Listening to five voices:

Synthesis-based health promotion in the era of sustainability

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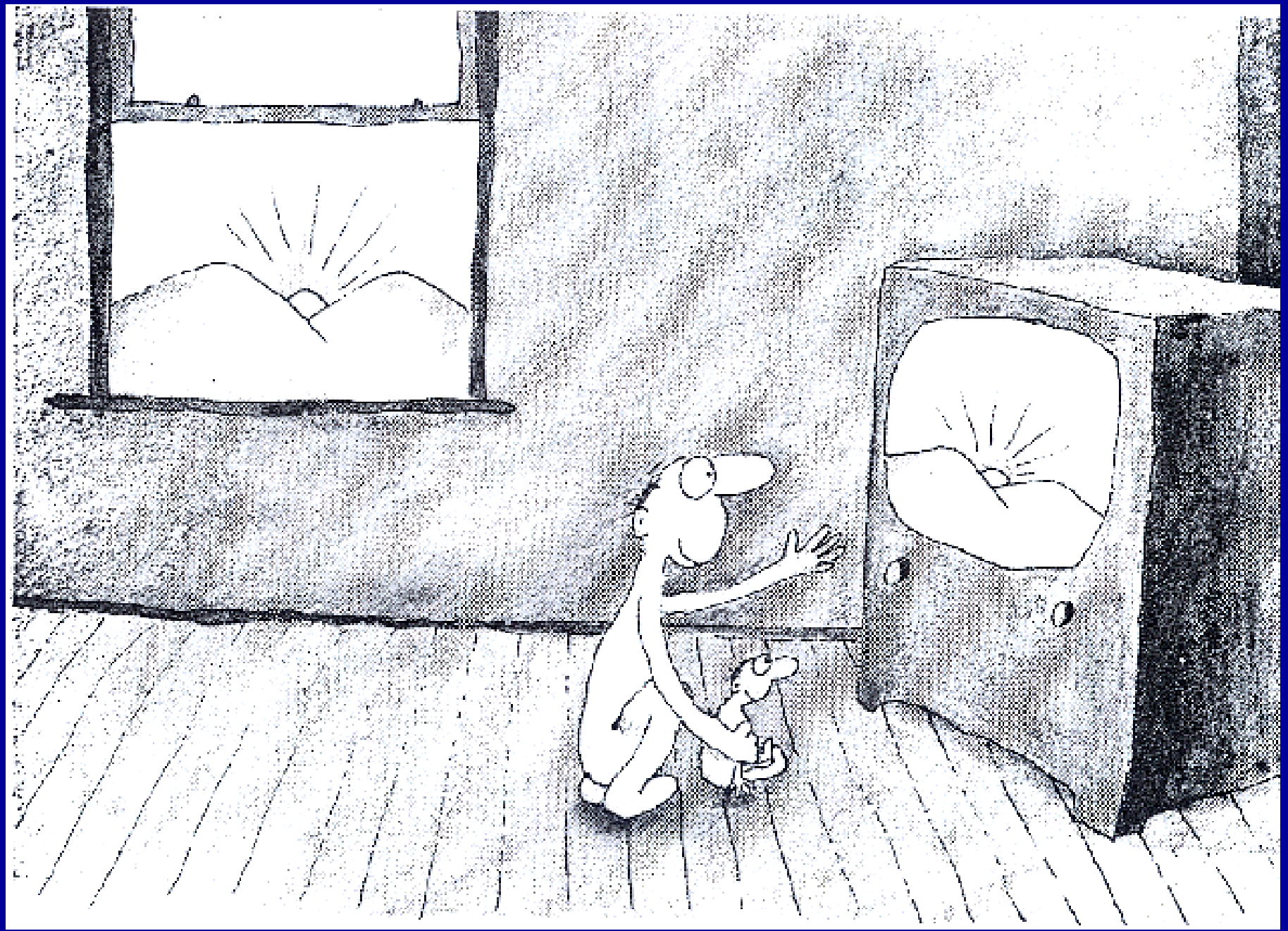
Sustainability is:

