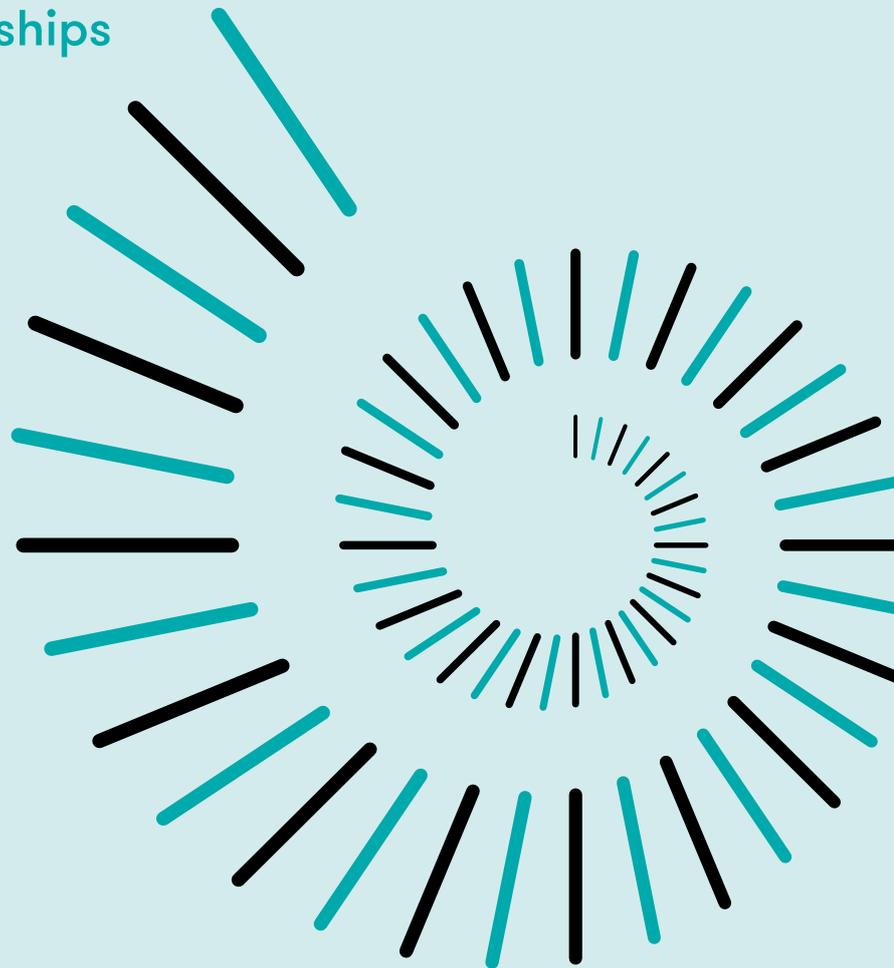


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Conversation starters

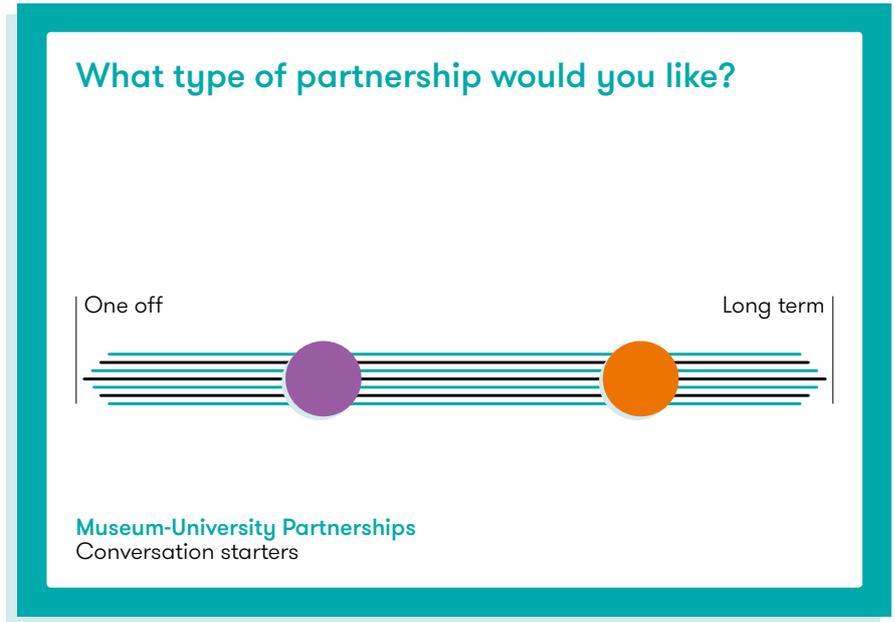


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Using the scales

These scales are a useful way to stimulate conversations about the nature of your museum-university partnership.

- Each organisation takes a set of coloured counters
- Each organisation considers each of the statements and places their counters on the scale, indicating how they would like the partnership to function, as shown here:



Agreeing the nature of your partnership

Working together:

- Look at each statement and compare where you have placed the counters—where are you similar and where are you different?
- Discuss these similarities and differences exploring:
 - Areas where you have or can come to a shared view
 - Areas in which you can compromise
 - Areas that will need more work

Caution

Don't forget that terminology may differ between organisations. Ensure you've discussed any differences in your understandings—it may change where you place your counters.



Top tips



- Don't forget that there is no 'right or wrong' answer to any of these statements. Mapping out everybody's aspirations and assumptions gives you the chance to discuss potential sticking points in advance, and try to find ways to work around or with them
- Some of these scales may not be relevant to your partnership—so choose the ones that are most helpful
- Some of the scales are best considered right at the start of the partnership, whereas others may have value as your partnership develops. Consider using the scales as a way of checking in

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