

# ABCD- Building Community Connections

November 9, 2023



# Learning Agenda

## THINK

To think about your community efforts and be open to change

## PROCESS

How can we put people at the centre of our programs & activities

## REFLECT

What are ways you can alter, stop or start doing to be community connectors

# Trends in Community

Change in  
Family and  
social structures

Work and time

Cost more to be  
socially  
connected

People spend  
more time in  
their car

Technology

Decrease in  
participation in  
community life

COVID

Change in rural  
culture

Loneliness &  
Disconnection



# Reflection Moment

What other trends are you seeing ?

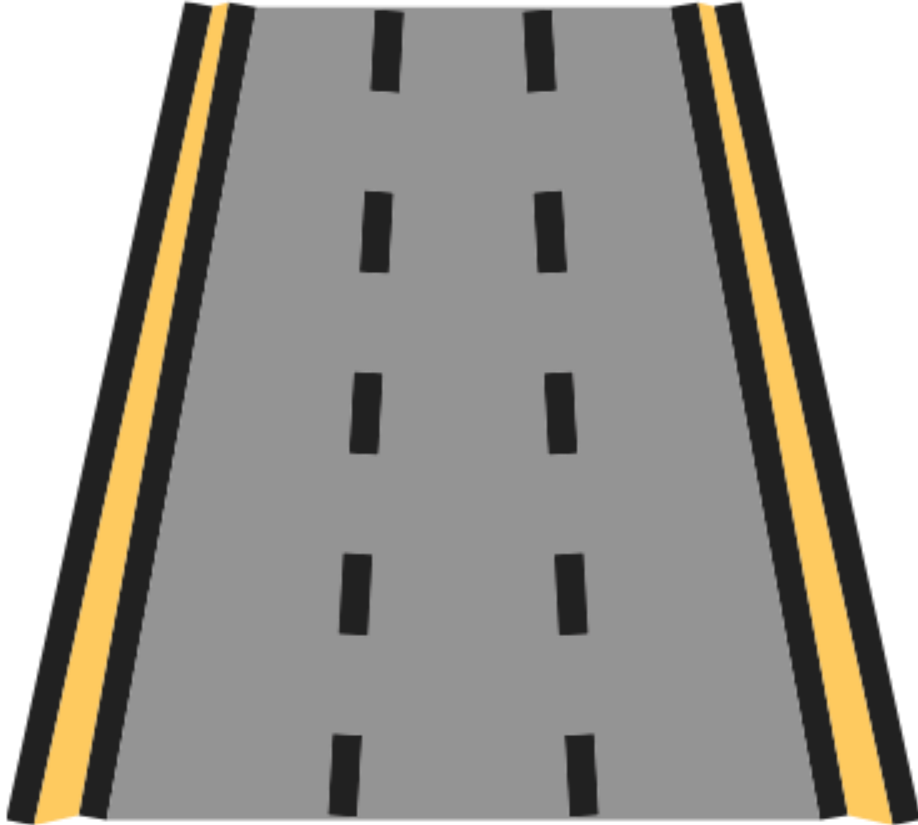
In the chat box add in any trends you are seeing