- Reconciling development goals, social needs, and ecological resources — WSSD
- People, Place, Prosperity — ACT Gov't
- A single bottom line — Aust'n LGAs

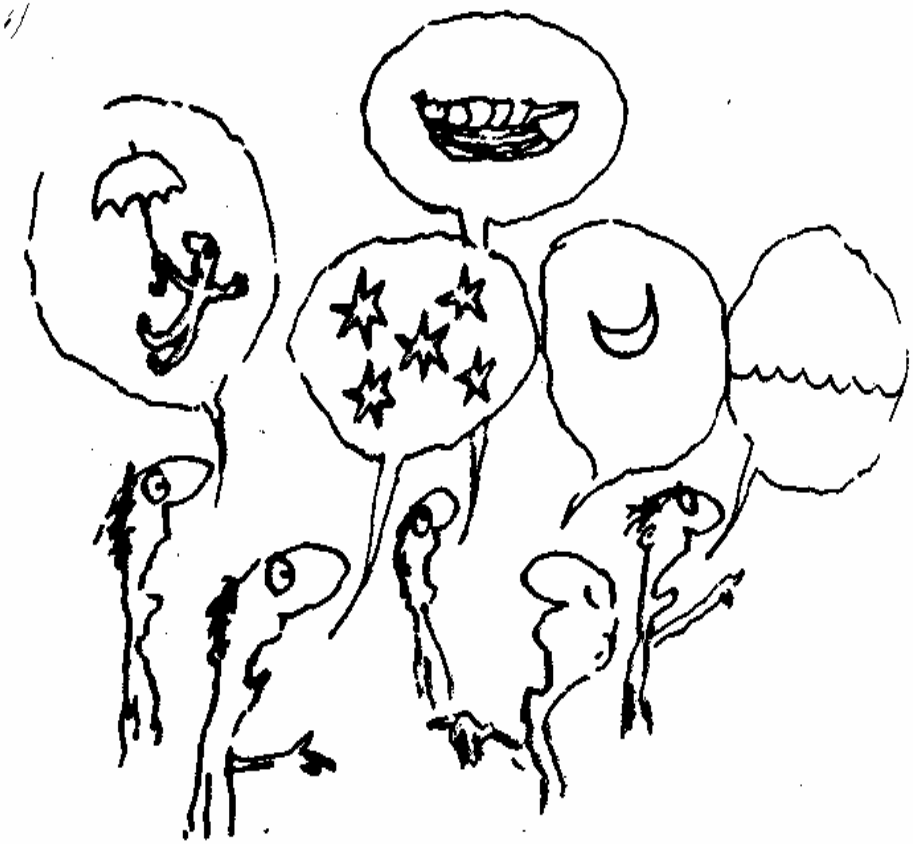
Sustainability is:

- Synthesis of ideas
- Synoptic thinking
- Synergy in actions



Sustainability is the sum of:

- Individuals
- Communities
- Specialisations
- Organisational strategies
- Holistic thinking



