

Collaboration Without Extraction: Starter Kit

Tools for research, teaching, and partnership work (template)

What this is

- These tools translate the “Collaboration Without Extraction” framework into a few repeatable moves you can use in research, teaching, writing, and partnership work.
- Use any single tool on its own, or use all three as a quick workflow: Pause / Pivot / Proceed → Credit Language → Pay, Pace, Repair.

Five-point practice (quick check)

- Consent: clarify name choice, scope, and comfort; treat consent as ongoing.
- Usefulness: ask what this makes possible for directly impacted people (not just for you).
- Credit & circulation: name who taught you what and send attention back to their work.
- Pay & pace: pay when you can; match timelines to people’s lives, not your deadline.
- Risk & repair: ask “could this hurt someone if published?” and plan protections/repair.

Tool 1: Pause / Pivot / Proceed

- PAUSE when consent is shaky, the ask is unclear, or the person is not in a position to say no.
- PIVOT when usefulness is unclear or the project is structured around your timeline rather than community needs.
- PROCEED when consent is clear, usefulness is specific, credit is planned, compensation/timelines are discussed, and risk has been assessed.

Tool 2: Credit language (templates)

- Credit line (newsletter/organizing source): “This analysis builds from the writing and organizing work published in *The Fire Inside* (California Coalition for Women Prisoners).”
- Credit line (directly impacted expertise): “I learned this framework from directly impacted advocates and organizers; any errors are mine.”
- Circulation line (send attention back): “To support this work, follow/learn more at [ORG NAME + LINK] and share [RESOURCE/EVENT].”

Tool 3: Pay, Pace, Repair (prompts)

- Pay: What is your honorarium? If you can’t pay, what can you offer materially (food, childcare support, transport, copies, copies of outputs, etc.)?
- Pace: What timeline works for them? What are the no-contact windows? What does “follow-up” look like and when?
- Repair: If something causes harm (misquote, unwanted attention, retaliation risk), what is your plan to correct, remove, or revise? Who do you notify? How fast?

One sentence you can add today

- “If anything here feels off, you can pause or stop at any time, and we can adjust what is shared, how it’s used, and whether your name is attached.”