

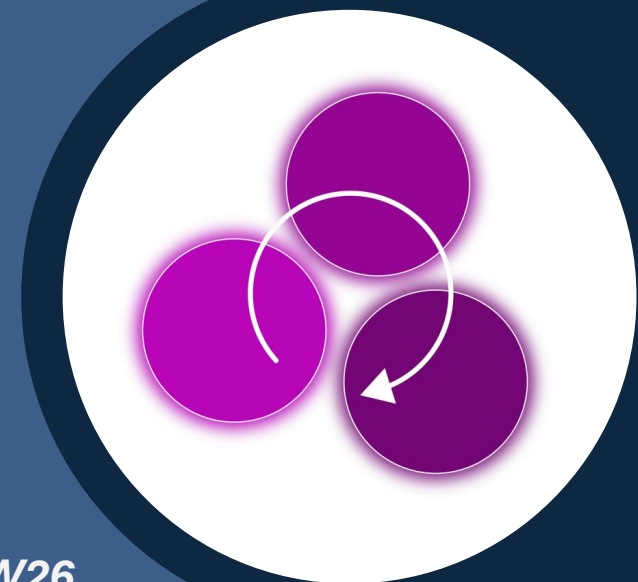
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Oops, did we do it right?

Lessons from Successful Collaborations



Presenting: Eleanor Broadway & Eva Fernandez Amez – CW26

Why is collaboration so important?

What is a collaboration?

- People working together toward a shared outcome
- Shared accountability
- Active, ongoing engagement

Diversity drives better research and innovation

Collaboration is essential for robust, sustainable and impactful work



- Collaborations can be highly successful... or struggle to maintain momentum
- Without structure, they can stall, lose time/resources, or damage relationships



- Successful collaborations don't happen by chance
- They require intentional design, strong foundations, and ongoing support



From Oops... to ...Aha!

We will:

- Map real collaboration journeys
- Reflect on support and skills
- Identify what helped and what was missing
- Explore what drives success or failure



Then, we will:

- Identify the key themes from your experiences
- Discuss gaps in training, resources, and support
- Explore how to better support future collaborations

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Discover who's doing what across the DRI community, including DRI landscape, funding opportunities and events

Central Hub

Funding to start, grow, sustain collaborations: new, existing, international.
Fellows, Placements&Visits, Retreats.

Support

Make collaborations easier by sharing knowledge and avoid reinvention!
Best practices, resources, ready-to-use templates.

How?

Performance
Assessment

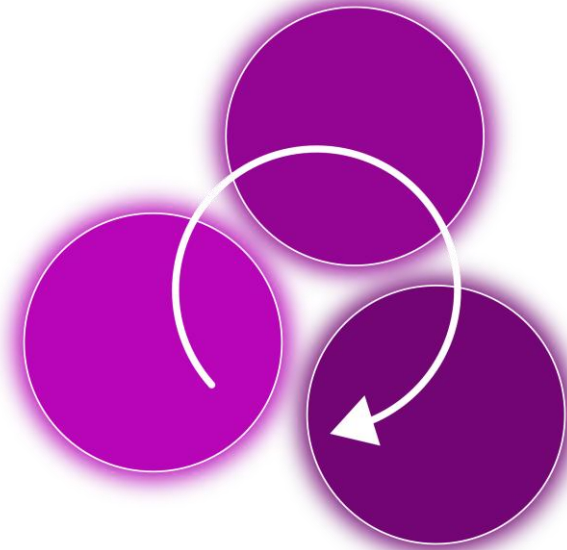
SHAREing will establish a UK-wide service where research groups and SMEs can submit their code for assessment.

