

Facilitating collaboration: Learning from the Scottish Borders Climate Resilient Communities Project

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Premise of project

Collaborative action is essential for building community resilience

Complex problems.....Need to work with diverse resources, knowledge, skills, perspectives

Easier said than done.....some design and implementation principles;

- Explicit focus on learning
- Flexibility and participatory
- Systematic approaches (not working in isolation/ silos)
- Multiple scales (spatial and temporal)
- Build on existing assets



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The setting

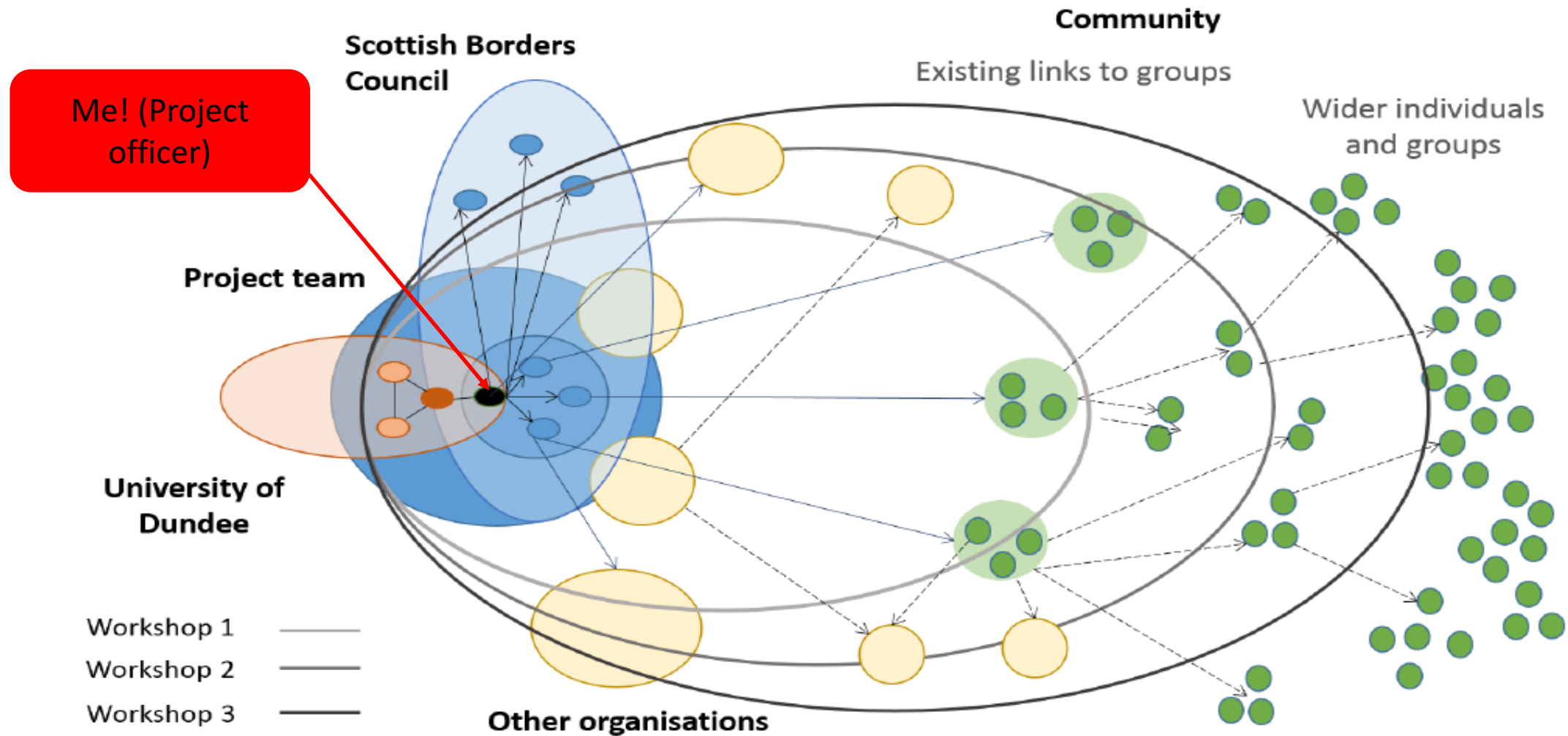


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Design: Get in, getting messy!

