

Lighting the Way

imagining futures for archival discovery and delivery

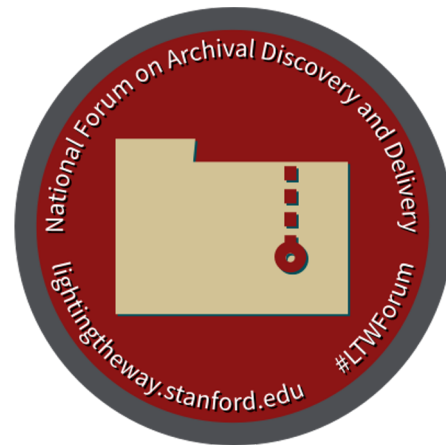
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The Project

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<https://lightingtheway.stanford.edu/>



Components of transformation

- Scope
- Shared principles
- Structures of influence

Scope

- What are you trying to accomplish?
- What are you not doing?
- With whom are you trying to accomplish it?

Scope in Lighting the Way

- Facilitating broad conversations on improving access and use for archives through meetings/written outputs
- Identification of three primary audiences: archives/library workers; technology workers; people with interest/expertise in ethical issues in archives
- Later recognition of importance of **interplay of people and systems** in supporting this work
- Limit to scope: no single solutions for all challenges

Shared principles

- How do we approach our work?
- What can we expect of one another?

Shared principles in Lighting the Way

- Project principles
- Community Agreements
- Code of Conduct
- <https://bit.ly/ltw-conduct>

Structures of influence

- How do you get support for the project and how do you apply that support?
- How do you leverage the power that you have?

Structures of influence in Lighting the Way

- Establishing an organizational commitment to use grant funds for participant travel costs
- Use of facilitation techniques drawn from anti-oppressive and distributed control-based frameworks (Liberating Structures, AORTA Collective)
- Disrupting problematic dynamics

Areas for discussion

- How do **scope, shared principles, and structures of influence** impact one another?
- How are these components negotiated or revisited?
- What components or factors beyond these three are important in transformational work?

Thank You!



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