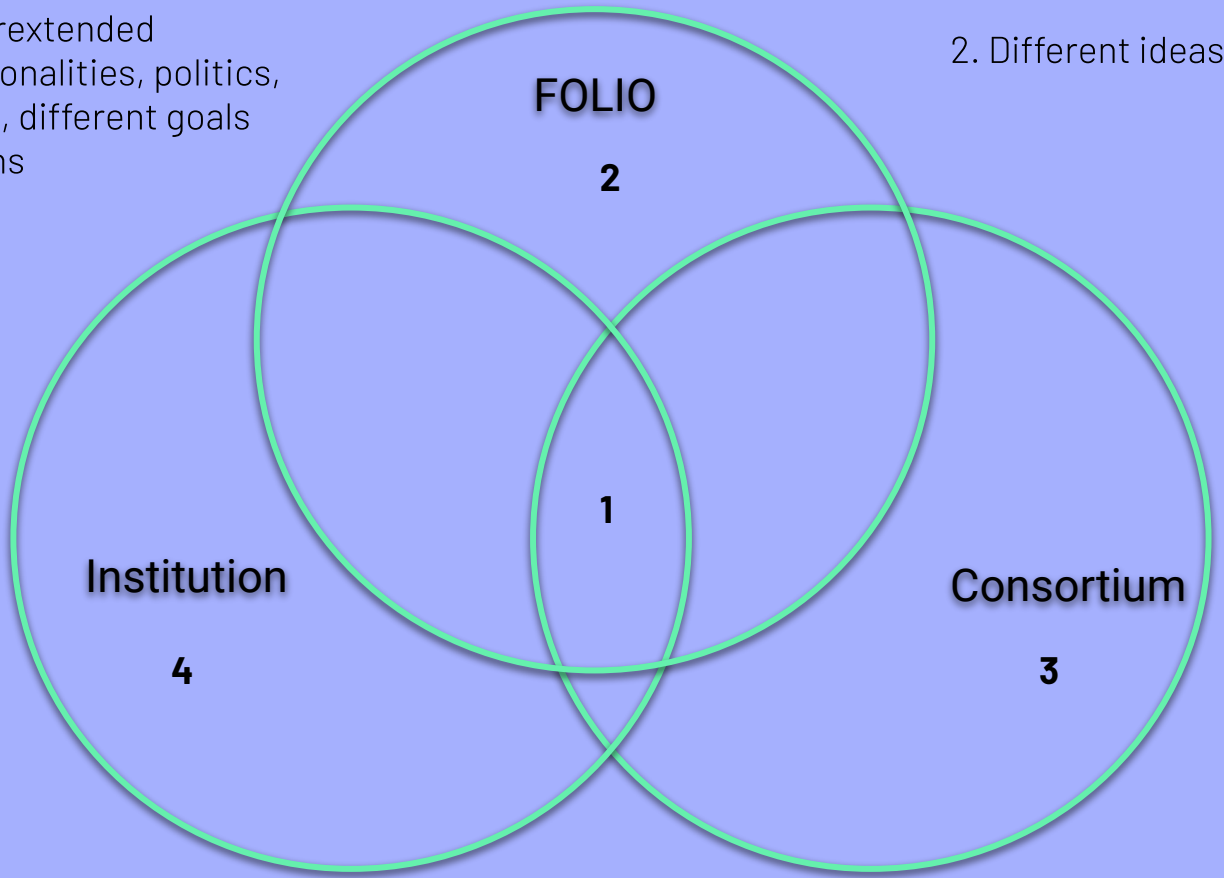
Conundrums



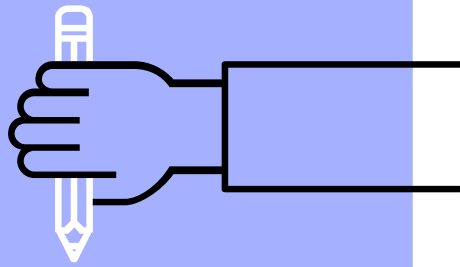
1. Cultures, Overextended resources, personalities, politics, communication, different goals and expectations

2. Different ideas of librarianship



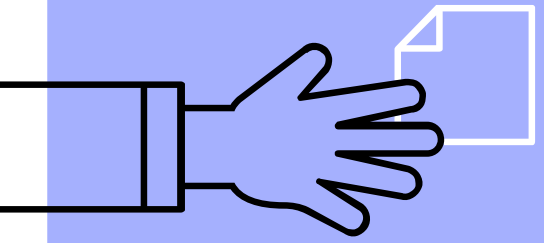
4. Institutional working groups with consortial goals

3. Decision making



4.
Collaborations

What to do with the
Conundrums?



