

Authentic Partnership Reflection Questions for Community Action Groups

Figure 1. Principles and Enablers of Authentic Partnerships (Dupuis, Gillies, Carson, et al., 2011)



Connecting and Committing

- What sectors/stakeholder groups are represented on our community action group and what impact do you think that has on our dementia friendly process?
- What sectors/stakeholder groups, if any, are missing? If any are missing, why do you think they are missing and what impact do you think that has on our dementia friendly process?
- Please reflect on your experience as a member of the community action group and the extent to which you are meaningfully engaged. What more could we do to better support your participation?
- How committed are members of our community action group? How do you know if they are committed or not? What role, if any, does commitment play in our dementia friendly process?

Creating a Safe Space

- How would you describe your level of comfort at community action group meetings? What specific things are done to make you feel comfortable/safe/included? What further efforts, if any, would be helpful?

- Do you have, or are you developing any relationships with other members of the community action group? If so, please describe how those relationships developed and the role they play in your overall experience.
- What further efforts, if any, would help us develop and nurture supportive relationships among community action group members?

Valuing Diverse Perspectives

- In what ways are you supported in sharing your perspectives and ideas at community action group meetings and throughout our dementia friendly process?
- What further efforts, if any, would help you feel that your ideas, perspectives and contributions are valued?
- How do we work to resolve differences of opinion at community action group meetings? What further efforts, if any, would be helpful?
- How does hearing diverse perspectives at community action group meetings influence our dementia friendly process?

Establishing and Maintaining Open Communication

- Do you feel that you are given the opportunity and time to contribute at community action group meetings? What further efforts, if any, would be helpful?
- How would you describe our communication during and in between community action group meetings?
- How is information shared with community action group members during and in between meetings?
- What further communication strategies, if any, would be helpful during or in between community action group meetings?

Conduct Regular Reflection and Dialogue

- At community action group meetings, how do we critically reflect on our dementia friendly process in terms of what is working well and what is not working well and what new actions to take?
- What opportunities are you given to provide your reflections on our dementia friendly process? What role do you think these reflections play in our dementia friendly process?
- Do we build regular reflection and dialogue into each community action group meeting? If so, how effective are our efforts? What further efforts would be helpful?