Training &
Skills

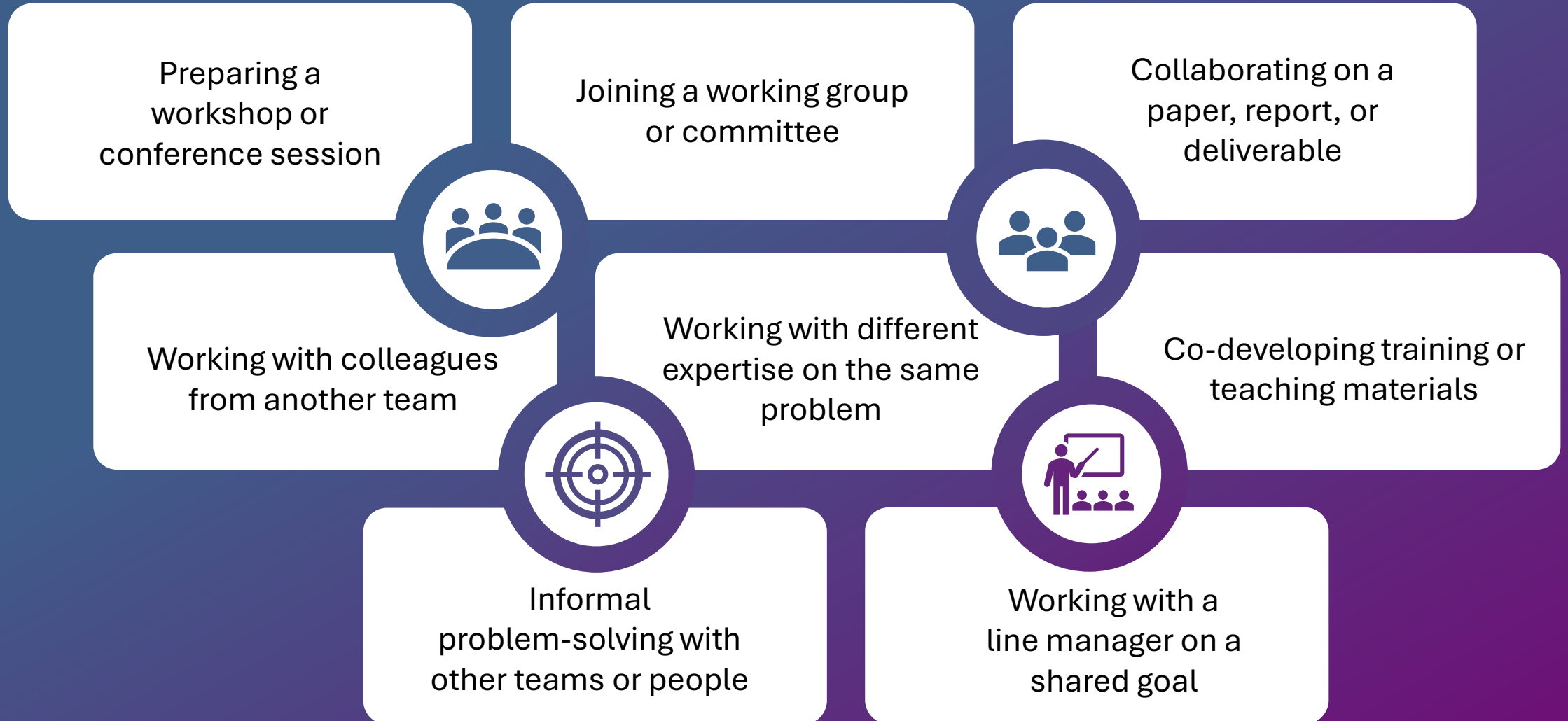
The creation of both technical and professional skills learning pathways for RTPs in the HPC landscape

Ecosystem &
Community

It aims to support skills development, knowledge exchange and community growth across the DRI ecosystem.



