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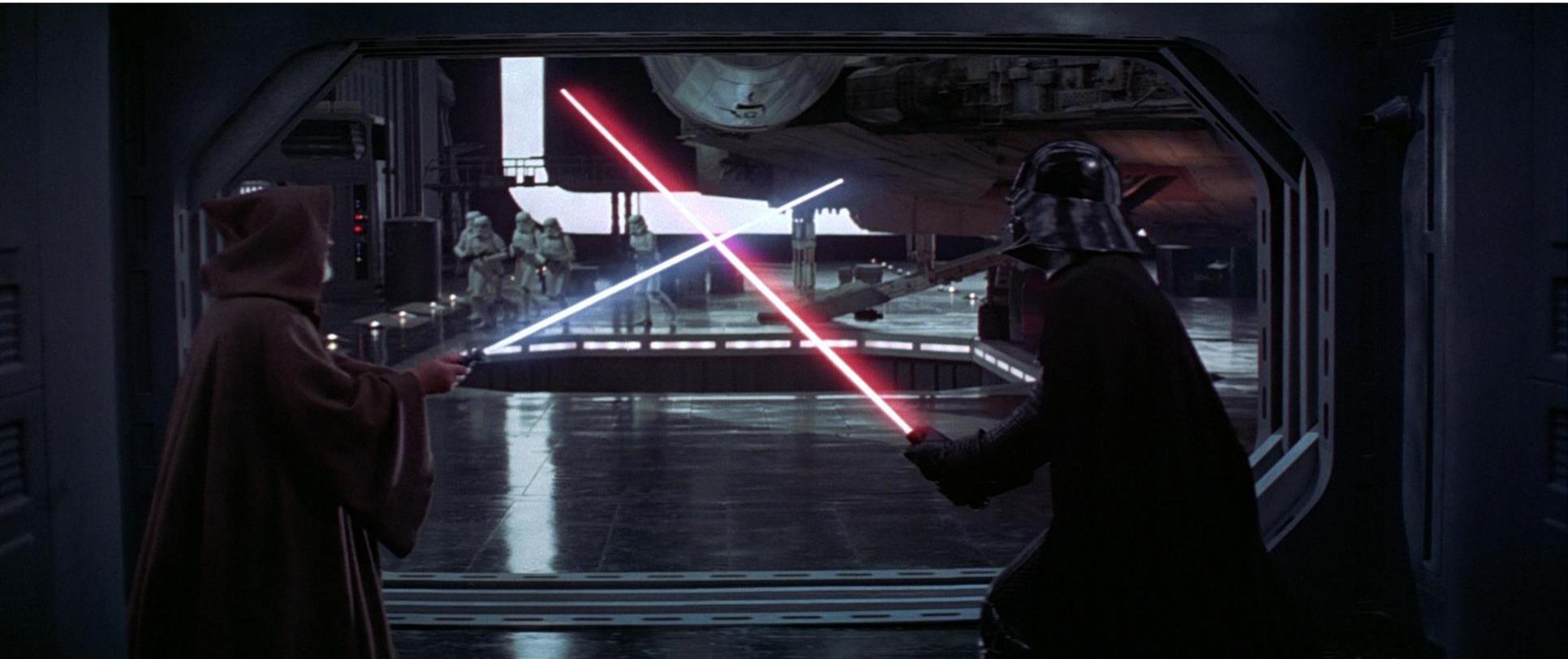
USING RESOURCES DIFFERENTLY WITH
LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN AND THEIR
FAMILIES - SOME EARLY LESSONS FROM
THE SCOTTISH PILOT SITES

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Good People/Bad People?



Or just people getting squashed...



