Building Reciprocal University-Community Relationships

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- **Key Elements in Successful Partnerships**
  - Mutual Benefit
  - Previous Experience in Engaged Scholarship or Collaboration
  - Shared Vision and Goals
  - Participatory Decision-making Process
  - Regular Communication and Information Sharing
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- **Benefits**
  - To students
  - To faculty
  - To university
  - To community
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- **Stages in Collaboration**
  1. Getting Acquainted
     - Bring People Together
     - Build Trust
     - Describe the Vision
     - Agree on Desired, Measureable Results
  2. Organize, Fight and Make Up
  3. Implement and Evaluate
  4. Institutionalize the Relationship
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- **Group Activity**
  - ½ tables = university faculty, ½ tables = community partner
  - Define problem and product from YOUR point of view
  - Determine methods and desired product(s)
    - Report and Discuss
  - Design approach from YOUR point of view
    - Orientation process and supervision for students,
    - Interim reporting,
    - Communication between community partner and faculty member,
    - Final report
      - Report and Discuss
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