



# Evaluation your way

Evaluation doesn't always happen on a group's own terms. It's often driven by reporting or funding needs. But evaluation can also be a valuable tool for learning and improvement. This quick activity helps you reflect on the gap between what you currently do and what you want to do.

## Step 1

Right now, why do you evaluate? Tick all that apply or add your own:

- To meet funding or reporting requirements
- To show accountability to stakeholders
- To collect data that we are required to report
- To justify ongoing funding
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**In your own words:**

We currently evaluate because:

## Step 2

In an ideal world, why would you evaluate? Tick all that apply or add your own:

- To learn what works and improve our program
- To support community priorities and wellbeing
- To inform decisions and future planning
- To strengthen community voice and ownership
- To share knowledge with others
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**In your own words:**

We would like to evaluate so that:

## Step 3

**Look at your answers above and think about the following:**

1. What feels different between your current reality and your ideal approach?
2. Are there any key gaps you notice?
3. What is currently stopping you from evaluating in the way you would like?
4. What is one practical action you could take to move closer to your ideal? (e.g. involve community voices, focus on learning questions, adjust how results are used).