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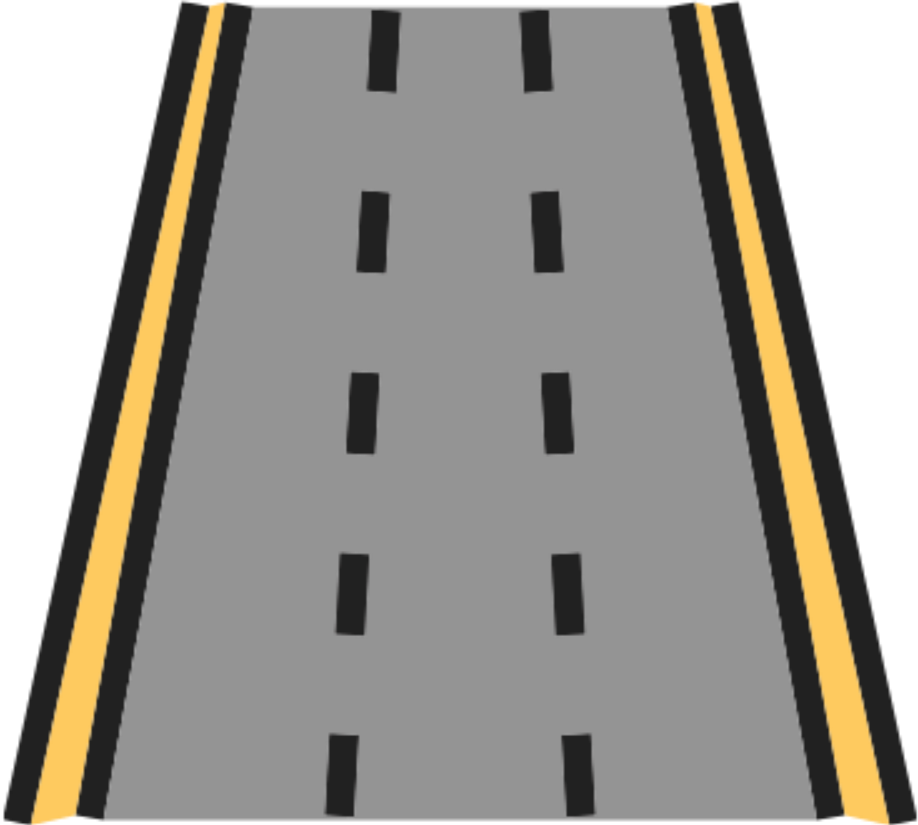
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# The Current Mindset



