# UNDERSTANDING **CO-RESEARCH** SPACES

THIS GUIDE EXPLORES HOW EMOTION WORDS CAN BE USED AS A TOOL TO **ENCOURAGE DISCUSSION AND REFLECTION ABOUT CO-RESEARCH SPACES.** 



### **1. IDENTIFY PROMPTS AND KEY** LEARNING MOMENTS

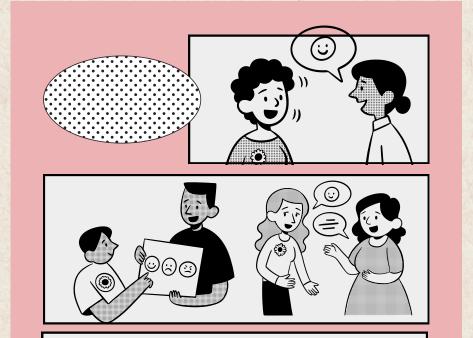
Identify questions and key learning moments from your time together as a co-research team. Questions that consider the experience of creating a co-research space such as, 'What does it feel like to engage as a co-researcher?' can be useful starting points to encourage a range of perspectives.





## 2. INTRODUCE EMOTION WORDS

Once prompts or questions have been decided upon, researchers can use emotion words as a resource for encouraging discussion and reflection. The accompanying word bank is intended to help articulate everyone's experience of engaging with a co-research space. Include blank paper for people to contribute words to the word bank.





#### **3. DISCUSS AND EXPLORE** TOGETHER

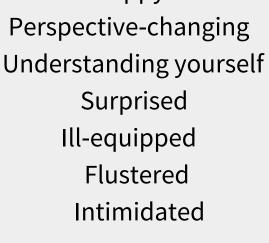
Encourage anyone who feels comfortable to expand upon their choice of words. What do you want people to know about the experience of cocreating research? What is important to share and how can we keep talking about these elements of co-research spaces and practice?

Once you've identified the emotion words and expanded upon these, can you work together to share your insights. Youth researchers have engaged in research conversations building upon their identified emotions, drawn doodles relating to the words and collaborated on a 'Dear Researcher' letter highlighting factors they considered important in collaborative research spaces. What could your co-research team create to spread the word?

# WORD BANK

Valued Hopeful Safe Heard Comfortable Fortunate Trusted Privileged Encouraged Included Inspired Excited Express yourself Respected Confident **Motivated** Empowered Purposeful Knowledgeable Engaged Challenged Supported Equipped **Up-skilled** Royal Independent Нарру

Sad Annoyed **Powerless** Worried Confused Overwhelmed A bit silly Stuck Angry Unsupported Awkward **Frustrated** Let Down Vulnerable Misunderstood Anxious Deceived **Embarrassed** Bored Lacking purpose Connected Nervous Ignored Weird Proud Seen Part of a team Shy Lost Scared Over-joyed Upset Had fun Overthinking



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