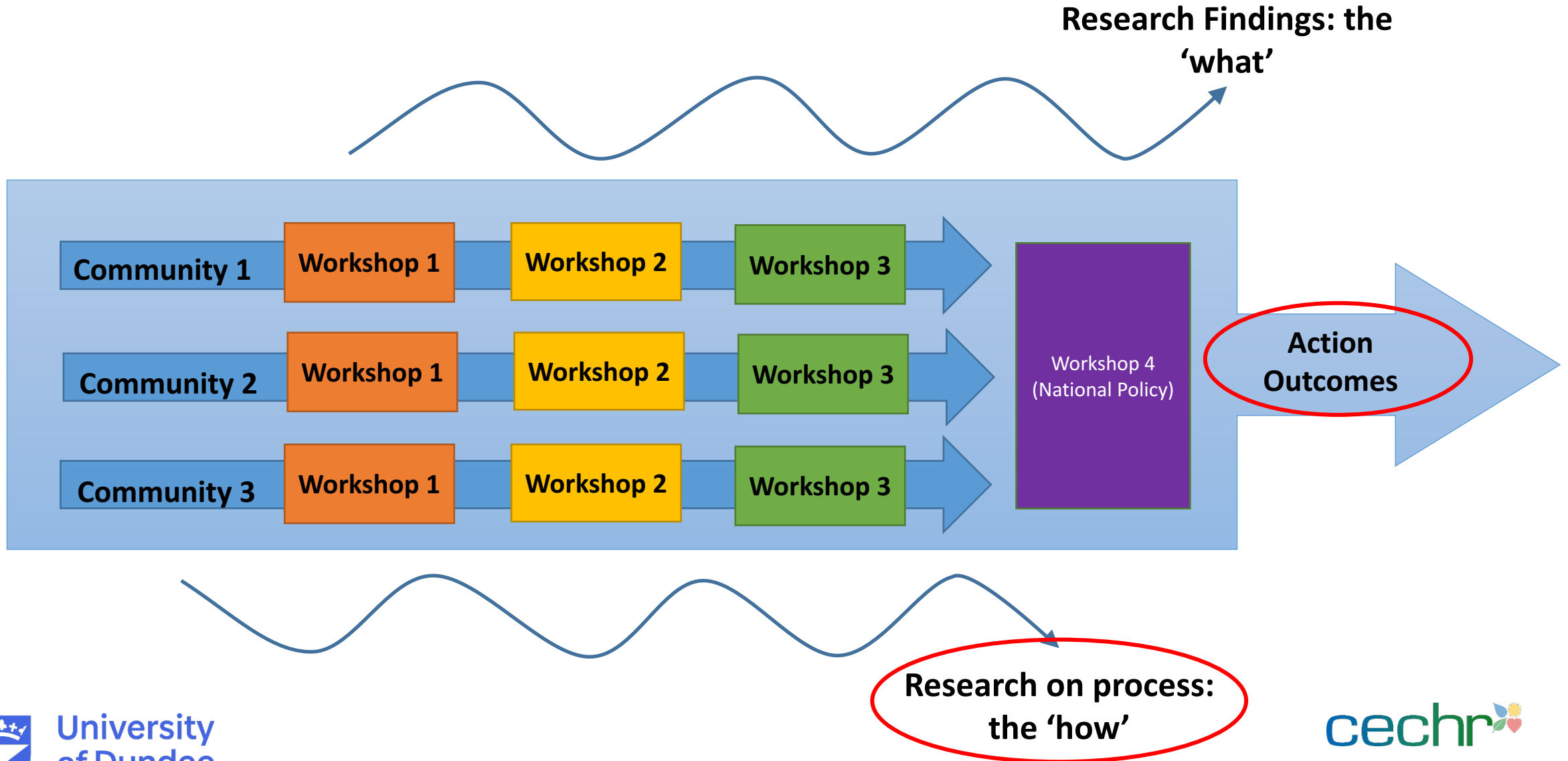


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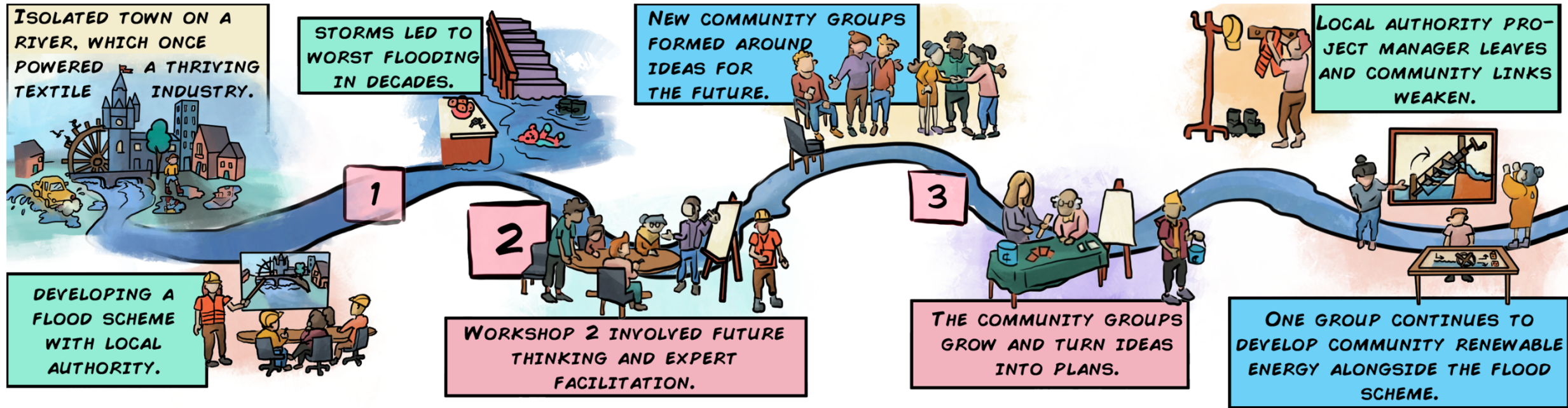
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The design: Prioritising action