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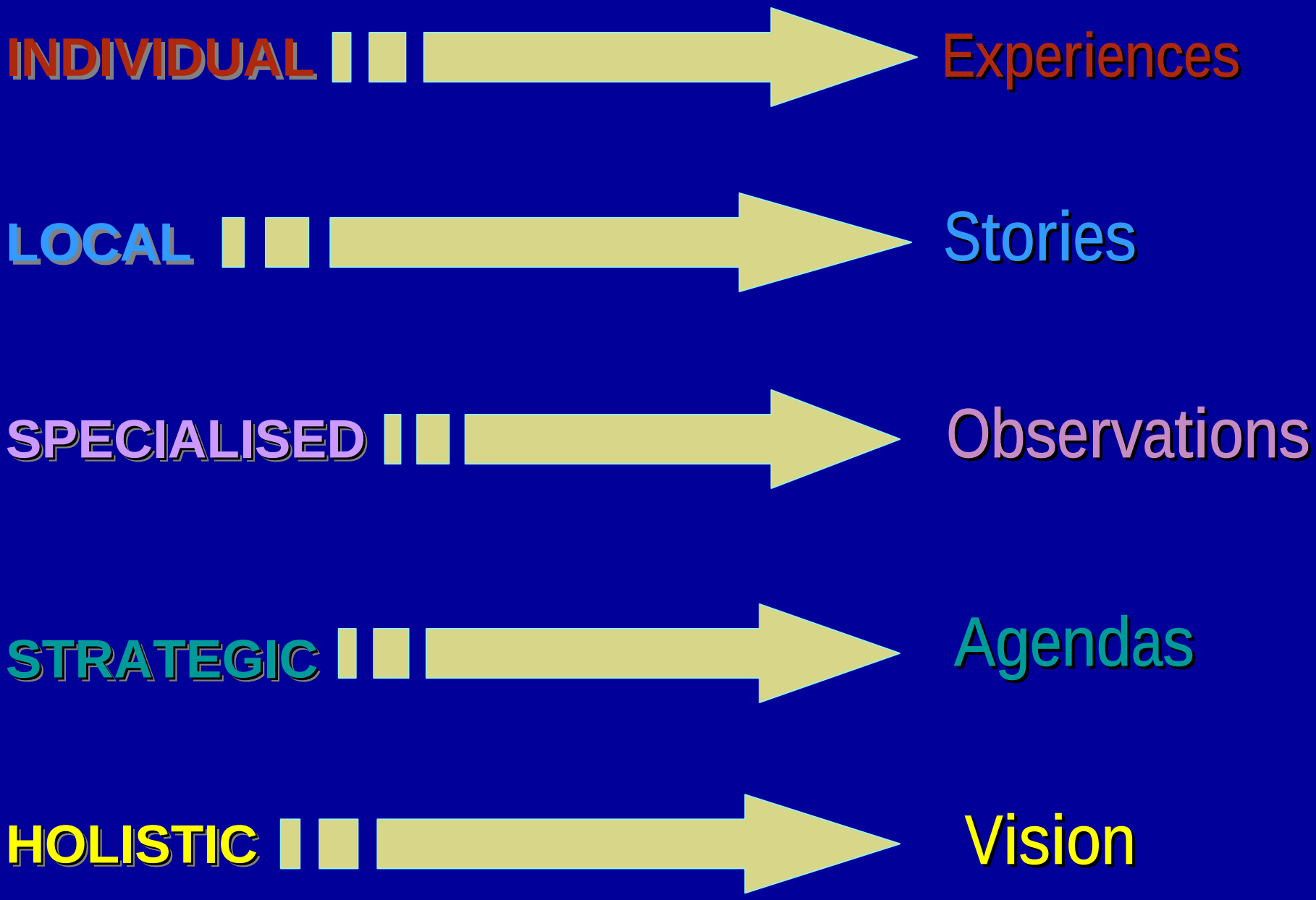
Decision-making for local-global sustainability*

INDIVIDUAL	**PhDs using integral inquiry (10)**
COMMUNITY	**Murray-Darling Basin NRM** **WS Regional SoE Report**
SPECIALIST	**Professional practice (EnvHealth)** **Professional education (PublicH)**
ORGANIS'NAL	**Local governments (25)** **Baton Forum Inc.**
HOLISTIC	**Pattern languages**

