On Our Terms Discussion Questions

We offer these questions as potential places to start conversations with your community, or with yourself. The questions below are adapted from the questions we asked the video participants during their interviews. Thank you for taking the time to consider the themes, ideas and stories in On Our Terms.

Land Acknowledgement:

- What is your relationship to the land?
- What is the purpose of a Land Acknowledgement?

Colonization:

- What does colonization mean to you?
- How has colonization (or a related concept) impacted your life?

Decolonization:

- Do you think decolonization is a buzzword? Do you find it to be a useful word? Why?
- What is the purpose of decolonization?
- What is one thing we/you can do to aid in the journey of decolonization?

Cultural Erasure:

- How does cultural erasure continue to happen today?
- How has cultural erasure affected you or your community?

Museum:

- What is your personal definition of a museum?
- Do you have a memory about museums to share?
- What do you believe is the biggest problem at museums? How could museums address these problems?

Consultation:

- How does reciprocity play a role in consultation?
- Have you ever been asked to consult on something because of your identity? How did it go?

Reciprocity:

- What does reciprocity mean to you?
- How do you develop a reciprocal relationship?
- How do you protect yourself or avoid extractive relationships?
Healing:

- What kind of spaces have helped you heal? What aspects of those spaces made them a place of healing?
- What does healing feel like to you?
- How do you help others heal when you have harmed them?

Celebration:

- What is a time when you felt celebrated for who you are?
- What's the difference between celebration, appreciation, and appropriation? What might those look like in practice?

Diversity:

- What is the benefit of diversity? Who benefits from a diverse space?
- How does it feel to be in a diverse space? What do you consider to be a diverse space?