Five College Consortium Shared Principles

Shared resource: The Five College libraries collections make up a single and shared library resource.
Best practices: In an agile manner, standardize, streamline and improve best practices.
Alignment: FOLIO is an opportunity to align multiple systems and create a more unified presentation of Five College library data; enabling more seamless access to collections.
Additional functionality: Once core functionality is established, improvements, and additional functionality can be explored and prioritized.
Communication: Commitment to transparent communication throughout all stages of the project.
Respect one another: When we debate and discuss differing opinions, we will always show respect to individuals. All of us will end up compromising on some aspects of the design or the project work. We recognize that this is hard work and time consuming. Many of us may be pushed outside of our comfort zone; however, we will remain respectful to one another. These guidelines are forward-looking and will guide Five College Library cooperation beyond the FOLIO implementation.

FOLIO Shared Code of Conduct

FOLIO Code of Conduct

Created by Ayu Uchikawa on Dec 10, 2020

FOLIO is developed and used by people from all over the world who have a broad set of skills, personalities, and experiences. We r
providers and independent contributors, and our diversity of perspectives is essential to our prosperity as a project. We are comm
community is a safe, enjoyable and thriving environment for everyone.

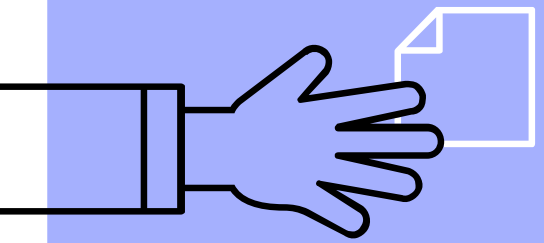
The purpose of a Code of Conduct is to protect members of a community from harm in that community's spaces. As a community
according to the following ground rules so that people with different perspectives and communication styles can work together or
productively, and respectfully—even in the face of disagreements. Ground rules ensure that everyone within the community is clea
expected of them and that newcomers know what kind of environment they can expect to find. We use the Contributor Covenant

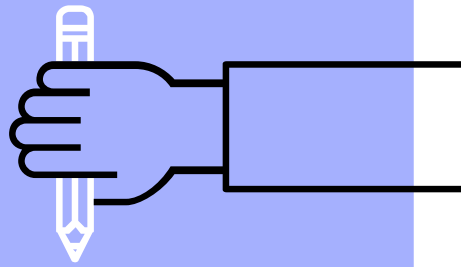
If you encounter unacceptable behavior in chat, on mailing lists, at meetings or events, or in any other channel, contact ~~co~~
yet active) or through the ~~anonymous web form~~ (not yet active).

Our Pledge

In the interest of fostering an open and welcoming environment, we as contributors, maintainers, and users of the system pledge t
project and our community a harassment-free experience for everyone, regardless of ability, age, body size, education, ethnicity, ge
level of experience, nationality, personal appearance, race, religion, sex characteristics, sexual identity, sexual orientation, or socio-e