***Local Sustainability Project 5-year study**

5 Forms of Evidence



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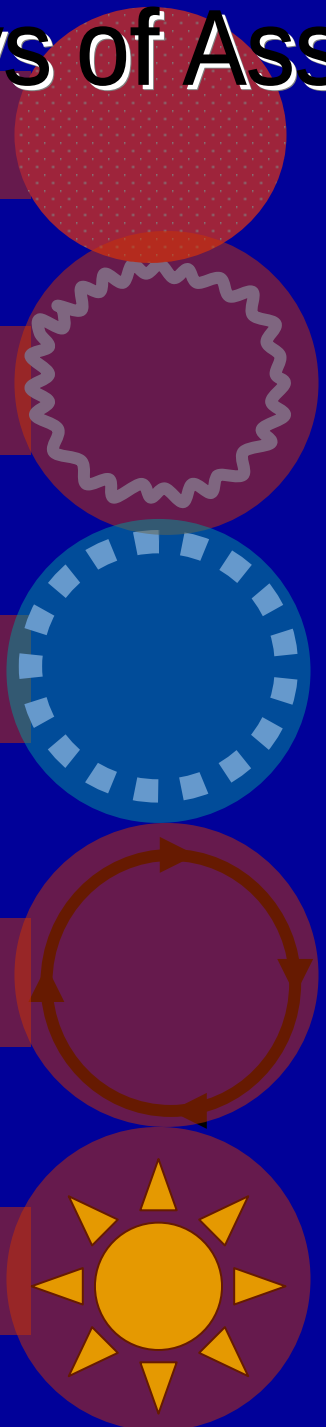

INDIVIDUAL

Bias

LOCAL

Gossip

SPECIALISED

Jargon

STRATEGIC

Deals

HOLISTIC

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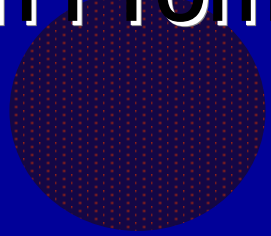
As a citizen of the community
As an expert in your field
As a strategist in your political environment

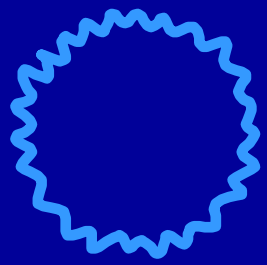
5 Health Promotions

INDIVIDUAL



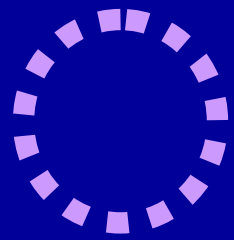
Lifestyles

COMMUNITY



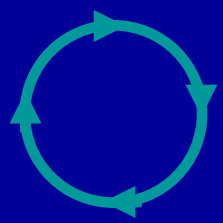
Community development

SPECIALISED



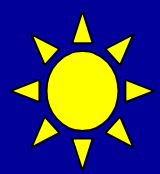
Rehabilitation, health protection, health maintenance, health devel't

STRATEGIC



Forward planning: NPH, Healthy cities, Local Agenda 21

HOLISTIC



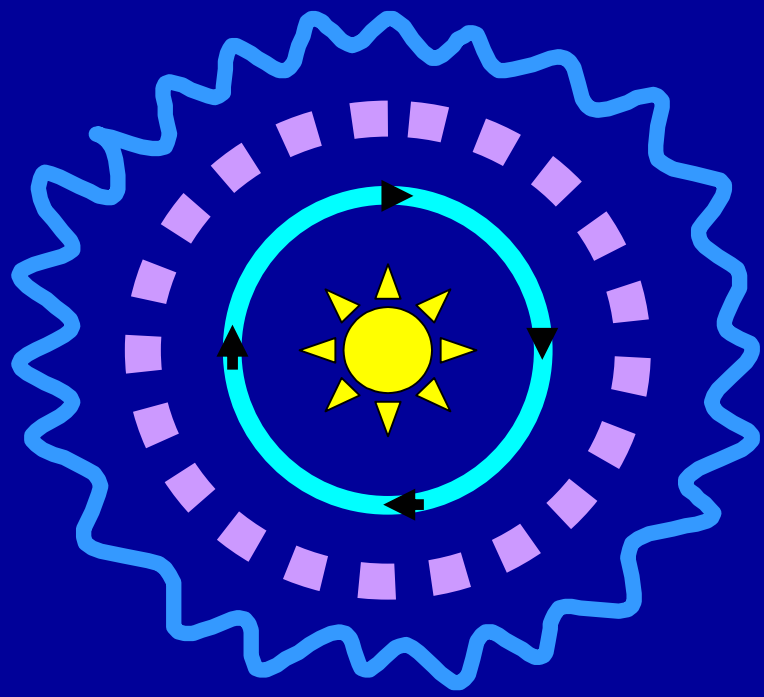
Vision of the future, purpose

- As a citizen of the community
- As an expert in your field
- As a strategist in your political environment

