

## Discussion workshop regarding tangible heritage: archival photographs, objects, etc.

This workshop can be held among a community group, a family group or during individual interviews. Tangible heritage helps to revive memory. It encourages the expression of historical experience and facilitates exchanges and dialogue. Elders particularly like this type of activity.



### Objectives

- To reveal human interest stories.
- To document and collect views on past events.
- To document a specific know-how, location or aspect.
- To select people and/or situations that had a historical impact.

### Development process

#### PRIOR

##### 1. Identify items of tangible heritage that are relevant to the intent of the research project.

This tangible heritage can come from different sources. Personal or family heirlooms or photographs may be used. Conducting research in community, provincial or museum archives may be useful. Many museums provide online access to their collections. Photographs of objects may be useful during the workshop.

#### Option 1

A meeting in the presence of objects from museum collections can be organized in partnership with a museum institution.

#### Option 2

Workshop participants may be asked to bring photographs, objects, or other elements of their tangible and cultural heritage that they wish to share.

#### **DURING**

##### **1. Encourage spontaneous and open discussion.**

Discussion flows freely. Spontaneous questions may be asked as they come up to ensure understanding and to further develop documentation.

##### **2. Offer all participants the opportunity to speak.**

The facilitator ensures that all participants of a group have the opportunity to speak. It is recommended to record or take notes on what is said during the meeting. Photographs or video footage may also be taken to capture what was said during the meeting.

#### **SUBSEQUENTLY**

##### **1. Share all material stemming from the meeting.**

It is important to provide participants with the transcripts, photographs and videos for their personal archives and for content validation. This will ensure the consistency of the archived material.

Note: During meetings, it is important to demonstrate understanding regarding the choice of language used. If participants are more comfortable speaking in their native language, the use of an interpreter is recommended, to facilitate dialogue when necessary.