

How We Gather

EarthHand Gleaners welcomes you to our local fibre community! We're thrilled that you've chosen to get involved in the work we do. Help us set our intention and container by reading and reflecting on the community fibre space we're creating.

All of us are needed here and all parts of each of us are essential.

You are no exception.

We gather together knowing that all living things desire intrinsically to move towards wholeness and belonging. We participate enthusiastically with an understanding that we are one voice of many, one perspective of many, one set of experiences and journeys of many. Just as rope bears more weight, or yarn gains more tensile strength by having different fibres moving in different directions, we recognize that difference is integral to our group's nimbleness, adaptability, and capacity to bear weight. We endeavour to hold our *own* experiences with gentle curiosity whether they be familiar or unfamiliar, comfortable or uncomfortable and strive to do so for our fellow participants, too. We surrender to the process, trusting that the product will be perfectly imperfect.

We gather as learners at different points along a continuum, recognizing that it takes trust and vulnerability to be here, behaving in accordance with our own values and assuming the good intentions of others. We learn to recognize racism, sexism, classism, ableism, transphobia, sizeism, ageism, and linguistic discrimination, and seek to be curious and self-aware about the ways we unconsciously internalize myths and misinformation about our own identities and the identities of other people. Knowing this, we choose our actions and words thoughtfully—not perfectly—knowing that they, and we, have power to shape our group experience by being our genuine selves. If any of this is beyond your interest or capacity, we ask that you carefully reflect on whether this space is the right one for you.

The journey is so much more human when there is room for everyone to show up as they are. We're so excited to create this shared container of inquiry and discovery together!