Nested knowledges pattern

Local Knowledge
Shared lived experience

Strategic knowledge
Policy, administration



Specialised Knowledge
Public health, Environmental management, etc

Holistic knowledge
Vision of the future

Individual knowledge
Lived experience

Networking the Knowledges Pattern

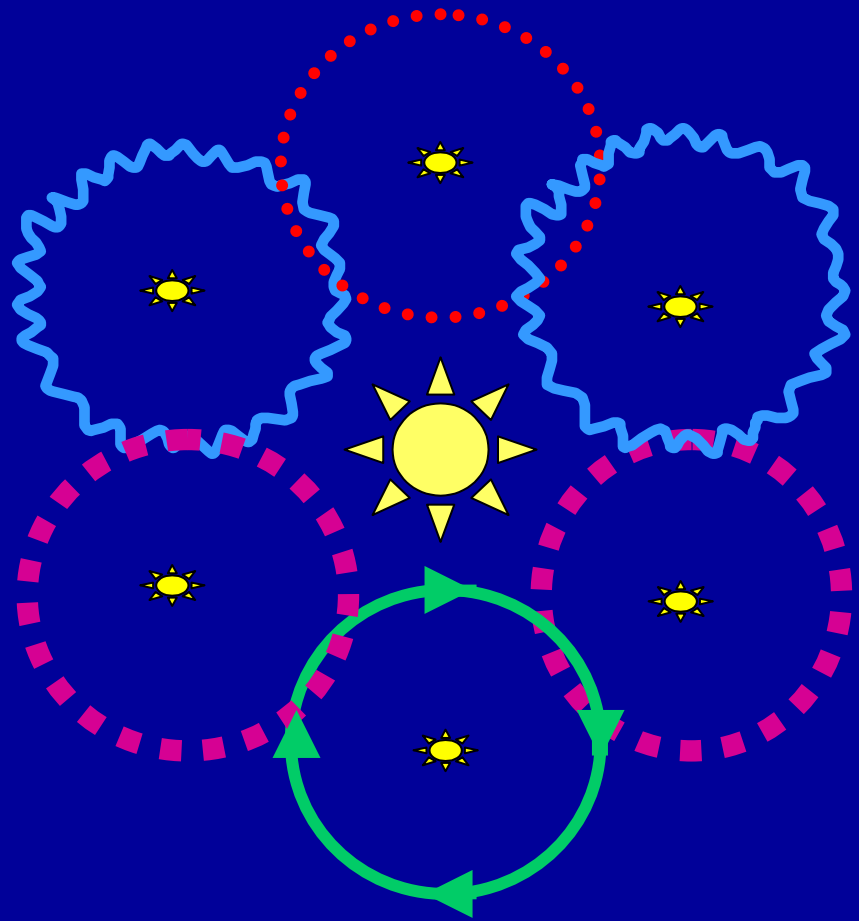
Individual Knowledge:
- **Enabling**

