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Telling Our Stories and Celebrating Our Success:

A model for First Nations place-based evaluation using culture as a foundation

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Place-Based Monitoring and Evaluation:

- *Recognizes that wellbeing and prosperity of First Nations are linked to the land.*
- *Respects and values local knowledge, traditions, and perspectives.*
- *Engages community members and citizens in all phases of the monitoring and evaluation process.*
- *Is inherently a decolonizing process that is grounded in First Nations ways of knowing and focuses on strengths-based approaches.*
- *Recognizes the importance of storytelling, oral histories, and traditional knowledge systems.*
- *Is grounded in shared power.*
- *Nurtures respectful, trusting, and reciprocal relationships.*
- *Empowers communities and supports self-determination.*
- *Captures the interconnectedness of First Nations physical, social, and spiritual dime.*

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Objectives for Today

- *Provide an overview of the Telling our Stories, Celebrating our Successes Model for Forst Nations Place-Based Monitoring and Evaluation.*
- *Explore the relational nature of place-based monitoring and evaluation within local contexts.*
- *Identify opportunities for applying the model to community health planning.*

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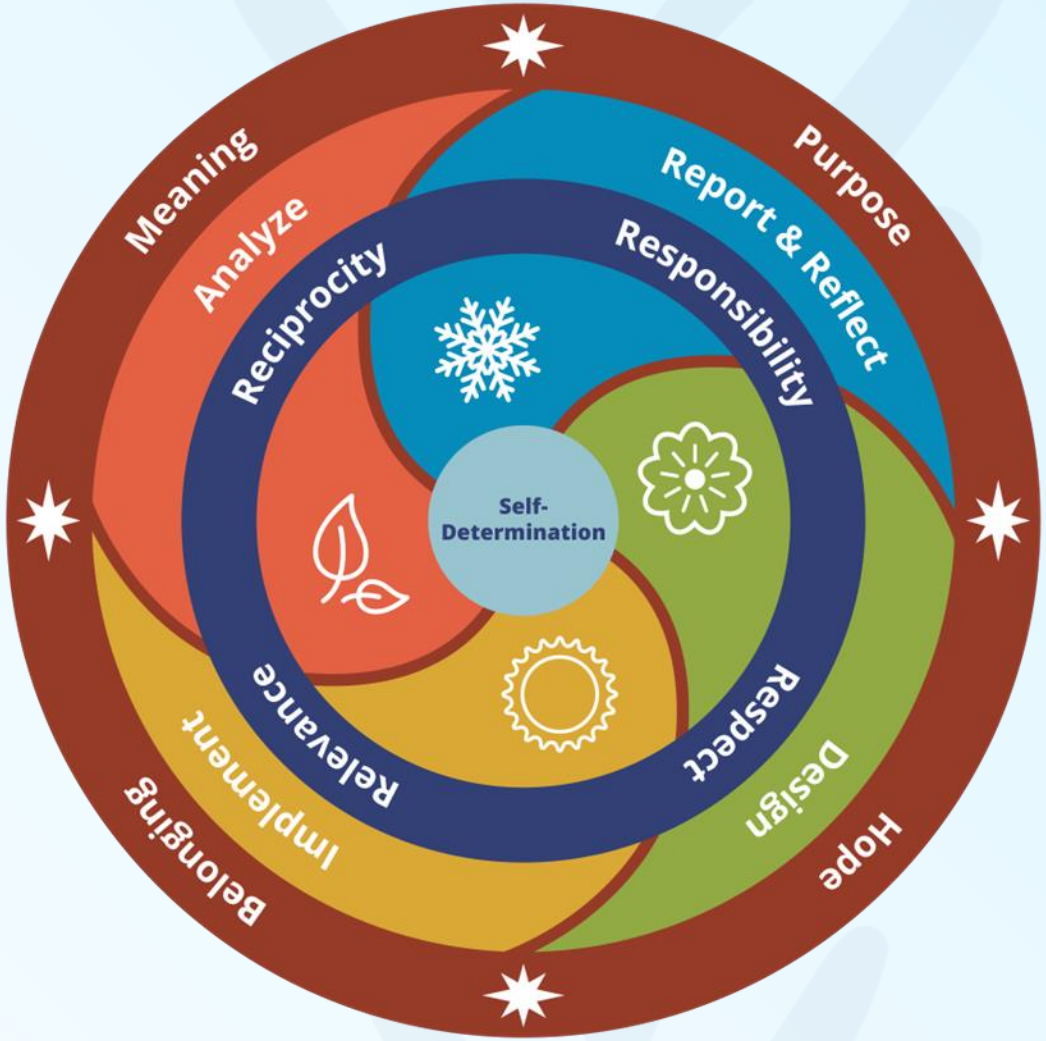
Telling our Stories, Celebrating our Successes: Model for First Nations Monitoring and Evaluation