Our Standards





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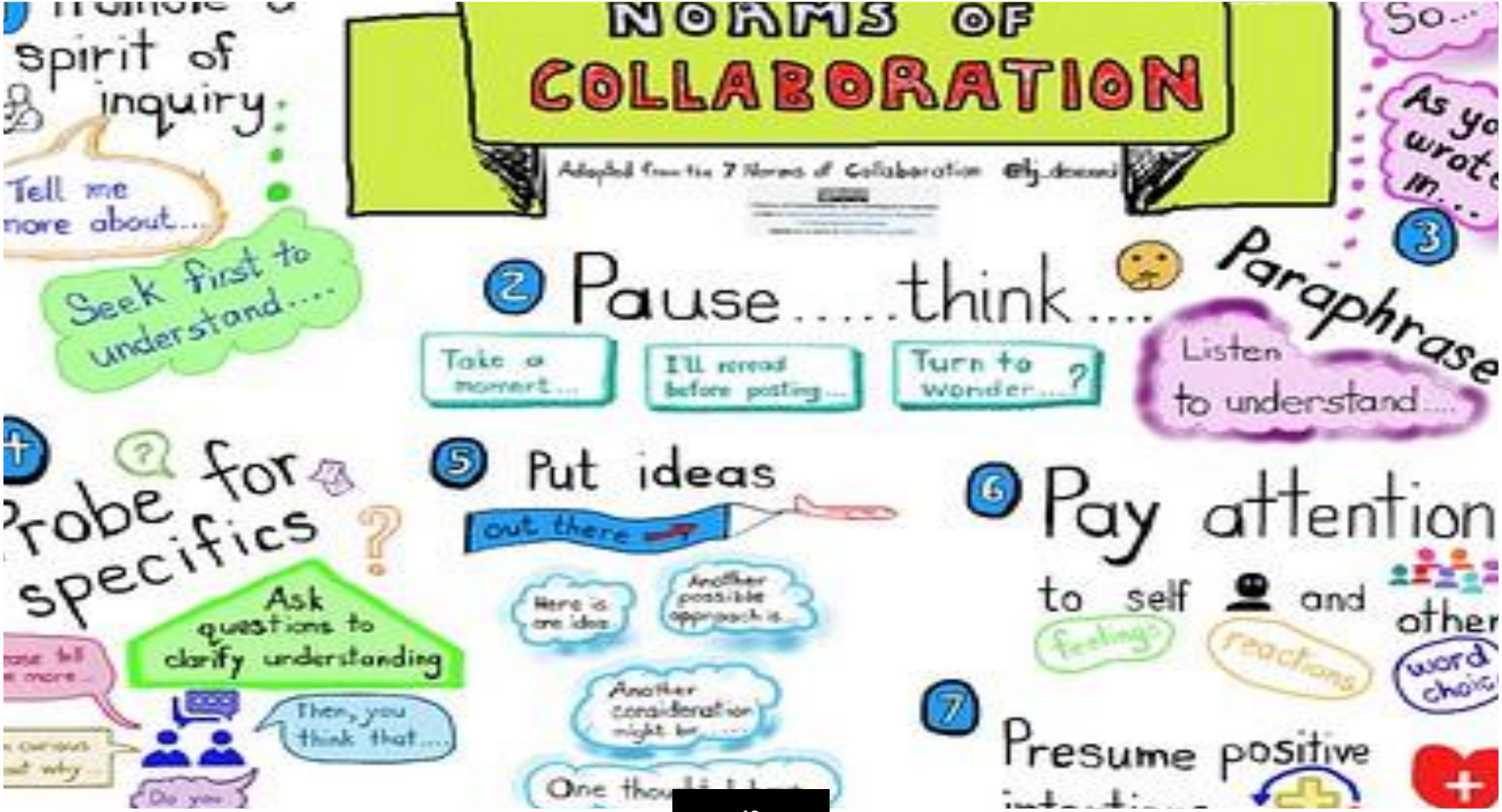
Moving Towards Migration