Local Knowledge:
- **Grounding**

Specialist Knowledge:
- **Examining**

Strategic Knowledge:
- **Ensuring**

Holistic Knowledge:
- **Focussing**



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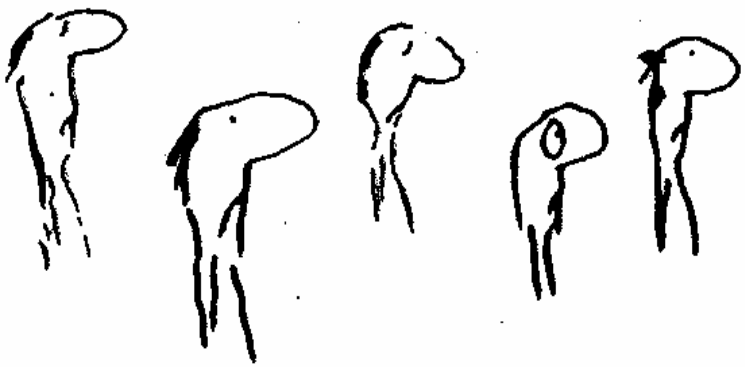

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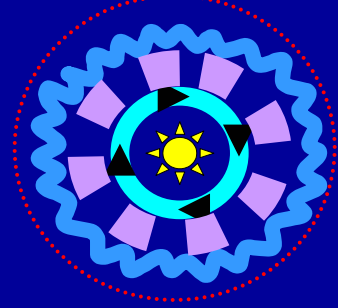
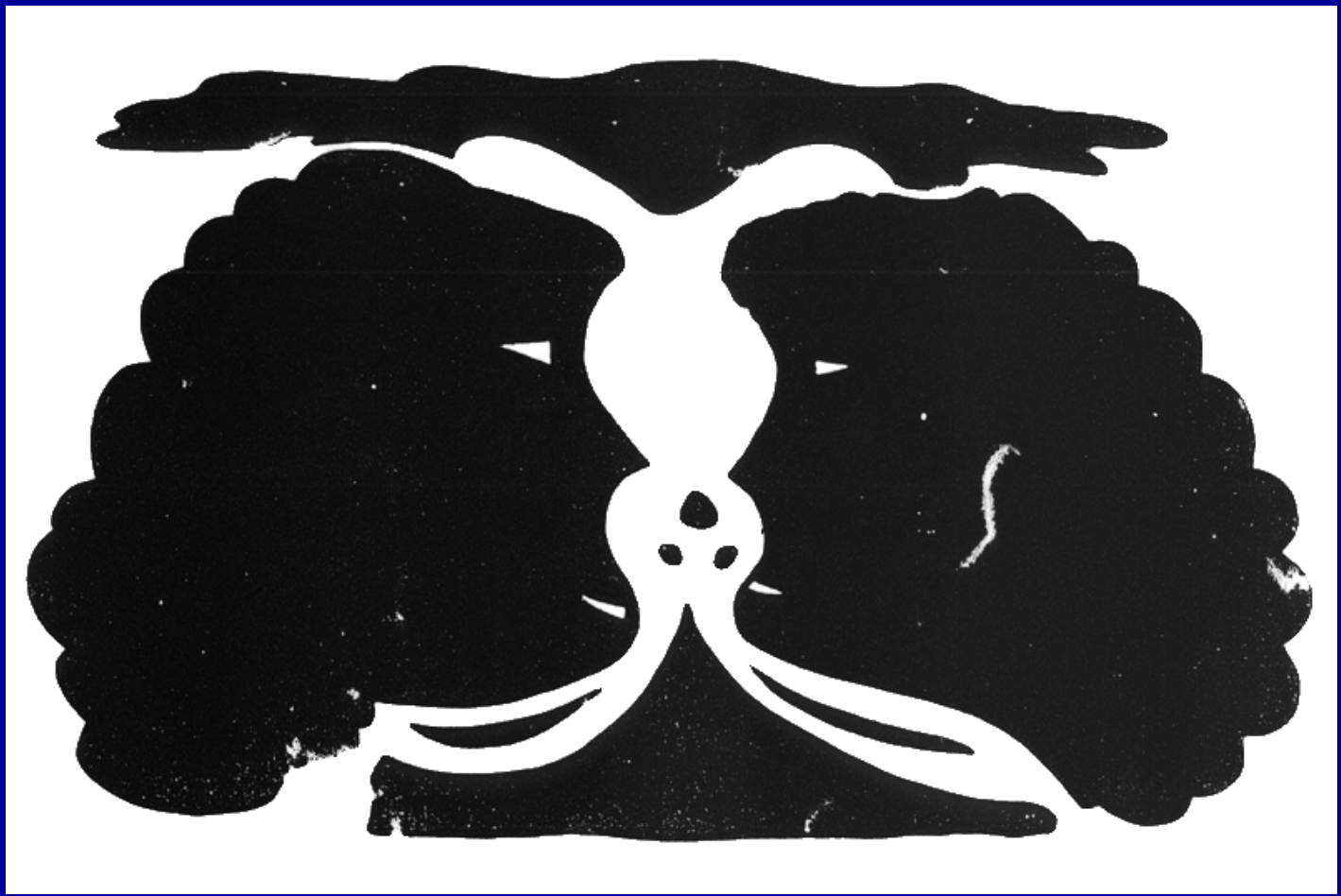