A story: How it worked in practice



CONTEXT

PROJECT ACTIVITIES

EXTERNAL INFLUENCES

OUTCOMES

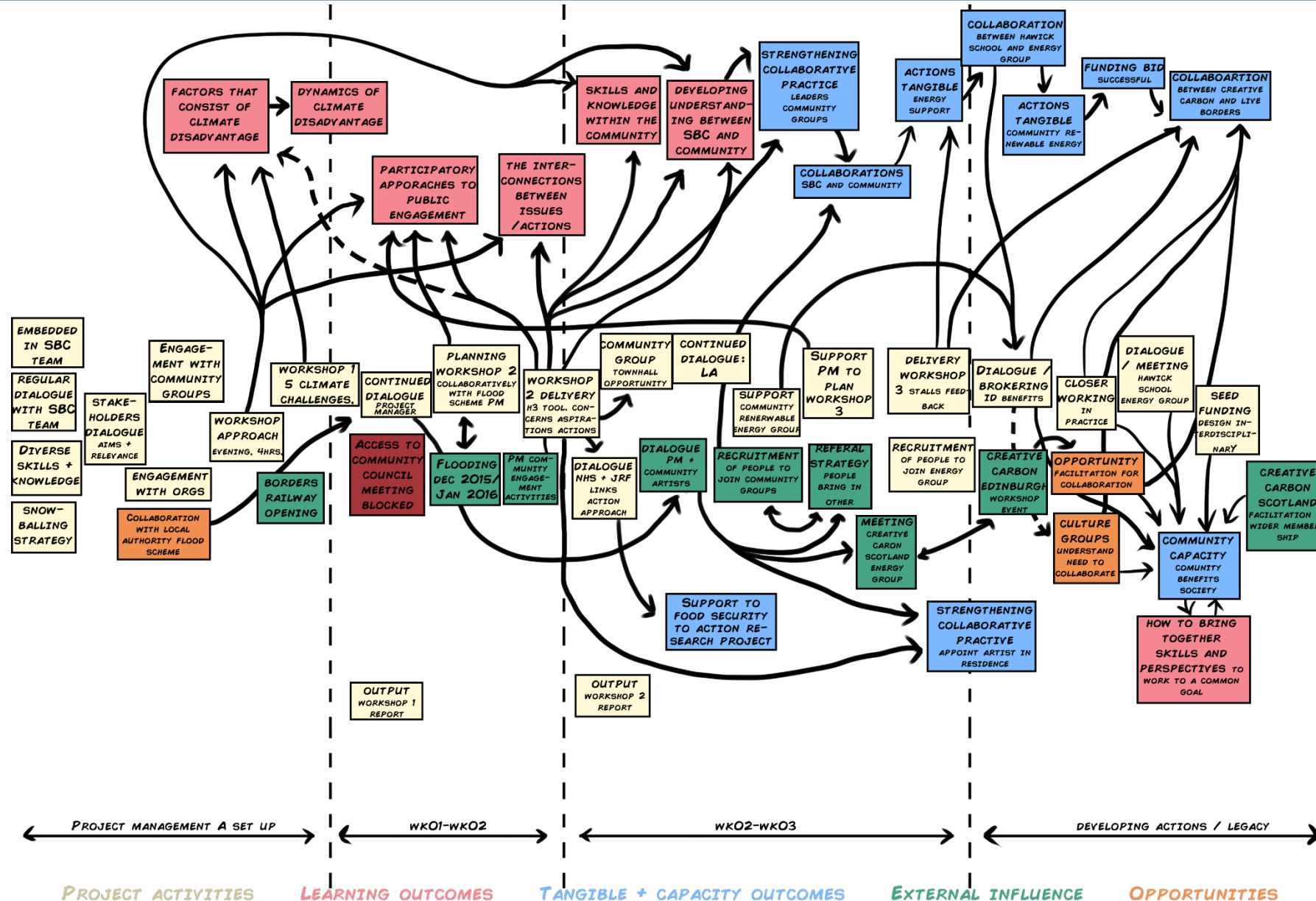


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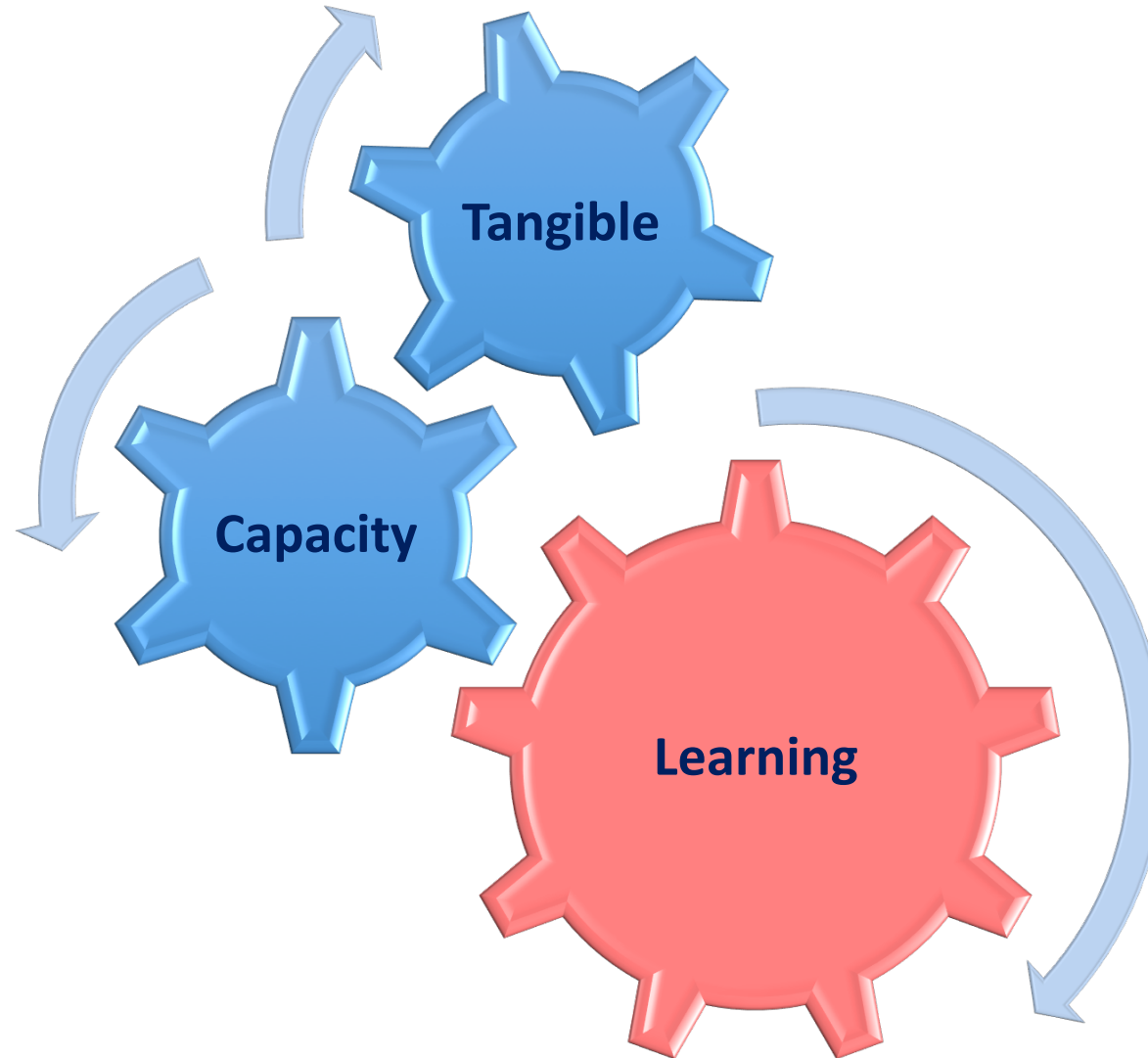
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Connecting process factors and outcomes



Action outcomes



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Research outcomes: Some learning about 'How'

Focus on relationships and understanding

- ☐ Build trust
- ☐ Be a broker (horizontally and vertically)
- ☐ Find common ground
- ☐ Focus on learning

Tensions are inherent and conflict may be a necessary

- ☐ Be explicit about goals
- ☐ Make space – flexible and reflexive
- ☐ Use intermediaries
- ☐ Include others in decisions to shape process

Tools and skills (in workshops)

- ☐ Listen, share and learn
- ☐ Explore issues and develop ideas collectively
- ☐ Focus on the future to stimulate a collective agency



"All those in favor say 'Aye.'"

"Aye."

"Aye."

"Aye."

"Aye."

"Aye."



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