

“ I have found that ‘caring’ and ‘sharing’, when practiced in good faith, are powerful in their impact, particularly when productivity gain is seen not as a goal in itself but as a means to enhance life for all.”

GJ (Dick) Dusseldorp AO

## DUSSELDORP FORUM VALUES

Our core values stem directly from the deeply held beliefs and practices of the Forum’s founder GJ (Dick) Dusseldorp. They underpin our guiding principles and inform our relationships and actions.

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### Independence

We are an independent foundation that funds our own work. We are not politically or commercially aligned and therefore able to convene and facilitate across sectors from a non-partisan platform.

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### Innovation

We value the ability to turn insurmountable obstacles into opportunities and creative solutions. We look to support individuals and organisations that take risks to challenge the status quo and shine a light on the way forward.

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### Integration

We value bringing together diverse individuals, communities, governments and organisations around a common interest to create sustainable solutions to complex problems.

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### Integrity

We value open and respectful relationships that are built on trust and transparency.

## PRINCIPLES

These principles are a checklist of attributes and behaviours that we look for when assessing potential partnerships. They also provide an outline of our expectations of our partner relationships.

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### Opportunity

We acknowledge that barriers exist for some young people more than others and that multiple factors affect their ability to thrive. We look for partnerships that redress inequality and ensure greater opportunity for young people.

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### Active engagement

We are an organisation that is engaged in its partnerships and relationships. We look for partners who can benefit from more than funding support with a focus on strengthening capacity, capabilities and credibility to increase their impact.

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### Systemic change

We have a strategic focus on system change and look to organisations that are focused on system barriers and their solutions.

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### Measurable impact

Being able to measure and show impact is a vital part of creating social and system change. Building an evidence base is an essential component in our partnerships.

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### Sustainability

We look to partner with organisations that take a long-term view and have considered their future path to sustainability.

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### Community led

We expect and resource the genuine engagement of community leadership in the design and delivery of solutions.

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### Collaboration

We believe in the power of working together to solve complex problems and want to work with others who demonstrate this belief. We value the open source ethos of making what we learn freely available, shareable and open for others to build upon.