- As an individual?
- As a health promotion community?
- As a specialist in health promotion?
- As a member of an organisation?
- As a creative thinker?

What do we have to change?

As an individual



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As an individual

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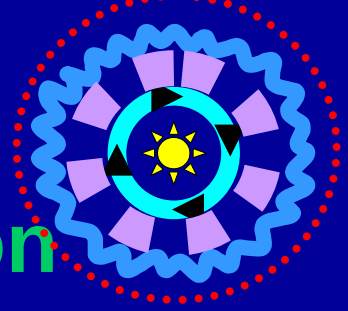
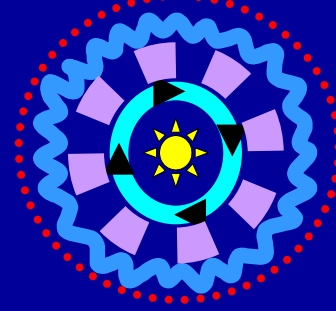
As a member of a health promotion community



- Rehabilitation
- Health protection
- Health maintenance
- Health education
- Health development
- Other

What do we have to change?

As a specialist in health promotion



- Biological science
- Social science
- Education
- Statistics
- Economics
- Nutrition
- Policy development
- Other

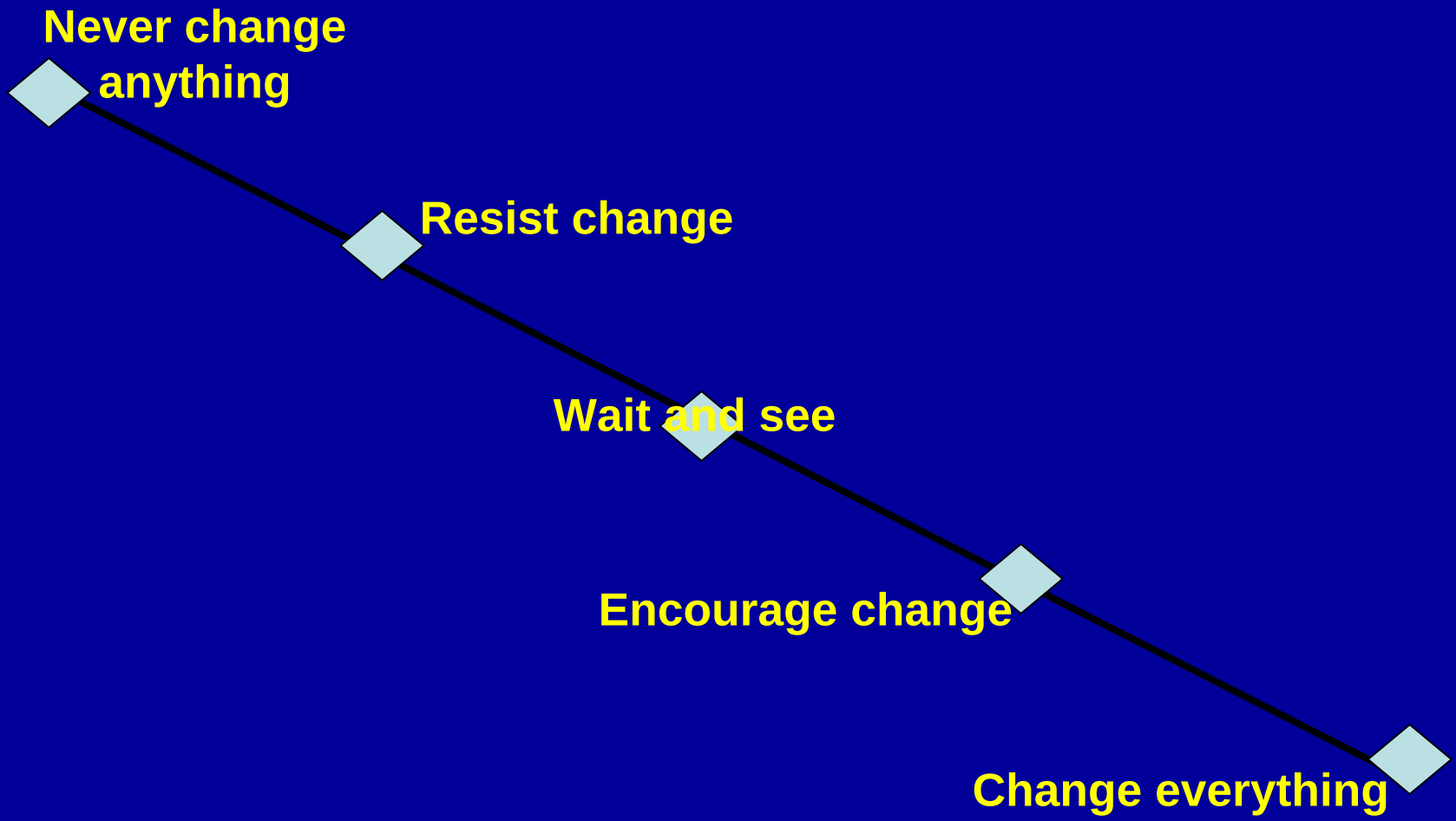
What do we have to change?

As a member of an organisation

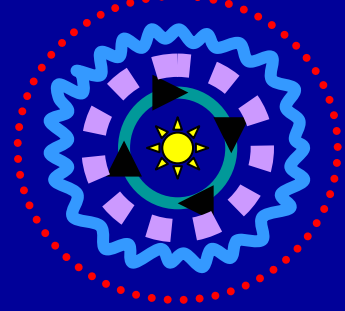
Government
Industry
Social service
Advocacy
Consultancy