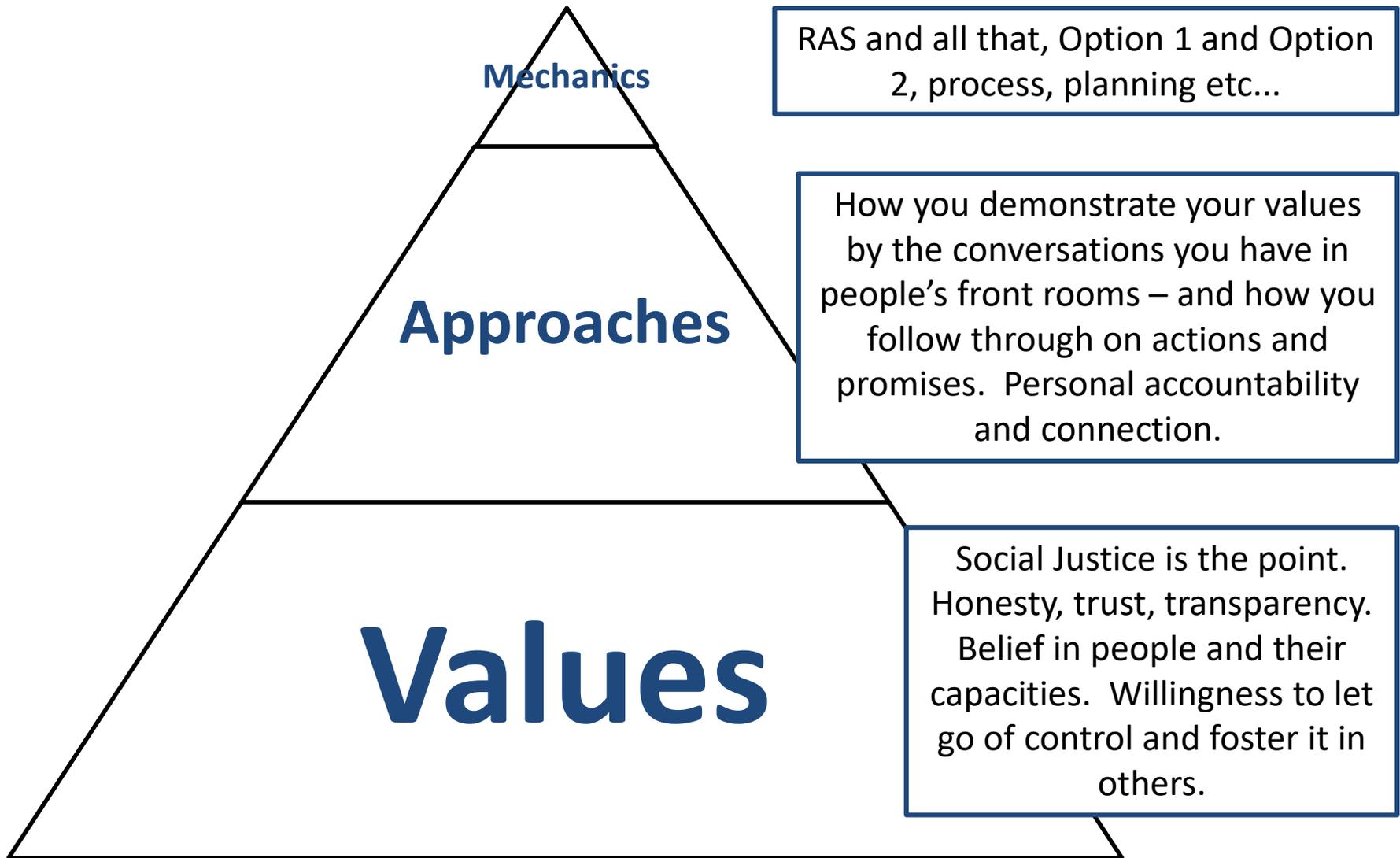
“Getting alongside children and families, believing things can be different, putting solutions in people’s own control”

- Social Worker

“A philosophy - not a technology”

