Confusion in Collaboration

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About me

Current… Resilience, Career paths, Integrity, Collaboration,

Developing… Internationalisation, Adapting to new funding opportunities,

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Why Confusion?

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Learning from collaboration

Trespassers will not be prosecuted (but they don't need to become landowners)

There are no stupid questions

Learning from the boundaries

Added challenges with ID research

- language and communication issues

- institutional structures and procedures

- divergences in worldviews across disciplines

http://www.sps.ed.ac.uk/staff/science_technology_and_innovation_studies/catherine_lyall

https://www.wiki.ed.ac.uk/display/ISSTIInterdisciplinary/Interdisciplinary+Briefing+Notes

Pillars of collaboration

- Contact

- Communication

- Confusion

- Conflict

Then, finally Collaboration

Hard to get there, but worth it if it works

Confusion from…

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Image: Lo Cole, The Guardian

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Image: http://www.beatricebiologist.com/

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Image: https://algrantblogdotcom.files.wordpress.com/2015/09/blinkers.jpg

Reducing Confusion

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A question to start

- **Are there any common misconceptions about your research that you've faced?**

Now your questions

- Think about the challenges you've faced in collaboration

- Is there a question that would help to reduce the confusion and misunderstanding?

Your questions

- **Your expertise and values (push)**
- **The opportunity of the fund (pull)**

- **Where can you add value?**
- **Who do you want to work with?**
- **Think about the big questions**
  - **Take a step back**
  - **What are you/what is your science trying to achieve?**

Being open-minded to other perspectives
Respecting other opinions and ideas
Talking about your ideas using accessible language

Your expertise
Your background
Having confidence in your opinions