Organizations are the solution

# The New Mindset

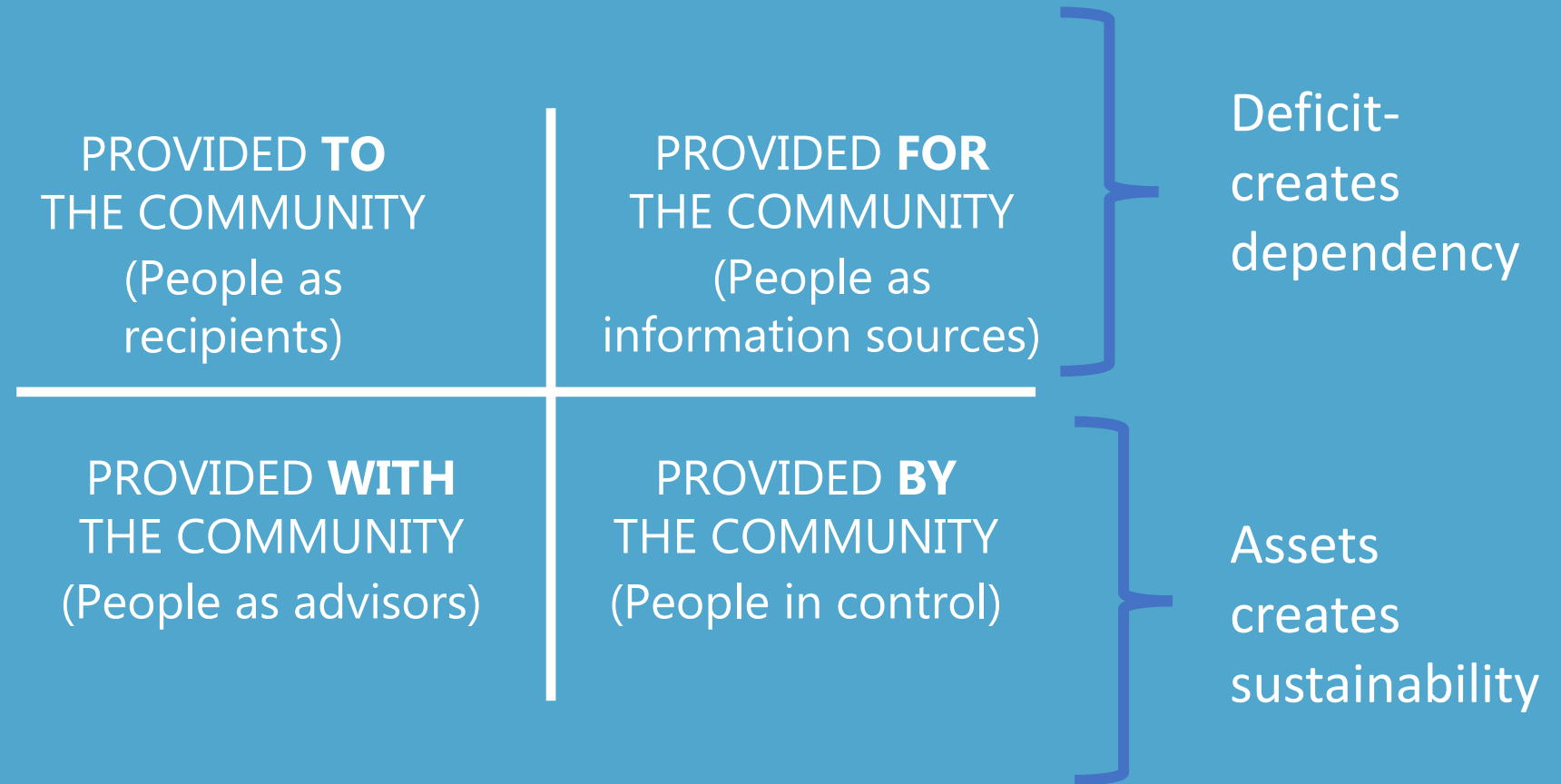


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Other  
Institution's  
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Community's  
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# What's your relationship with the community?



Adapted from Cormac Russell | [www.nurtureddevelopment.org](http://www.nurtureddevelopment.org)

# Reflection Moment-Poll

Think about one program/activity that you lead. Where does it sit (to/for/by/with)?







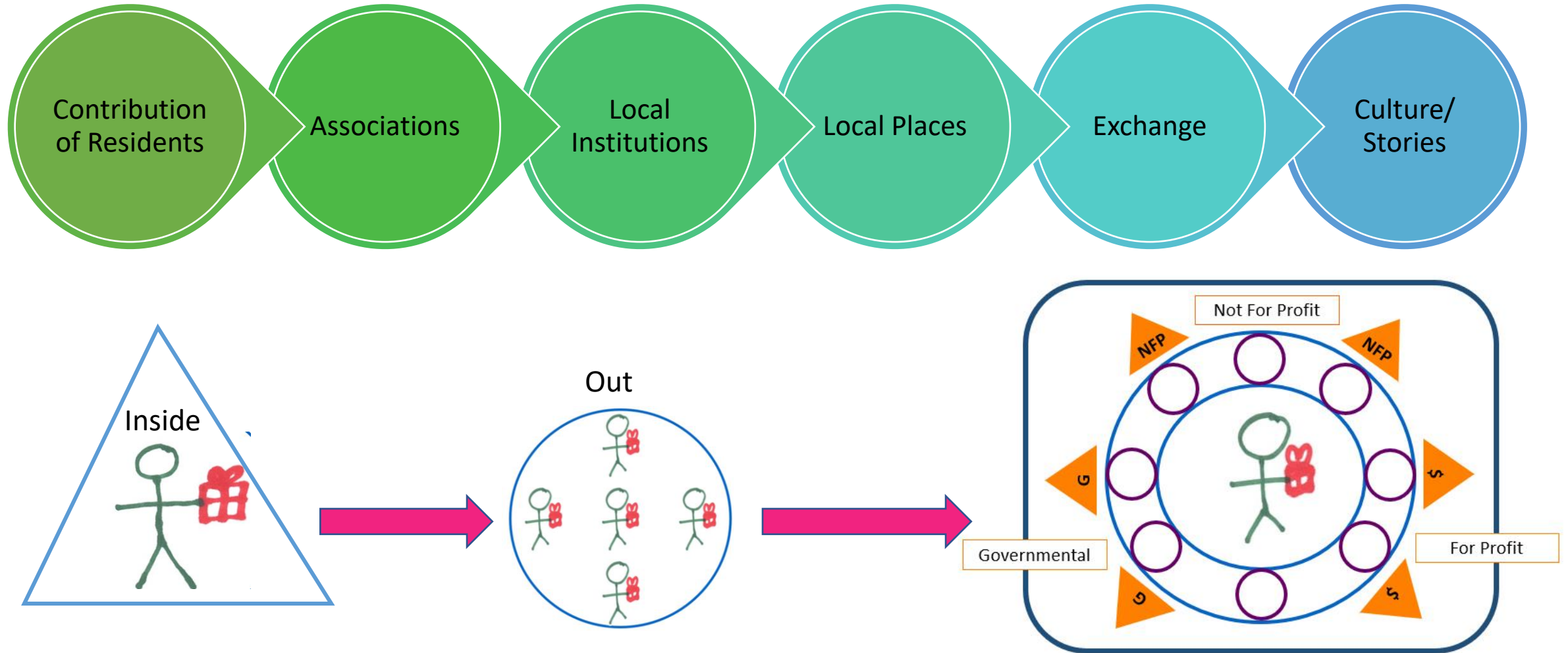
**What is a  
function of your  
neighbourhood?  
In the chat box put one  
function**

