**Collaboration**

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**Collaboration** is working with each other to do a task and to achieve shared goals.[[1]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Collaboration#cite_note-1) It is a [**recursive**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Recursion)[**[2]**](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Collaboration#cite_note-2) **process** where two or more people or [organizations](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Organization) work together to realize **shared goals,** (this is more than the intersection of common goals seen in co-operative ventures, but a deep, collective, determination to reach an identical objective) — for example, an endeavor[[3]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Collaboration#cite_note-3)[[4]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Collaboration#cite_note-4) that is creative in nature[[5]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Collaboration#cite_note-5)—by **sharing knowledge**, **learning** and **building consensus**.

Most collaboration requires [leadership](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Leadership), although the form of leadership can be social within a [decentralized](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Decentralized) and [egalitarian](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Egalitarian) group.[[6]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Collaboration#cite_note-spencelecture-6) In particular, teams that work collaboratively can obtain greater resources, recognition and reward when facing competition for finite resources.[[7]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Collaboration#cite_note-wagner_and_leydesdorff-7) Collaboration is also present in opposing goals exhibiting the notion of [adversarial collaboration](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Adversarial_collaboration), though this is not a common case for using the word.

**Recursive Process:** of, relating to, or constituting a procedure that can repeat itself indefinitely

**Shared Goal**: something that a team or group of individuals is trying to do or achieve

**Shared Knowledge:** the fact or condition of being collectively aware of something (2)**:** the range of a group’s information or understanding

**Consensus**: a general agreement about something: an idea or opinion that is shared by all the people in a group

**Learning**: the activity or process of gaining knowledge or skill by studying, practicing, being taught, or experiencing something: the activity of someone who learns

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