- Robin Jackson



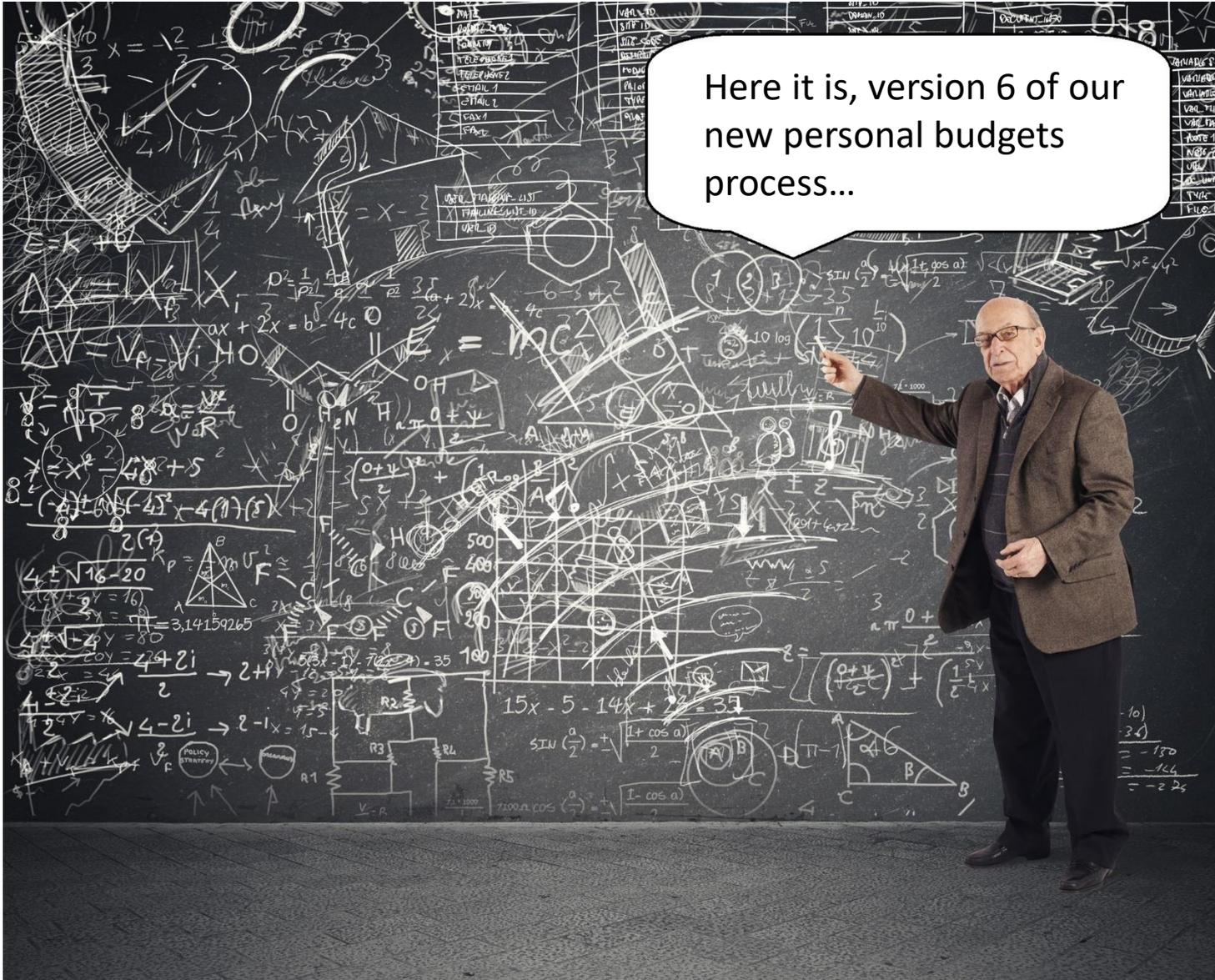


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'Not that.....triangle again.....' – Tim Keilty