# The 9 Functions of Community

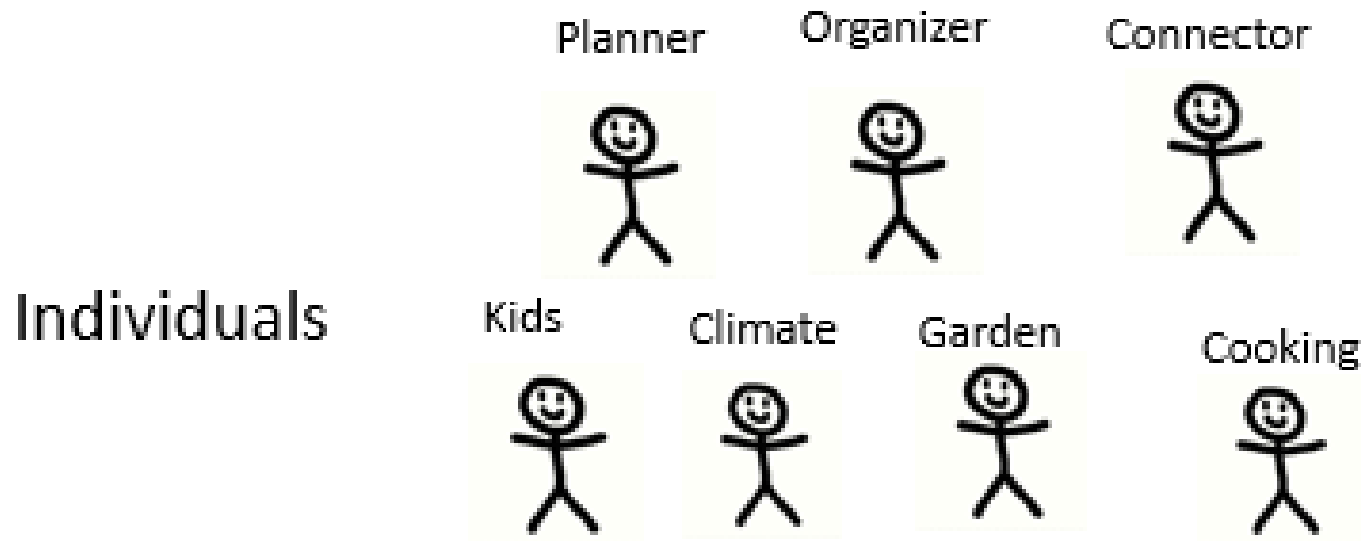
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PURPOSE →

- Enabling Health
- Assuring Security
- Stewarding Ecology
- Shaping Local Economies
- Contributing to Local Food production
- Raising our Children
- Co-creating Care
- Celebrate Together
- Inclusiveness