Legend	
	Goal: To enable and support self-determination through place-based monitoring and evaluation
	Culture as a foundation for place-based monitoring and evaluation
	Objective: To realize Hope, Belonging, Meaning, and Purpose through place-based monitoring and evaluation
	The Spark: The recovery, creation, sharing, and protection of First Nations knowledges and knowledge systems through place-based monitoring and evaluation.
	Good and meaningful relationships lead to good and meaningful place-based monitoring and evaluation
	Values: Respect, Relevance, Reciprocity, and Responsibility
	Spring Phase: Design
	Summer Phase: Implement
	Fall Phase: Analyze
	Winter Phase: Reflect and Report



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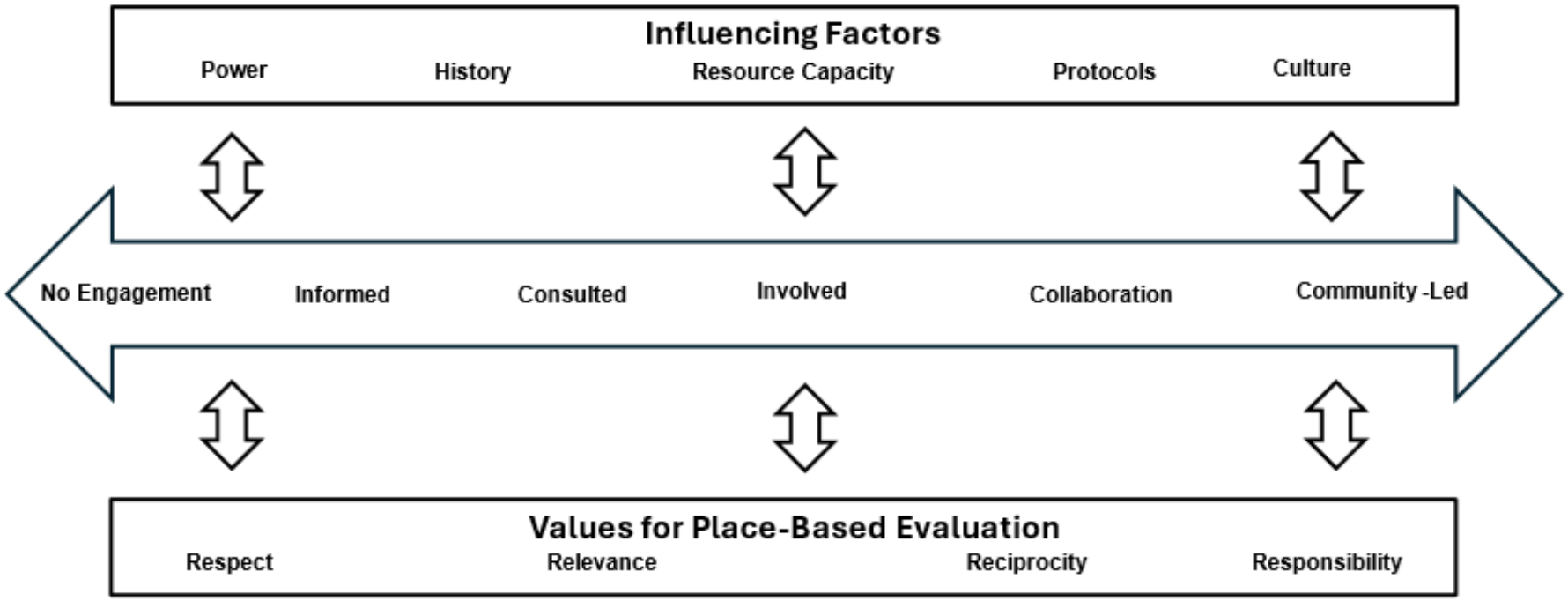
Continuum of Engagement in Placed -Based Monitoring And Evaluation