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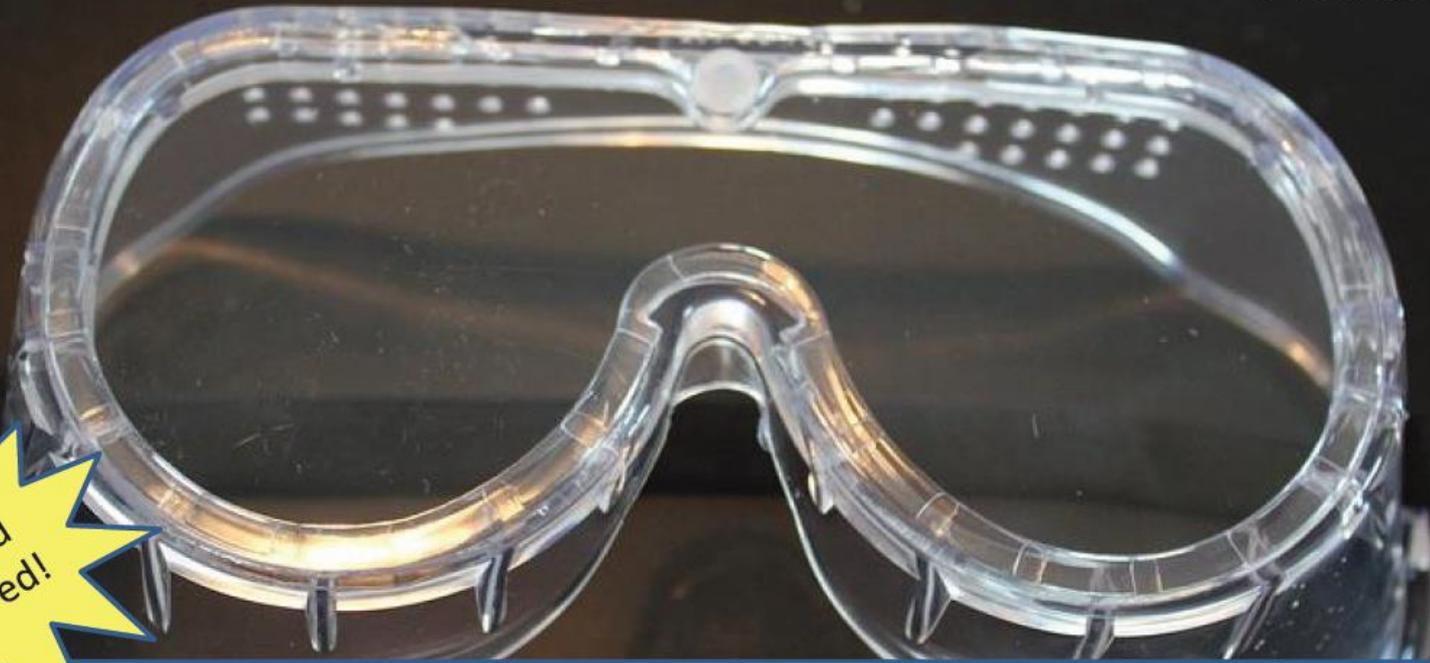
Here it is, version 6 of our new personal budgets process...





So, let's just give this a test...I enter the person's gifts and skills on the laptop and the budget reduction should pop out of the middle...

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Returning Children to Middlesbrough

Success Challenges Next Steps

2017 Update
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Middlesbrough
moving forward

Headlines

- Focusing on people's capacities works
- 114 children have been worked with over 4 years.
- Of the 72 children and young people fully engaged with the project 55 remain successfully at home.
- Average cost of placement in Middlesbrough is £96,408 per year.
- Average cost of a plan, returning or maintaining a child at home £6,464.12 per year.



“Listen deeply, search for capacities,
seek connections, be open to yes....”

John O'Brien



'Dunoon you say? Sounds like a classic case of Placementitis'

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Road Map

Dunoon

Carlisle

Whitley Bay





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That's not what we normally do, it's not possible...

1

I'll tell you what would really help me and my family...

3

So apart from the thing which would really help, what else can we do?

4

I'll book you on the parenting programme...