# Types of Resources to Connect in a Community



# Connection in Community





**Gifts** - What are your most significant gifts?



**Skills** – What are your most significant skills that you have learned?



**Passion** – What do you care about so much that you have acted to promote or protect



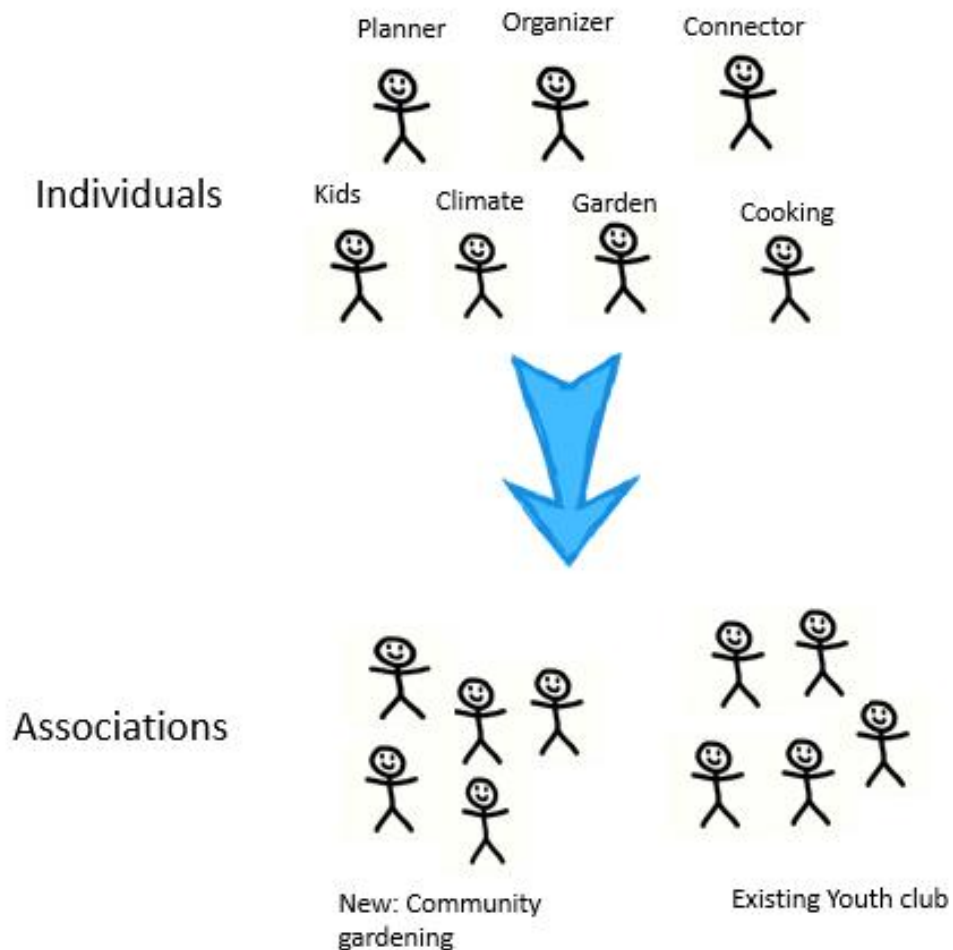
**Knowledge** – What do you know well enough that you could share or teach it to a neighbor or neighborhood children?



What groups or associations do you belong to?

