

CENTER for
URBAN RESEARCH,
TEACHING AND
OUTREACH



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**Democratic and Social Inclusion:
The Positionality of Engaged
Scholars & Universities**



Mission

The Center for Urban Research, Teaching & Outreach positions itself as an intellectual axis and key convener of programs that address issues central to affirming human rights and human dignity. In alignment with Marquette University's mission to "...search for truth (and) the discovery and sharing of knowledge," the Center facilitates collaborations that bring together a wide array of community and campus experts.

Guiding Values



Support Faculty Research



Support Undergraduate/Graduate Student Research



Serve as a Hub for Interdisciplinary Collaborations



Provide a Model for Engaged Scholarship



Fully Integrate Community Voices/Experts



Champion Engaged Scholarship In Promotion/Tenure



Strengthen Relationships Between Marquette University and the City Of Milwaukee



Advocacy?



PUBLIC ALLIES
Everyone Leads

Public Allies is a national movement committed to advancing social justice and equity by engaging and activating the leadership of all young people.



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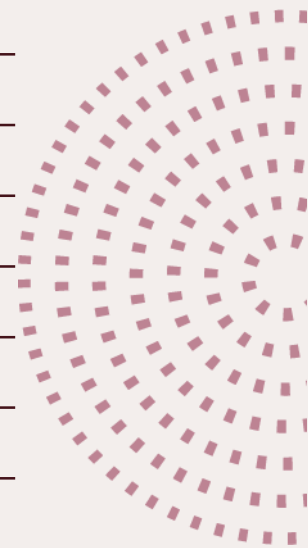
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Student Engagement & Internships

Center Projects

[Black & Latino/a Ecosystem and Support Transition Hub \(BLEST Hub\)](#)

[McNeely Prison Education Consortium \(MPEC\)](#)

[Education Preparedness Program \(EPP\)](#)

[MKE Roots: Democratizing Local History](#)

[Living for the City: The Black Middleclass in Milwaukee](#)

[EM Milwaukee](#)

Community- Based Projects

ABHM Resident Historian

Beckum-Stapleton Little League

Milwaukee County Human Rights Commission

March on Milwaukee

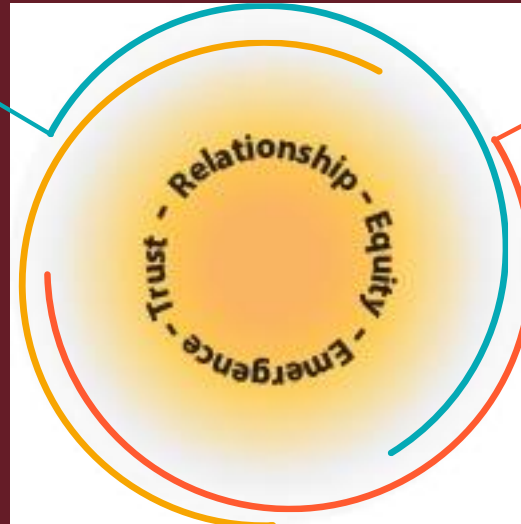
WisconsinCAN Community Digital Archive

Campus Voter Education
AGF Ambassadors
All Voting is Local
Campus Vote Project

From Systems Practice to Systems Change

Ecosystem Mapping

*Who, what,
where, and why
are we?*



Values-driven Dialogue

*What connects us,
and where are we
going?*

Emergent Action

*What will we
become and how do
we get there?*

EVE Approach



Ecosystem Mapping

Who are we?

Visualize the existing landscape

Identify & map our connections
and assets



Values-driven Dialogue

What connects us?

Understand and visualize our
organizing beliefs

Participatory systems mapping
and dialogue to explore
relationships



Emergent Action

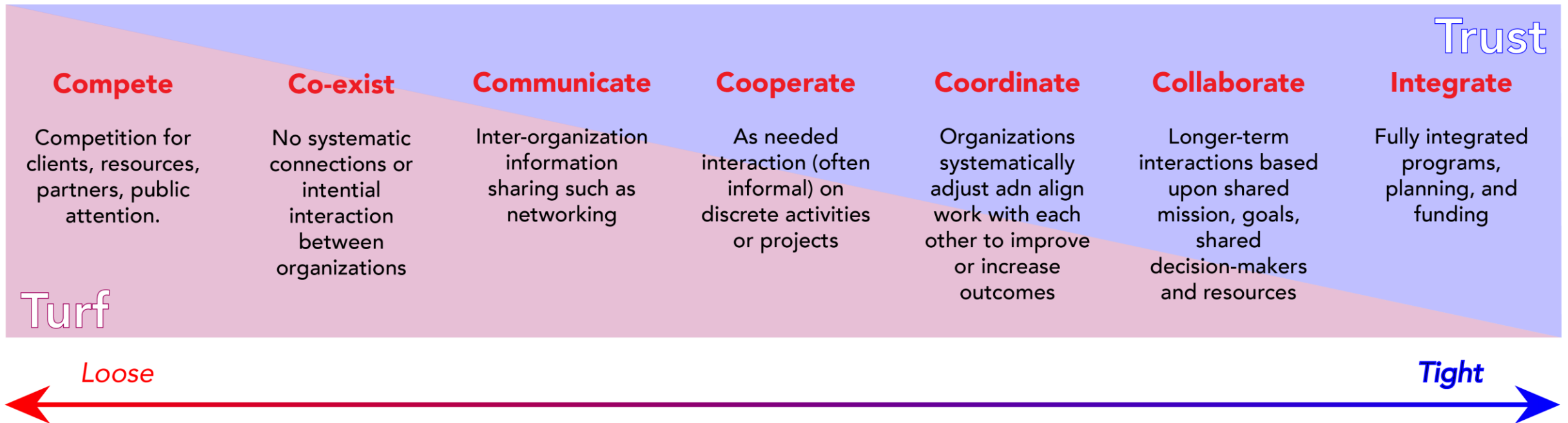
What do we want to become?

Build capacity and strategies for
learning and adaptation

Move forward based on
organizing values, assets, and
interests

The Power of Process → from Turf to Trust

The Collaboration Spectrum



Systems Practice → Four key mindsets

Seek Health

- Don't look for Silver bullet fixes
- System shifts/solutions need to be sustained

See Patterns

- Don't focus just on the problems
- Look for root causes, and see how they are connected to each other and effects ripple through the system

Unlock Change

- Don't force change to happen
- Systems change best when they change themselves

Plan to Adapt

- Don't "stay the course"
- Plan to "fail smart" – take small risks knowing that some will fail and trust the power of the process

**Let's
"PLAY"
first and
always!**

- [BLEST Hub](#)
- [COVIS 19 Vaccine Outreach](#)
- [Marquette University Equity & Inclusion](#)
- [MKE Roots](#)

- Mural.co



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