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The criteria for each child for the Returning Children to Middlesbrough project is:

- It would be safe and in their interests to return them home
- They would be willing to work towards achieving this
- Their families would be willing to work towards achieving this
- Those professionals working with the child/young person or their family see this as a positive way forward

- Strong steering group
- Some cracking social workers
- No nonsense approach to personal budgets

Amy

Amy is 14-years-old and entered the looked after system when she was very young. She has always maintained contact with her mother. At the age of 12 following another placement breakdown Amy found herself in a local residential children's home. Amy says, "I hated it, I didn't like some of the staff who worked there, I did like some of them. I liked the kids but it was strict."

Amy's response to her unhappiness was to 'kick back' against the service. She started to gather a reputation for herself and it became increasingly difficult for staff in the home to support her. During her difficult time in the residential home she maintained contact with her mother. Amy says, "*I used to say I was seeing my friends but I'd sneak home to see mam.*"

Amy's mother says, "*They'd phone me up and ask me to speak to her and calm her down, or persuade her to go to school, it was like being a mam at the end of a phone*".

After a series of incidents at the residential home Amy was arrested by the police and was returned home to her mother's house because the residential home did not feel able to take her back. Amy's social worker was faced with the dilemma of finding another placement (probably further away, more restrictive and more expensive) or working with Amy and her mother to find out what it would take to successfully keep Amy at home.

To



Thank you for all the
help you have gave me
and my mam.



hope you like your
cakes.

Love

x.





Before

Developing an enhanced reputation, running out of placements and options, predicted 'U' grades, Young Offenders Institute the next logical step – a childhood in care and a future as a 'care leaver'

After

Building a positive reputation, happily (sometimes precariously) at home, 'C' grades at GCSE, a new positive circle of friends, attending college, planning her next steps in life as a young adult.

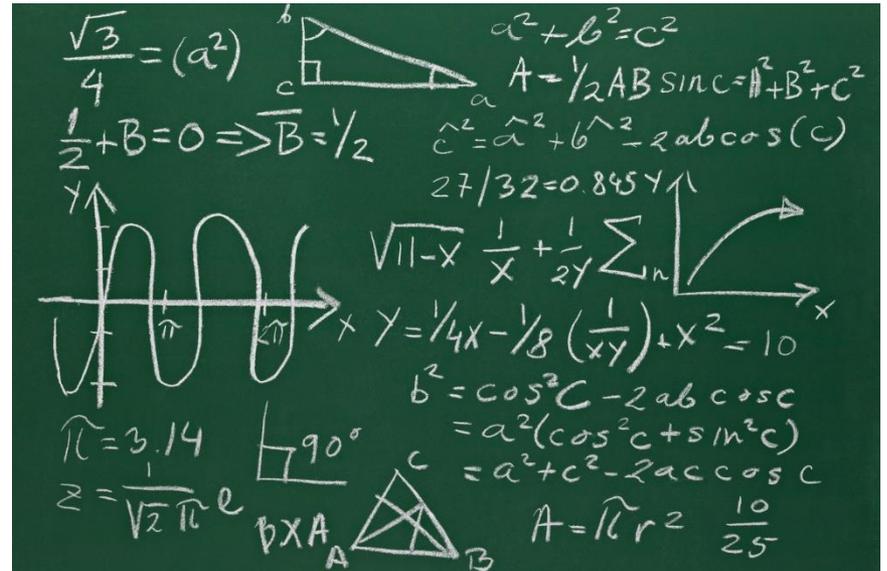
10 months

on;

£120,000

£11,960

£108,040.....