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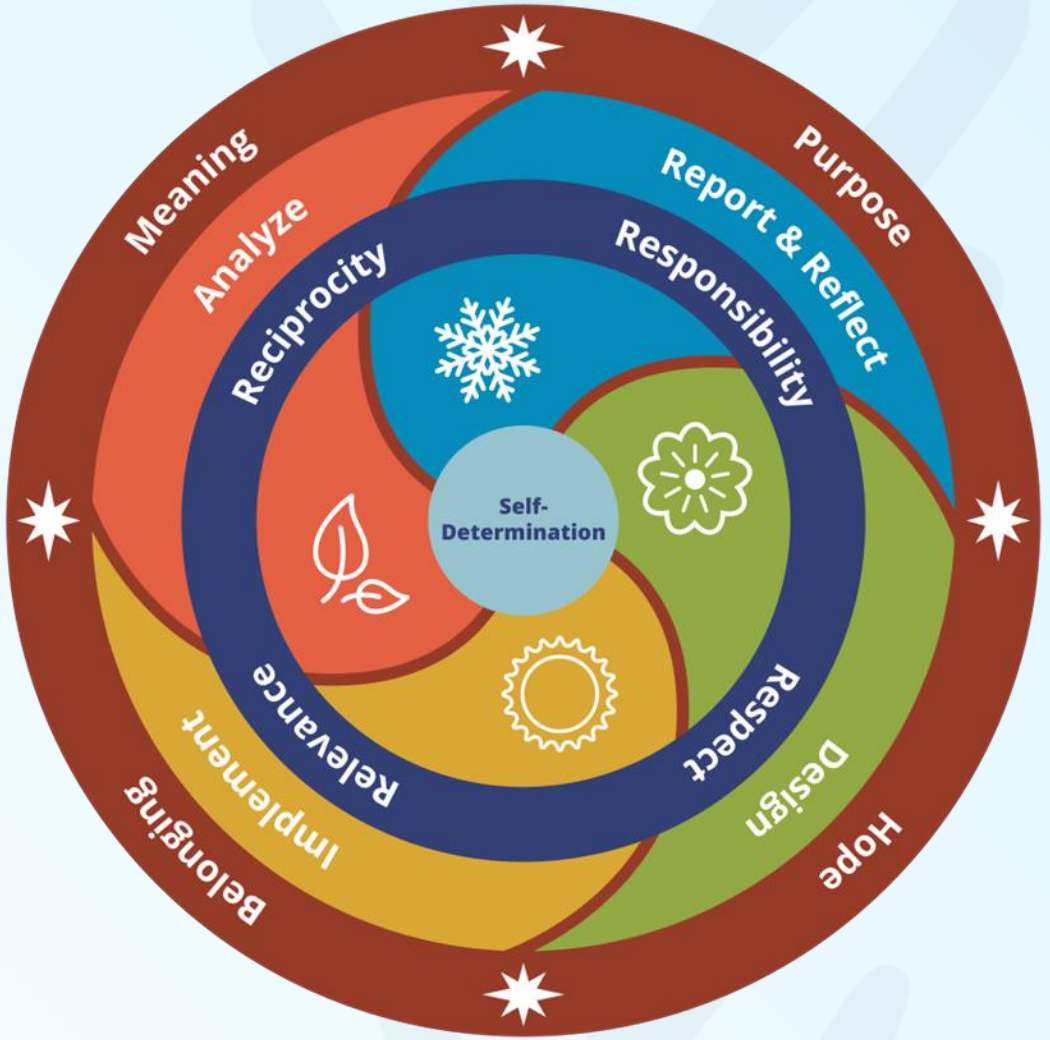
Values

