



PARTNERSHIP STATEMENT: Rethink the “Collaboration” Paradigm

The AGM believes in going beyond “collaboration.” Instead, the AGM explores contemporary notions of partnership. As a community hub for open conversation, the Gallery is committed to inclusiveness and to equal representation of thoughts and ideas. Partnership, however, goes beyond that. Partnership entails working with individuals and other organizations in order to bring forward a result that is much greater than the sum of its parts.

Partnership is the coming together of individuals, groups and/or institutions, collectively committed to the achievement of a common goal. Effective partnerships are sustained through defined participant roles, measures for success and are implemented through the sharing of knowledge, expertise, resources, recognition and power, leading to mutual benefit, growth, and lasting relationships.

Engage. Think. Inspire. This phrase opens the dialogue at the AGM as well as informs our partnership philosophy. The AGM aims to further its vision to be “a centre for ideas and social experimentation where art is the catalyst for connecting.” The AGM works with people and organizations that reflect and actively engage with the social fabric of the city of Mississauga. The focus is on innovative ideas and critical thinking, inspired by visual art and enhanced and augmented by the particular philosophy and skill set of the partner individual or organization.

Art does not occur in a vacuum and just as it is diverse in theme and media, the AGM recognizes the need to modernize programming practices and critical approaches to creatively involve plural voices in ways that are empowering, nuanced, and enriching. The AGM aims to push the envelope and to develop new ways of engaging with visual art. Essential to this is the exploration of ideas and expertise that are not necessarily part of the AGM purview, however still reflect the values in which the AGM believes.

Partnership is true collaboration. Equal opportunity for ideas and implementation strategies is key. Challenge and discomfort are viewed as learning opportunities, and the AGM welcomes curiosity and inquiry as check-ins for progressive/progressing thinking.

Engage. Think. Inspire. The AGM cannot do this alone. Re-think the “collaboration” paradigm. Partner with the AGM.



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