University
Other

Where are we now?

As an innovator



What are our options?



As individuals

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Community

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Specialist

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Organisation

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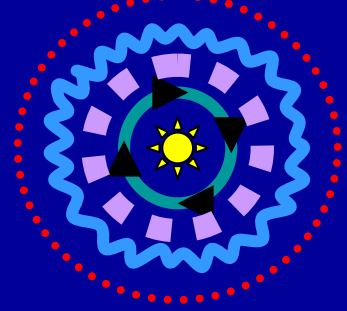
Holist

What are our options? Three:



As individuals

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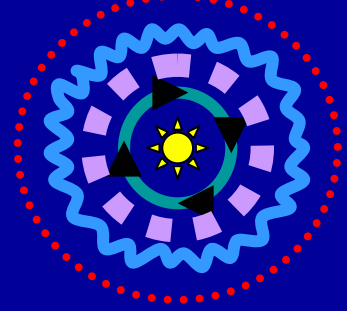
Holist

1. Contribute to synthesis

2. Join in a synoptic team

3. Become a synthesist

Where will we be? Hearing 5 voices



Individual: Involved in collaborations, and

Community: whole-of-community programs,

Specialist: based on transdisciplinary inquiry,

Organisation: an honest broker & change agent

Holist: seeking the patterns that connect.

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