

Co-Design Checklist

2. Phase 1 – Planning

This resource will help you to assess the suitability of a co-design framework for the activity/project you have in mind. Co-design is a specific way of working and thinking. It is a community participation model that focuses on shared decision-making and community collaboration and you will need to gain participant commitment and buy-in in order for it to succeed.

Test if your circumstances are suitable for co-design by reviewing the conditions listed below:

- The current services/activities/projects do not meet the objectives or achieve the desired outcomes.
- There is capacity to change existing structures.
- Dedicated staff/personnel and resources are available to drive the co-design process.
- The issue or problem to be addressed does not have an obvious solution/or the problem is not being solved by current methods.
- There is an issue of concern that needs to be addressed and the community is supportive of change.
- There is a commitment to following the principles of co-design:
 - Shared power
 - Prioritising relationships
 - Community participation
 - Building capability
- The lead organisation has commitment from all management levels to support delivery of a co-design model and investment to support the outcomes/recommendations achieved through the co-design process.
- There is understanding of the time required to deliver a co-design framework with integrity.

What's Next?

If you believe conditions are appropriate, move onto the Phase 1 – *Getting Ready* resources to get started!

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