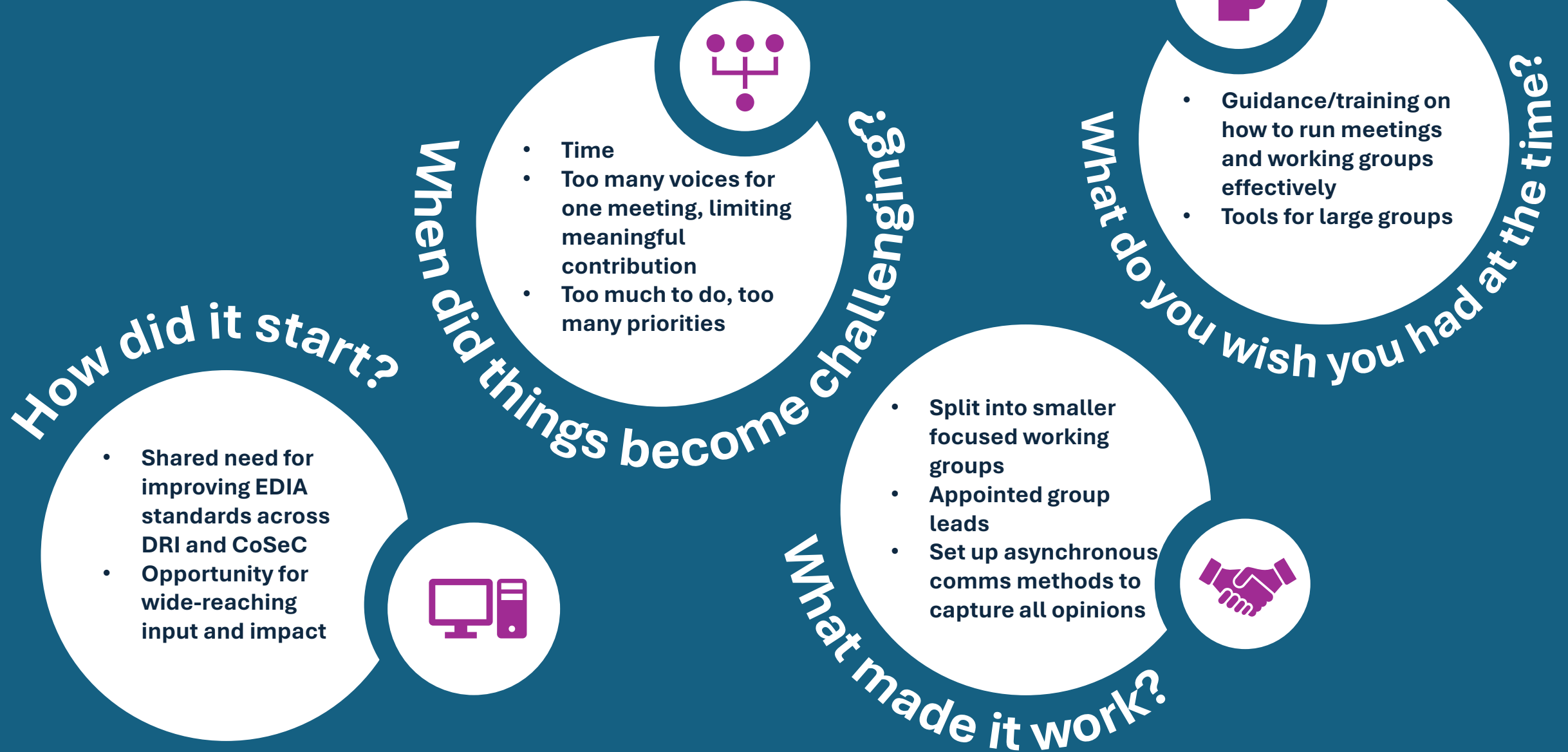
Yes, this counts as collaboration too



Collaboration Example



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Your Collaboration Journey

How did it start?

- What **triggered the start** of the collaboration? Opportunity, problem, shared interest?
- What were the **first steps**? i.e. agreeing on goals, outcomes, meetings?
- What **skills or support** were important at this stage?
- Would you do anything differently?

What do you wish you had at the time?

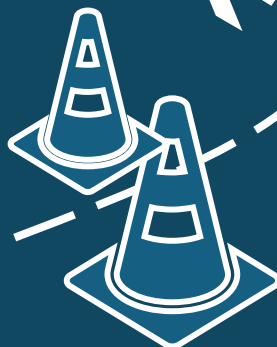
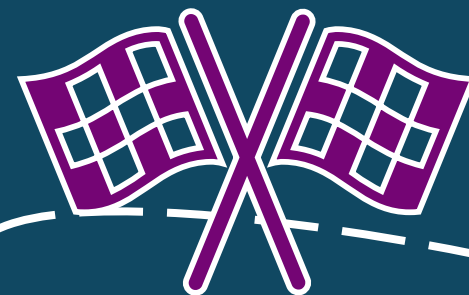
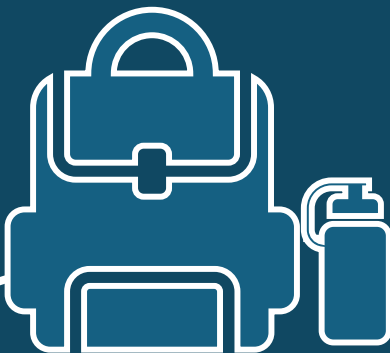
- What would have **made things easier** early on?
- Was there any **skill, knowledge, or support missing**?
- Would clearer communication or structure have **helped**?
- Did you **underestimate** time, effort, or complexity?
- What would you **do differently** now?

What made it work (or not)?

- What **helped** the collaboration succeed?
- What **didn't work as well as expected**?
- How did you **resolve challenges** along the way?
- What role did **communication** and **coordination** play?
- What would you say was the **key factor** in the outcome?

When did things become challenging?

- At what **point** did things become less straightforward?
- What **kind of challenges** came up? (communication, time, expectations, etc.)
- Were there any moments where **things nearly didn't work**?
- What **caused** the need for rework or iteration?



Your collaboration experiences



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Group Discussion – Shared Document

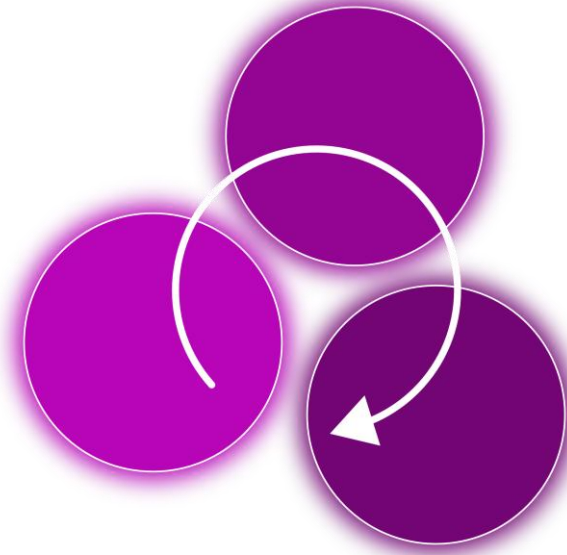


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