Lighting the Way

imagining futures for archival discovery and delivery

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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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