Ability to be more than we currently are Compassion Humility Queer perspective Service Introspection Un-learning Optimism Listening Friendship Respect Silly goose-ness Joy Curiosity Vulnerability Open-mindedness Trust Eagerness Collaboration Co-creation

Intergenerational New Collaborative Community Unfamiliar Purposeful storytelling Hope Free Meaningful Grounded Invigorating Inclusive Open Nature-centered Discomfort Authentic Home Warm Non-hierarchical Comfortable Personal Humanity-centered Raw Protective Safe Inspiring Decluttered Nurturing

Apathy Language Rushed pace Personal biases Time constraints Colonized mindsets Physical distance Loss

Not knowing where to start Fear of making mistakes Ego Wisdom for Indigenous-led

Research

Learn Listen Connect Share notes Keep fighting Talk with others Bring learnings back Hold more sharing circles

Meet people where they're at

Lack of respect for Indigenous researchers Lack of patience Fickle leadership Lack of sustainable funding models Lack of action Emotional investment from leadership Lack of depth in learning Institutional betrayal Institutional violence Underdeveloped institutional incentives Lack of knowledge of good relationships Structures not in support of relationship-building Needing proof that research matters Unsupportive systems Fear of hurting others Existing rigid processes are hard to change Lack of long term, sustained, reciprocal relationships across generations Unlearning Not rushing the process Revise processes to be more inclusive Reorient research spaces Call people in Create a safe space to make mistakes Try to be the best ally I can be Lead with humility Bring feelings into spaces and circles Recognize our sovereignties are intertwined Talk to people outside work Have honest conversations Connect with faculty and students Make more connections Have courage to challenge systems Build a team with aligning values Support aligning initiatives Community-oriented action Embrace stillness and silence Bring the strength of the circle into battles for change Have gratitude for change Draw a picture Believe in change Be mindful of others' gifts

## Leadership lacks vision for a new way





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