

Collaboration

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When I hosted my four day feast my grandmother coached me on protocol, “go speak to so and so, go speak to this elder, go speak to the town chief.... and ask them ...what is necessary toto make this feast possible”. In retrospect what she was doing was coaching me to have these people as allies, and ask them how I should be doing certain ceremonies. With their information then we became a team. I felt that there was so much cultural knowledge still within the village but there was no place to express it. So whenever we had a feast, myself or some other member in the village, then this became the forum where all these thin threads were connecting. As we were connecting, [the threads] were all spiralling together, and so we had this thick rope connected to ancient knowledge. The more we worked within this very thin thread the stronger we became as people.