spirit of inquiry
Tell me more about...
Seek first to understand....
NORMS OF COLLABORATION
Adapted from the 7 Norms of Collaboration
So...
As yo wrote in...
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2 Pause.....think....
Take a moment...
I'll reread before posting...
Turn to Wonder...?
Paraphrase
Listen to understand....
Probe for specifics
Ask questions to clarify understanding
Then, you think that....
5 Put ideas out there
Here is one idea
Another possible approach is...
Another consideration might be....
6 Pay attention to self and other
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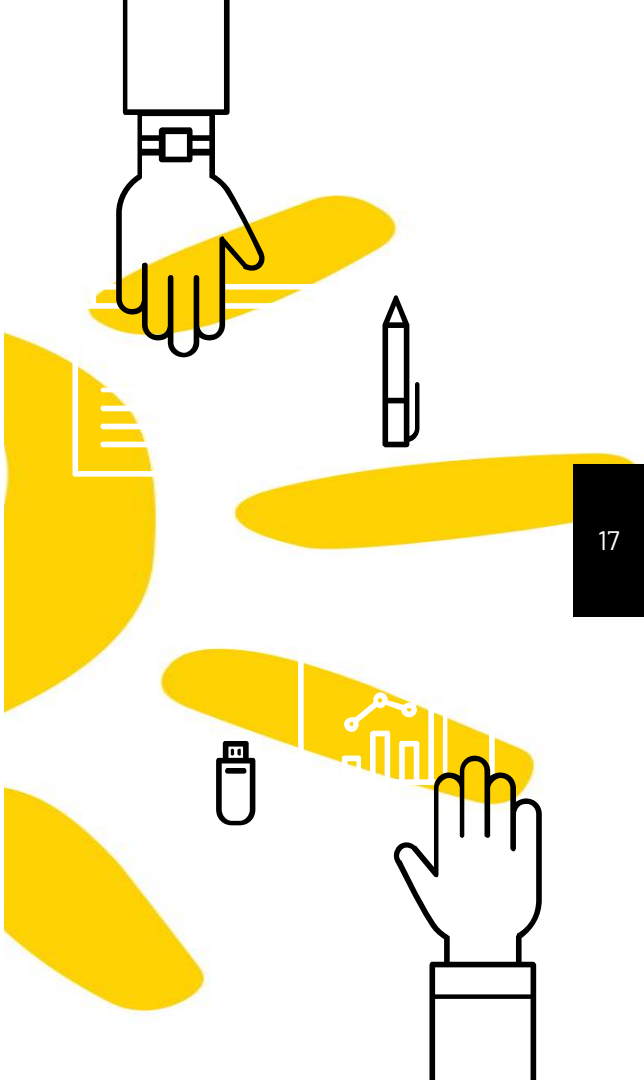
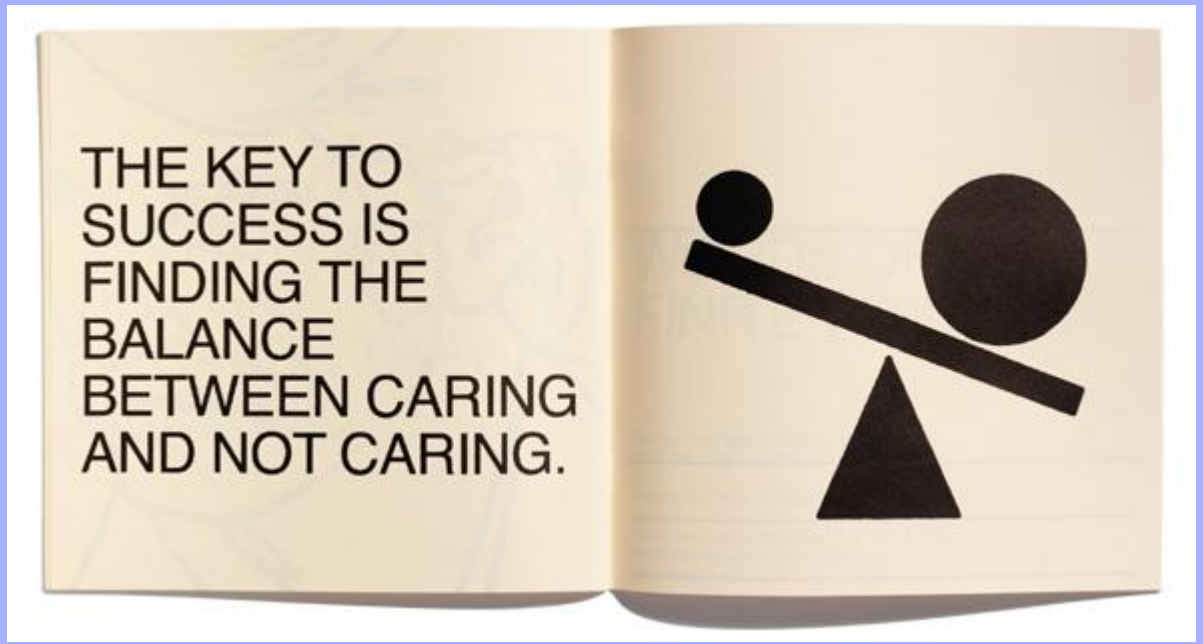
7 Presume positive

Developing a Practice

- Compassion
- Empathy
- Kindness
- Find Your Support Group
- Balance & Rebalance

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SUCCESS IS
FINDING THE
BALANCE
BETWEEN CARING
AND NOT CARING.

THANKS!

Any questions?

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