The 4 Rs:

- *Respect*
- *Relevance*
- *Reciprocity*
- *Responsibility*



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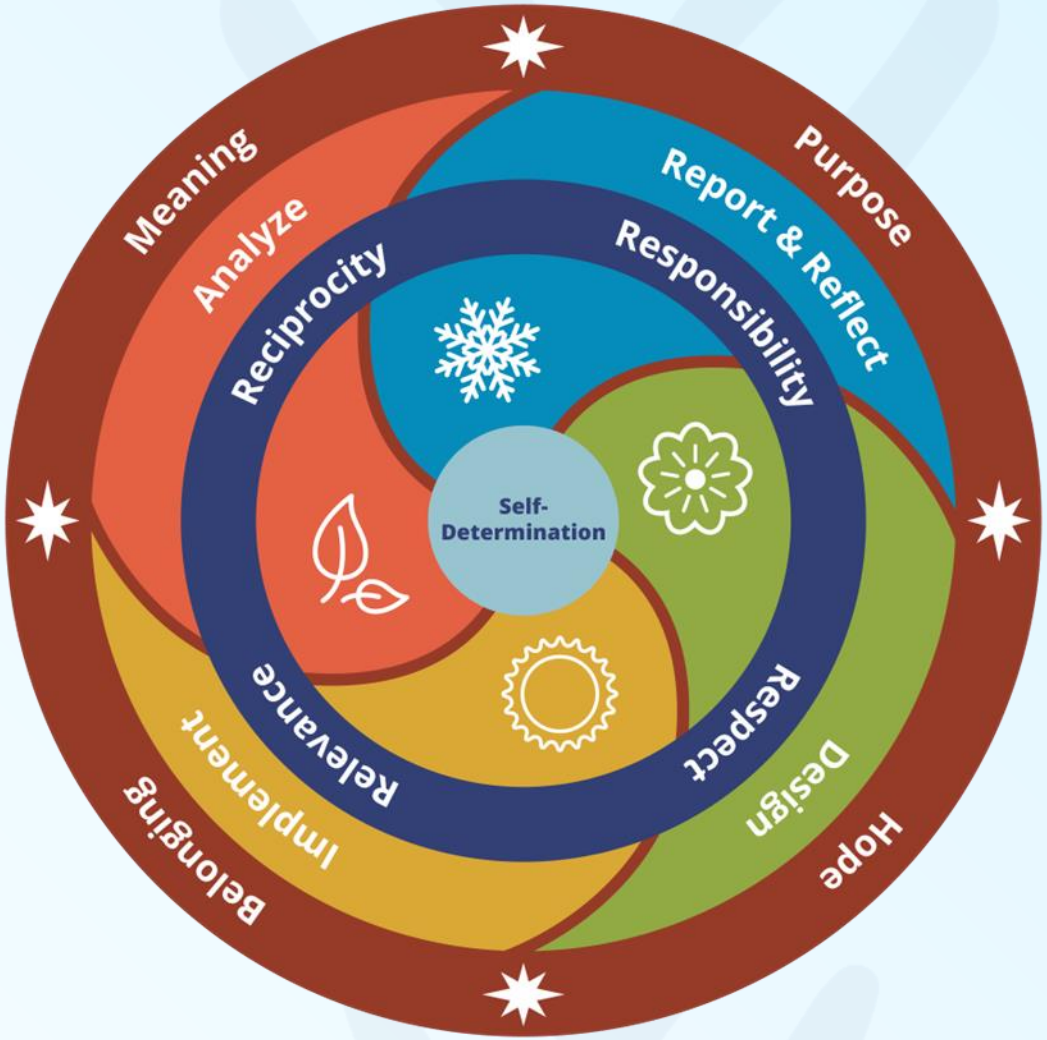
Respectful Evaluation:

- Centres *First Nations as experts* in knowing what is best for their communities and Nations.
- Acknowledges and supports the ***diversity*** of First Nations cultures and worldviews.
- Is *flexible*, *fluid*, and *iterative*.

