



Ethical Space  
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Community Engagement

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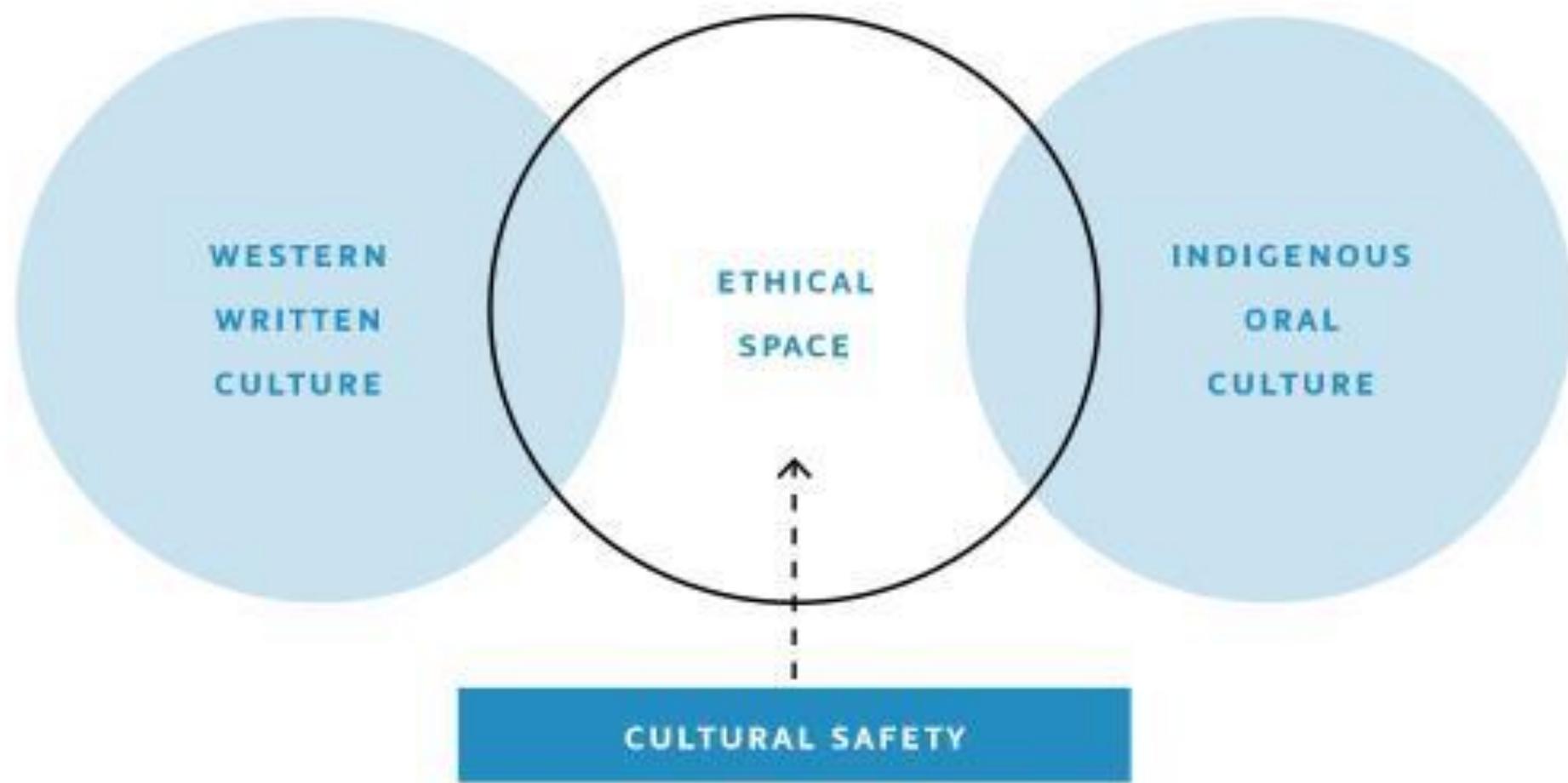


