Îethka Research – Accountability Framework Drafted 2022

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I – Amanda Foote – agree to the following:

- 1. Informed consent is an ongoing process in research. It refers to the ongoing relationship between the researcher, and those individuals contributing to the study, and represents the need to be continually alerted to potential ways researchers exert power. In this research, I commit to careful consideration of informed consent given my positionality as a non-lethka community member. I will update this section as I refine and learn methods to do this. As a start, when describing the benefits and drawbacks of participation in the project I will make explicit the benefits and drawbacks that I (may) experience as a result of this work. I will renew each relationship I have with lethka people when they officially join the project by having an explicit discussion of consent and what my role as a researcher means for our relationship over the duration of the project. Also, I will begin any group activities such as museum visits with an invitation to re-consider the implications of participation in the project.
- 2. Compensation for knowledge is an important aspect of lethka protocol. As such, I will ensure that all research participants, including the advisory guides, co-mentors, and other participants are compensated in accordance with lethka expectations and living wage calculations. This implies that I will not proceed with this research without funding in place that will allow me to provide proper compensation.
- **3. Presentations** of this work will not be embarked upon my sole discretion or facilitation. Working with the co-mentors and advisors we will devise methods for determining under what conditions this work can be presented; in no circumstances will I present this work without a lethka facilitator.
- **4. Authorship** of any publications will be fairly attributed to any contributors who opt into authorship of the work. Co-mentors and/or advisory council members will be listed on any publications of the work to which they contribute.
- 5. Ownership & Copywrite for all content shared throughout the research project remains with its creator/owner in the context that makes the most sense to lethka standards and law. I understand that lethkabi have highly nuanced understandings of ownership of intellectual property, and that there are consequences for failing to abide by this system which may be spiritual or impact the wellbeing of myself or my loved ones. I will update this section as I refine and discern lethka ownership practices as they apply to my contributions and those of others.
- **6. Profit** from this work, in the unlikely event that there is any, will be distributed to the Îethka individuals or community, in acknowledgement of their conditions. This point will be updated if it becomes likely that any profit streams may be devised.