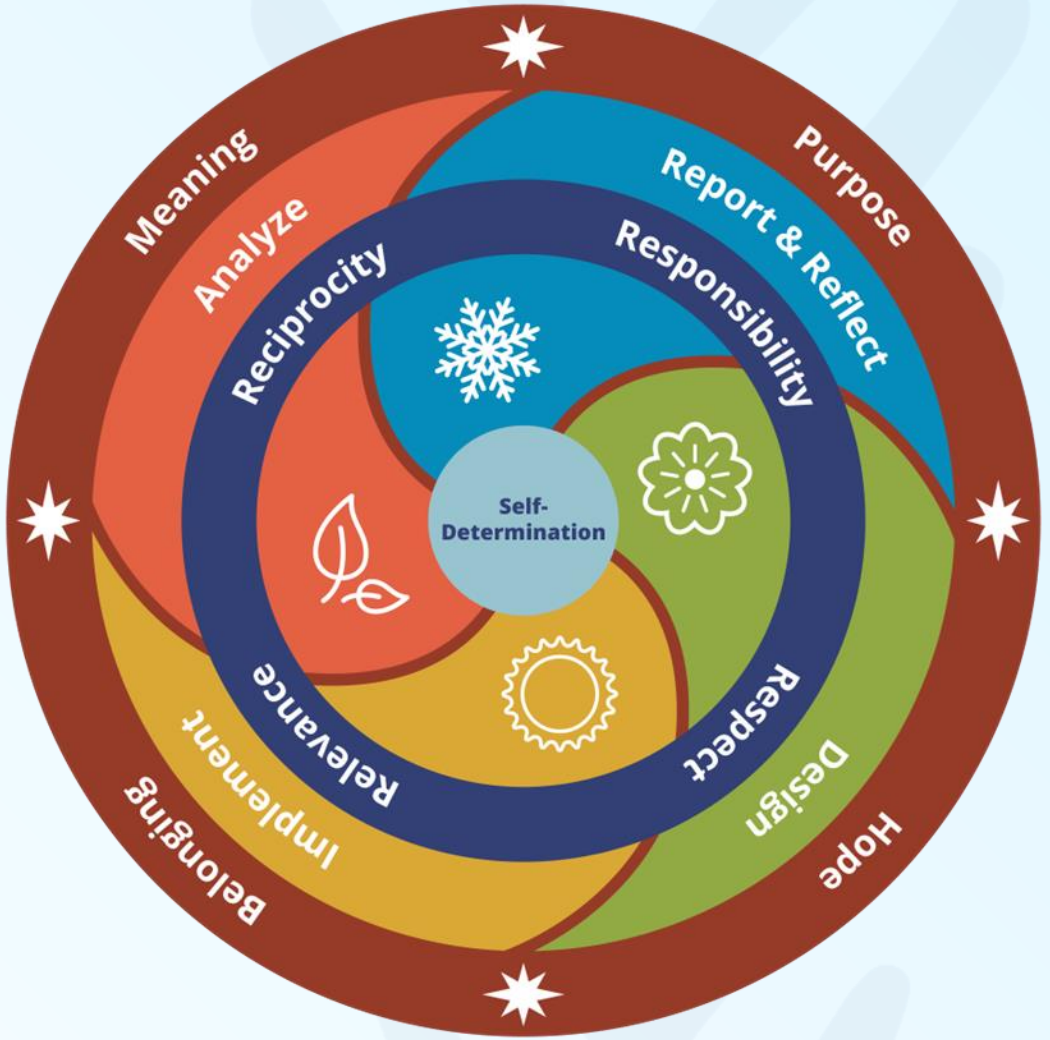
Relevant Evaluation:

- Employs *decolonized* methods and measures wherever possible.
- Ensures that outcomes are *relevant and meaningful* to First Nations.
- Is *transformative*.



Reciprocal Evaluation:

- Fosters *mutual accountability* between the funder and funding recipient.
- Fosters and supports *reconciliation* and supports *equity.*
- *Benefits community* and supports the building and sustainability of *community capacity*.