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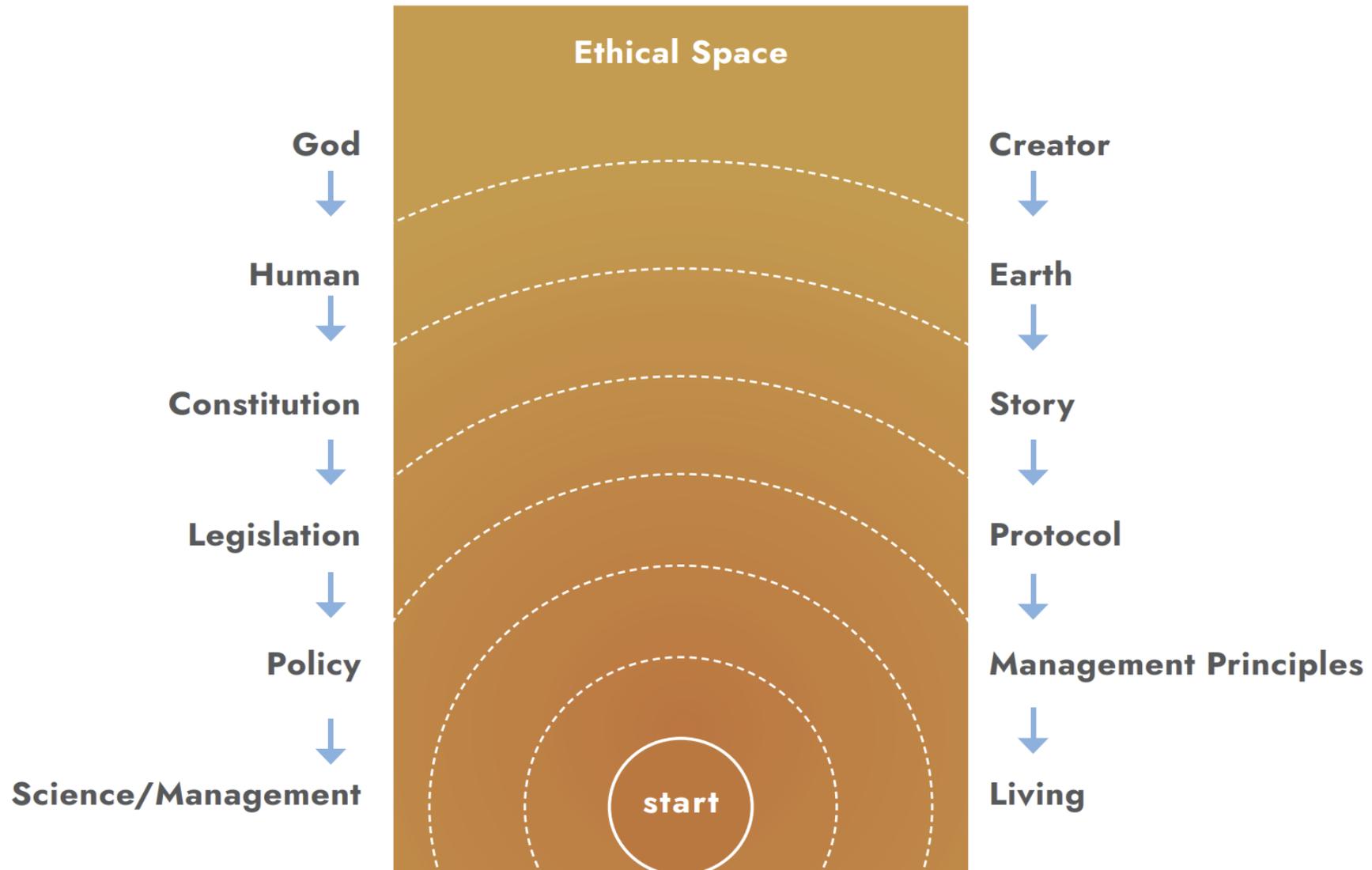
To serve as a guide to organizations to work more effectively with  
Indigenous Peoples for a more equitable world

# What is Ethical Space

- **Ethical space**, in the context of reconciliation, refers to a conceptual and relational framework where Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples can engage with one another respectfully, based on mutual recognition of their distinct worldviews, legal systems, and knowledge traditions.
- In terms of **reconciliation**, ethical space becomes the **meeting ground** for truth-telling, shared understanding, and collaborative decision-making. It allows for dialogue that is not dominated by one worldview (typically Western), but instead honors **Indigenous sovereignty, cultural protocols, and historical experiences**—especially in light of colonization and systemic injustices.

