

Handout #1 – Record Your Experience

Collaboration exists in all areas of our lives. People can draw on skills, attitudes and behaviours from other experiences in their lives to become good collaborators in the work environment.

Think of a time that you were part of a collaborative experience that you felt good about. It can be a personal example (such as working together to care for a sick family member or organizing a family reunion that involved several families and competing requirements) or a work-related example.

Briefly describe that experience and then answer the following questions:

What were the highlights of that experience?

How did you feel after the collaborative experience?

What contributed to the success of the collaborative experience?

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Now think of a time when collaboration failed and did not work out at all.

Briefly describe the experience and then answer the following questions:

What made the collaboration go wrong?

How did you feel after the collaborative experience?

What could have been done differently to achieve a better outcome?

Handout #2 – Record Your Experience, Part 2

Earlier in this course, you were asked to identify a time when you were involved in a collaborative partnership that did not work effectively.

Take a few minutes and go back to your notes about that experience. Using the concepts presented in this course, answer the following questions:

What challenges did this collaborative partnership experience?

What skills, attitudes and beliefs would have salvaged the situation?

What three things would you do differently if you encountered a similar situation?
