

Welcoming Communities Support Services Agencies

Summary of Actions

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What actions will **you** take to support the development of a Welcoming Network?

Create a buddy system to support employers hiring newcomers

Develop regional settlement resources to enable employers to better support their migrant workforce

Implement and promote translating and interpreting services for newcomers

Offer cultural competency training to front-line staff

Review existing service delivery model by exploring new connections and building relationships, e.g., with business sector and support services agencies

Share resources made for international students with key stakeholders to build a community-led Welcome Pack e.g., work with English language schools

Provide names of potential volunteers interested in offering free English social conversation for newcomers

Share assets to improve newcomers' experience, e.g., meeting spaces, directories, volunteers, etc.

Build relationships with newcomer groups to ensure accessibility of information

Transition Regional Tourism Operators (RTO) websites from being only visitor centric to more 'work, play and live' portal for newcomers and wider community

Share and promote **Te Wāhi Toi**, a newly released comprehensive portal to the Arts and Culture of our area for everyone to access

What actions will **QLDC** take to support the development of a Welcoming Network?

Update Newcomers Guide

Update **Community Connect** database

Support a community-led Welcoming Network (sharing assets/building relationships)



What assets are you able to share?

Assets go beyond the financial and can include:

Physical and Natural Resources
e.g., event space, meeting rooms, computer equipment, land

Skills, Knowledge and Passions
e.g., social worker, artist, writer, public speaker, athlete, social media guru, data analyst

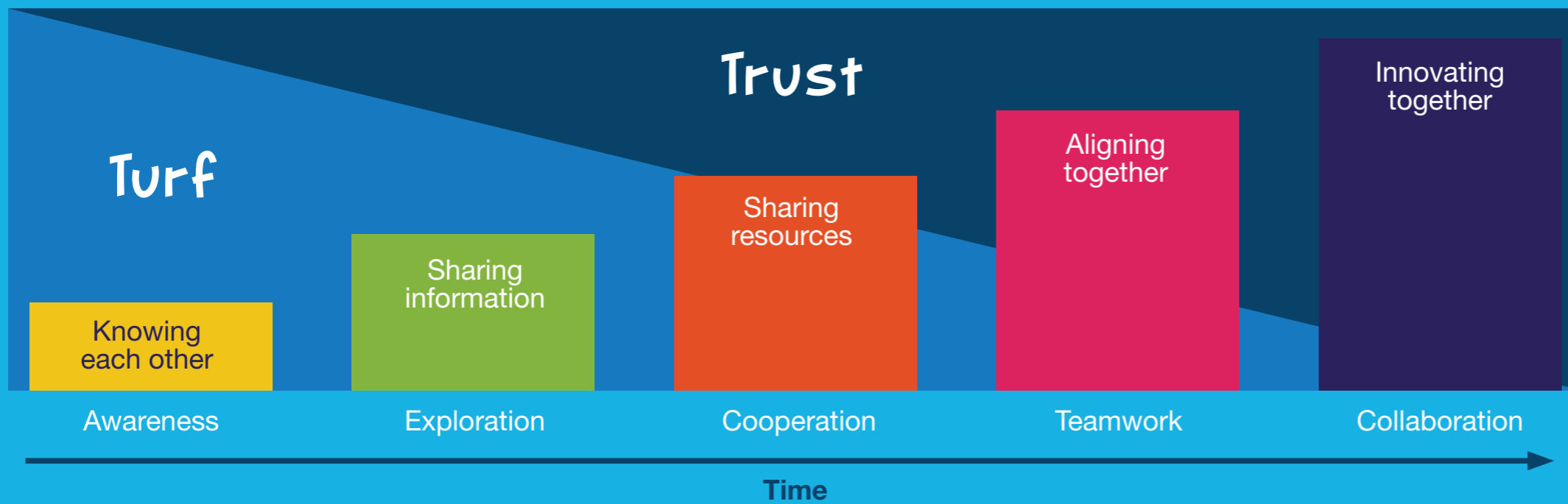
Capital
e.g., funds, admin support, political influence

Personal and Professional Networks
e.g., sports clubs, community assns., small business, faith, political, philanthropists

We are building a Welcoming Network

Imagine a local community-led collaboration that advocates for, celebrates and supports the different cultures, values and aspirations of newcomers.

Trust takes time to develop



Source:  Strategic Doing™
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