

Working together: Resources

Formalising Partnerships Resource Kit (2008)

NSW Council of Social Service (NCOSS)

Provides step by step planning processes to form a partnership, including resources, information, checklists and case studies, to work through the process of forming a partnership.

Formal Collaboration and Governance (2015)

NSW Council of Social Service (NCOSS)

Explores issues that may impact on effective governance of formal partnership arrangements between NFP organisations.

Working together: Glossary of key legal terms (2014)

NSW Council of Social Service (NCOSS)

Working with other organisations [various dates post 2008]

Not-for-Profit Law – Justice Connect

Addresses the legal perspective necessary before entering into a formal arrangement from MOUS to mergers. NB To ensure the information is relevant to NSW select NSW in the Location menu (top right hand corner).

Collaboration

Community Door – Queensland Council of Social Service (QCOSS)

Provides an overview of the process and issues including systematic planning for collaborative ventures.

Collaboration between sectors report and blueprint (2013)

Nous Group for the NSW Public Service Commission

Includes two documents:

- *Collaboration between sectors to improve customer outcomes for citizens of NSW*
Examines current leading practice in Australia and overseas where findings were tested with experts and practitioners from all sectors to build on leading practice and challenge existing approaches.
- *Collaboration blueprint*
The latter is an overview of the elements to consider when deciding on 'why', 'with whom' and 'how' to collaborate.

The partnerships analysis tool (2011)

Vic Health

Outlines how to assess, monitor and maximise the effectiveness of a proposed partnership. Includes a mapping exercise to represent the nature of the relationship between the partnering agencies.

Community Sector and Business Partnerships Tool Kit (2012)

Office for the Community Sector, Department of Planning and Community Development, State Government of Victoria

Provides a step-by-step process for building and maintaining relationships between business and NFP organisations. It includes practical tools, templates and links to resources available on the Internet.

Partnership Practice Guides (2008)

Council of Social Service of Victoria (VCOSS)

Provide information, tools and resources covering the three stages of partnering as well as an overview of governance, partnership models and leadership.

- [Guide 1: Preparing to partner](#)
- [Guide 2: Commencing the partnership](#)
- [Guide 3: Sustaining the partnership](#)
- [Guide 4: Partnership governance, models and leadership](#)

A guide to an auspice agreement (2012)

Sparke Helmore Lawyers – Community Capacity Building Team, Parramatta City Council

Step by step guide for organisations considering auspicing or being auspiced. It outlines the questions that both need to consider.

Conducting due diligence (2015)

Business and Industry Portal – Queensland Government

Designed for businesses but relevant to the community sector, lists what needs to be assessed when conducting due diligence.

Community Corporate Engagement: A toolkit to get a corporate partner (2013)

Western Sydney Community Forum (WSCF)

Toolkit provides a background to community-corporate partnerships, including case studies. Includes six tips which are equally relevant to other forms of partnerships.

I'm Late, I'm Late, for a Very Important Date! (2014)

Michael Goldsworthy for Better Boards

Provides insights into the processes and principles of mergers, etc, providing directors and senior staff with key observations and learnings as they consider their organisation's strategic options.

Mergers and amalgamations within the Canadian no-profit and charity sector (2009)

Mark Blumberg – Canadian Charity Law

Although written for the Canadian charity sector the issues covered are applicable to any community organisation considering working with others. Includes potential problems and what needs to be address to make it work. The definitions may not apply to the Australian context.

Collaboration and strategic restructuring

La Piana Consultancy (US website)

The website contains a range of resources and case studies. Whilst the funding related information is not relevant to Australian organisations, the more general articles and blogs are very useful.

Creating and maintaining partnerships (2015)

The Community Toolbox – University of Kansas

This toolkit provides guidance for creating a partnership among different organisations to address a common goal.

NOTE: The websites above were accessible on 16 June 2017. If the links do not work search on the title of the document or go directly to the website of the organisation.