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## Week 21 Focus: Collaboration

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**Focus Question:** Where are you needing to collaborate so that you can enhance the impact of your work?

### Description

Collaboration in today's business context can take a number of forms – from Joint Ventures, to Co-Facilitation, Collaboration and Co-Leading. What are the different partnerships you engage with?

Great partnerships don't just happen. They are usually created with some intention. They are often planned.

It can be valuable to spend some time to plan your collaboration by asking:

- What do you want to get out of the collaboration?
- What skills do you bring?
- How are you complimentary?
- What's really important as an outcome in this work?
- What's really important as a process in this work?
- Where is it not a good idea to collaborate?
- What will you do to provide feedback to each other?

### Activity

Identify the collaborations you are a part of right now? What conversations need to be had?

With your major tasks and projects for the next few months, what new partnerships and collaboration opportunities are needed? What requires attention?

Also refer to the Collaboration Download as part of Episode 7 as part of the Remote Pathways Podcast. Listen in on your favorite podcast player or at RemotePathways.com

**For more on this topic check out:**

Teams365 #1152 - 5 Ingredients for Successful Team Leader Collaboration

**"...Learning to collaborate is part of equipping yourself for effectiveness, problem solving, innovation and life-long learning in an ever-changing networked economy."**

Don Tapscott

### Did you know...

Core skills for collaboration, and partnering, include:

- Trust
- Candor
- Connection
- Self-awareness
- Working Across Differences
- Relationship Development

Where are you as a team with all of these? What areas do you need to develop in?