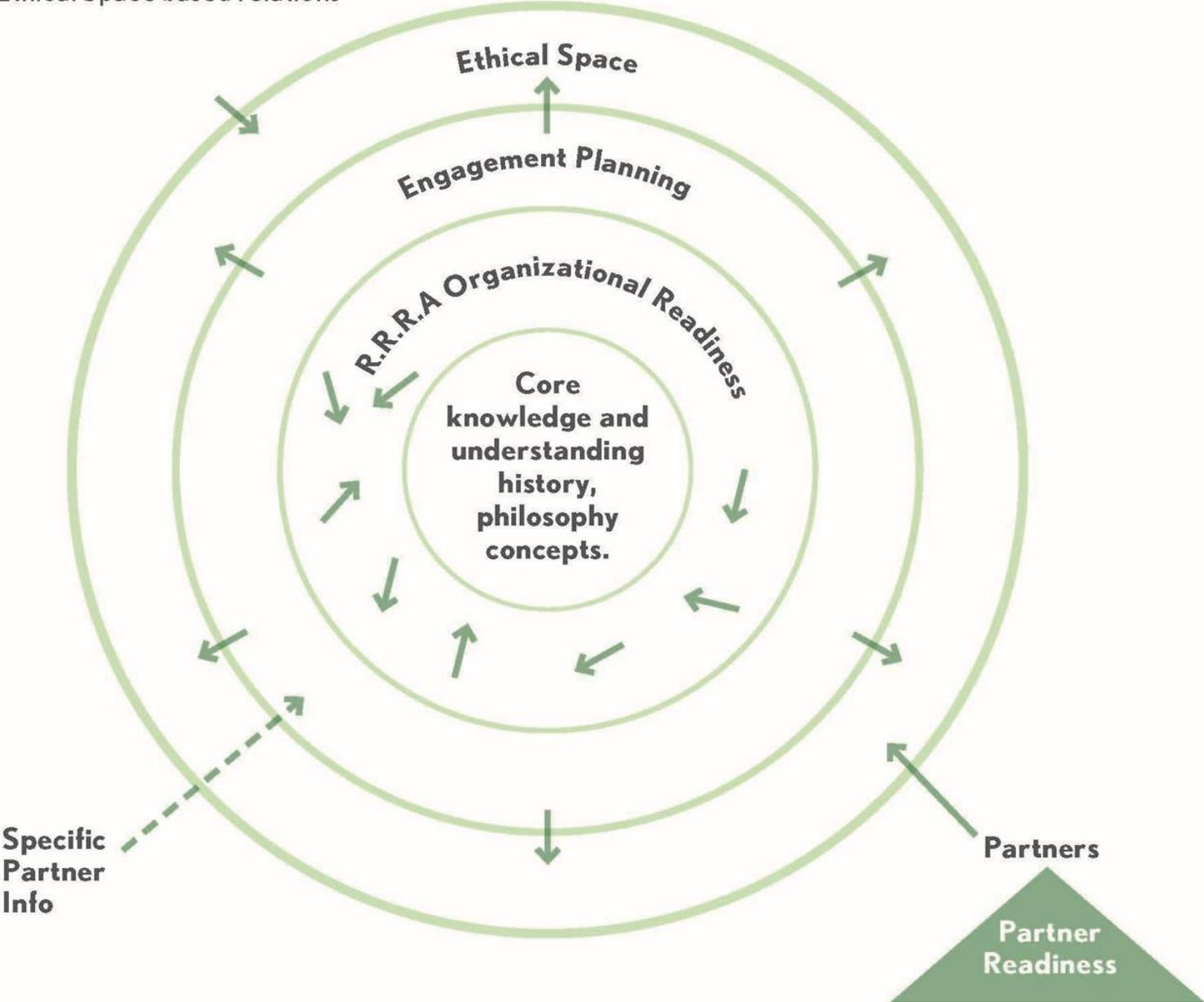


## Ethical space and reconciliation



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Establishing Ethical Space based relations



# Applications of Ethical Space

- BBB2B – Bring Buffalo Back To Boulder
- Voyageurs National Park Co-Stewardship
- Wind Cave NP
- Indigenous Engagement Institute
- The Nature Conservancy
- Yosemite Archeological Planning
- DOI Elevating Traditional Knowledge in Federal Decision-Making Handbook

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Many Thanks All