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# Connection in Community



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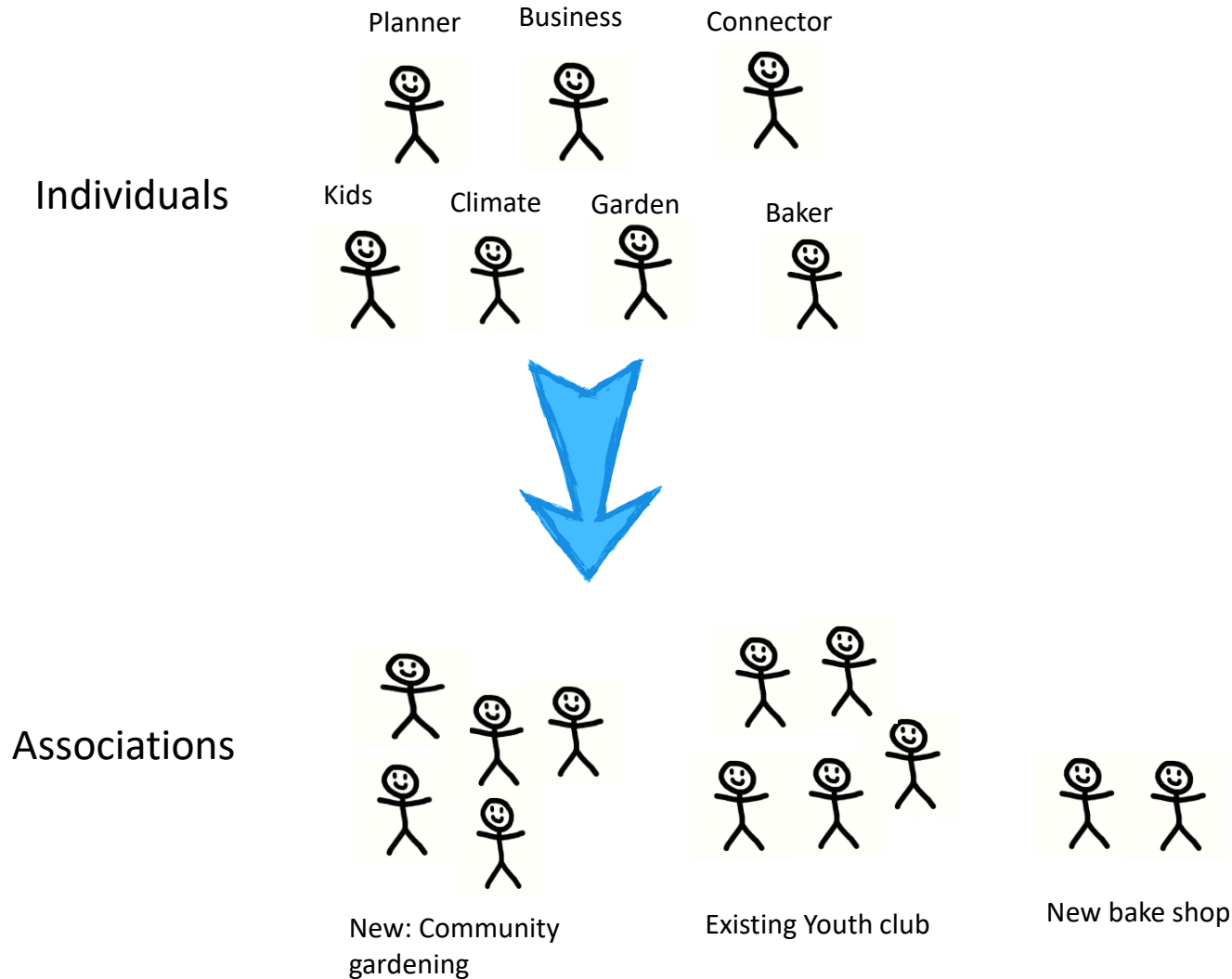
# Five Ways to Connect Assets

- 1. Identifying connectors**
- 2. Matching one to one**
- 3. Matching one to a group of same interest**
- 4. Identifying people to participate in an existing event/activities**
- 5. Imagine a new event/activity**



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- As neighbors, what can we achieve by using our own assets?
- What can we achieve with our own assets if we get some outside help?
- What can't we do with our assets that must be done by outsiders?

This planning process depends on **starting** with the first question. Starting with the second or third question usually results in residents not being strongly involved.

## Connector's Skills



Gift Centered



Well Connected



Trusted



Believes community is welcoming



Curious

# Connected Neighbourhoods

1. Neighbours have unique work to do
2. This work fulfills 9 functions
3. The tools to do the work are individuals and associations
4. The work gets done by connecting assets



# Reflection Moment:

Think about what you just learned....

What is one thing you could do to be a connector?

What are you still grappling with?

