

## Who to interact with? Who are the living memories?

Elders are certainly essential resources for the documentation of history. Through their experiences and memories, collective history is experienced. Other people may also hold a page of history. From one meeting to another, the list of people to meet frequently grows. This is a good sign! This is the basis of history emerging.

There is no particular profile for a living memory.

Age, gender as well as personal and professional experience may vary. This variety brings strength to the results of the consultation and collection, as it allows for various points of view of the same situation. It should be noted that people who are less often solicited, such as those who do not often speak on television, in the media, or in public, may present lesser-known aspects of a subject. Therefore, it is important to have a diversity of sources to allow for as many people as possible to be heard.



### Recognize and promote expertise

Cultural and oral knowledge is a unique and valuable expertise of our nations. It is common for people holding such knowledge to underestimate the value and wealth of what they have to transmit. In this case, it is important to take the time to explain to them the reasons why we were referred to them and why they were chosen. By doing so, they may become aware of their importance.

Sharing culture and oral tradition is an expertise that also has a monetary value that must be acknowledged. Fees vary from one individual to another, from one community to another, from one sector to another. There is no standard. Therefore, we need to inquire about the participants' rates and the local rates. We can also establish a price list in accordance with the context, travel costs, etc.

### Pour aller plus loin...

#### Références de compensation (en PDF)

À notre connaissance, il n'existe pas de charte normalisée disponible publiquement pour la compensation des expertises culturelles. Il est toutefois important de vérifier auprès du milieu dans lequel nous œuvrons afin de connaître les procédures.

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