HOW TO USE THE CULTURAL COMPASS

This is a tool to assist anyone to consider the impact of their decisions on culture.

1. Think of the decision or situation you need to consider.
2. Look at the elements on the outer edge of the compass.
3. Select the element that interests you.
4. Consider and explore the questions for that element.

BE CURIOUS. BE WISE.
VALUES

Principles of behaviour that reflect what is most important in life.

Belonging
fitting in and feeling part of the community?

Trust
certainty in the capability, reliability & honesty of the community?

Respect
regard for others in the community?

Dignity
worthiness & feeling respected?

INTERACTION

The process of exchange between people.

Involvement
ability to get together with others in the community?

Enrichment
achievement, personal development & fulfillment?

Contribution
capacity & motivation to participate and contribute to the community & decision making?

CREATIVITY

The process of generating original ideas & bringing them to life.

Curiosity
inquisitiveness & the desire to know more?

Insight
self-awareness of their own thinking & behaviour?

Synergy
an affinity with each other?

Place
meaning of the surrounding environment?

Nature
connection to the natural world?

CONNECTION

The affinity people have with self, each other, place & nature.

Integrity
being able to uphold, celebrate & renew rituals, beliefs & traditions?

Awareness
being informed, prepared & capable to forecast, plan & respond to diverse challenges?

Confidence
the belief that the community will respond constructively to diverse challenges?

Innovation
capacity to effectively apply ideas to create value & generate solutions?

Innovation to diversify?
the belief that the community will respond constructively to diverse challenges?

Integrity
the capacity of the community to endure, predict & respond.

RESILIENCE

The sense, feeling & ambience of a place.

Meaning
connection with the stories that are symbolised, represented & expressed?

Aesthetic
resonance with the visual character of the place?

VIBE
The sense of belonging & experience of place.

Mood
the prevailing feeling of the spirit & character of a place?

Mindset
the outlook & general perspectives of the community on the world?
CULTURAL COMPASS

Culture is the set of distinctive spiritual, material, intellectual, and emotional features of society or a social group, and that it encompasses, in addition to art and literature, lifestyles, ways of living together, value systems, traditions and beliefs.

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