

# Identifying Partners

## 5 Top Tips from Sarah and Becca

1. Exploit your connections! Contact everyone you know if there's even the slightest chance they could help you out. Colleagues, relatives, friends or neighbours- you'd be surprised who might have some useful ideas. The worst they can say is no!
2. Visit local places of interest (museums, libraries etc) and explain what you're up to. The staff may be able to point you in the right direction, or give you access to specific materials. Almost everyone we spoke to was so excited to meet young people who were interested heritage that they were falling over themselves to help out.
3. If you are trying to contact a particular partner and they take a while to get back to you- don't give up! Keep on emailing, calling or turning up in person until you get the chance to speak to someone
4. Some partnerships can be unexpected, but still really useful! For example, a local woman tweeted us to say that if we ever needed a space to work in, we were welcome to use her coffee shop (with all the cups of tea we wanted on the house!) Embrace these opportunities if they come along, they may come in handy.
5. Chances are you will get a few knockbacks, but that's okay. Our biggest tip would be- just stick your neck out, keep being cheeky and you might get lucky. If a partnership you've started doesn't work out keep on trying until you find the perfect fit.

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