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Responsible Evaluation:

- Uses *strengths-based and deficits-based* approaches.
- Is *trauma-informed* and *culturally safe*.
- Is *culturally safe*.
- Promotes *data sovereignty* as a cornerstone to *self-determination.*

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What do these values and principles look like in practice?

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How could this Model be applied to support Health Managers to engage in the evaluation of community health and wellness plans?

- The potential benefits of using this model.
- The potential barriers or challenges that you might face in trying to implement this model.
- How the model would need to be adapted to meet your needs.

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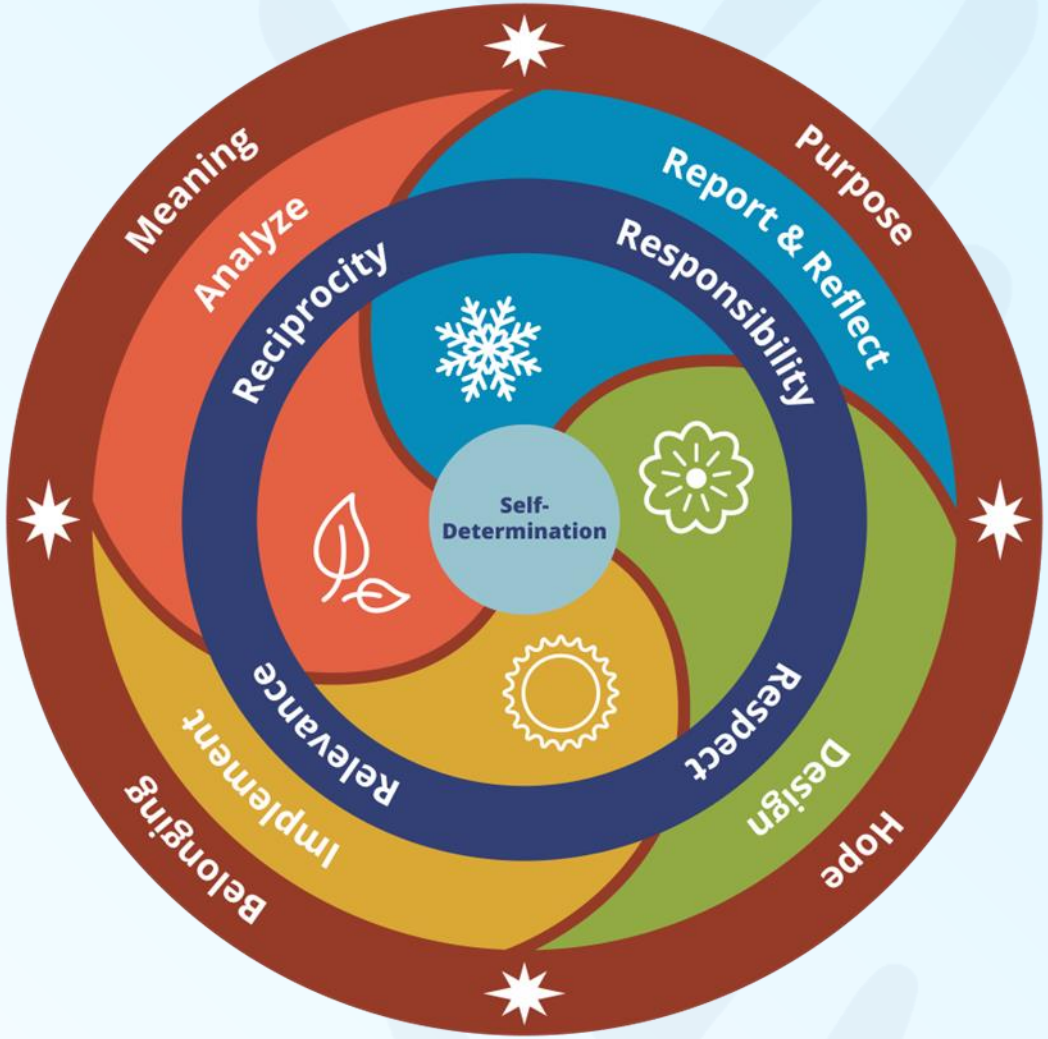
Comments
Reflections
Questions



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