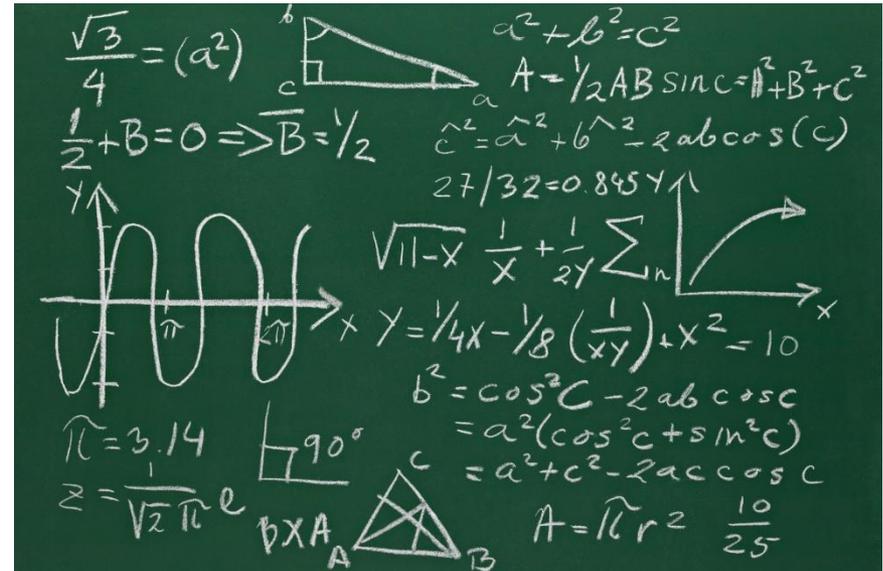


Four years on;

£3,000 per week x 52 x 4 = £624,000

£200 per week x 52 x 4 = £41,600

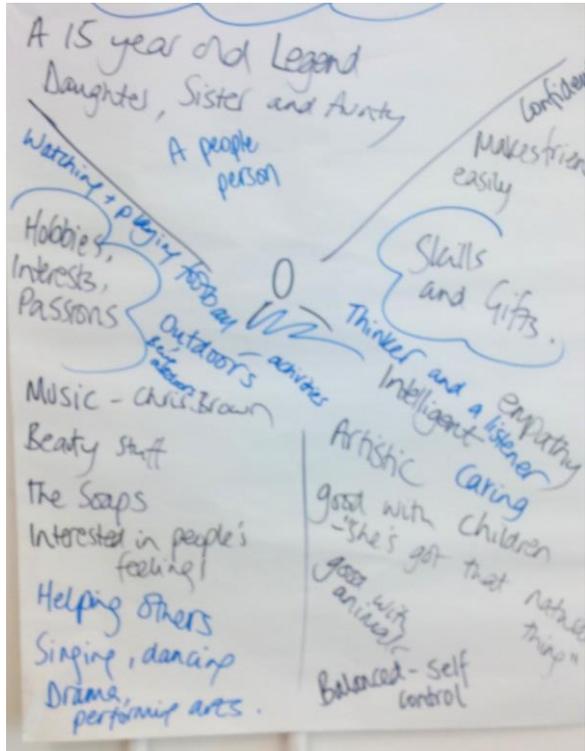
£582,400



Emma

The most complicated girl in Middlesbrough, The most high profile young person in Middlesbrough;

- Victim of Child Sexual Exploitation
- Placed 300 miles from Middlesbrough
- Cost of £6,500 per week
- Hated education
- Didn't 'engage' in CAMHS
- Had a bad reputation



Summing Up...

Today

"One of the nicest meetings I've ever been to"

"Emotional"

"Positive"

"Progress"

"We are making something now"

"Open"

"honest"

The future

"Moving forward"

"Building bridges"

"light at the end of the tunnel"

"In control"

"I believe now"

"I want you to compromise with me. I might only be a 15 year old kid but I know my stuff. I have worked my arse off over the last three months."



- Volunteers for a Children's Charity
- At home
- Going to College
- No bother...

The creativity trap...





“Listen deeply, search for capacities,
seek connections, be open to yes....”

John O'Brien

Search for Capacities;

- In the people and families
- In the communities they BELONG to
- Encourage people's contribution
- Search for capacities in yourself as a worker and your colleagues



A parenting programme or £400 to do the banger up?
- Both might work!



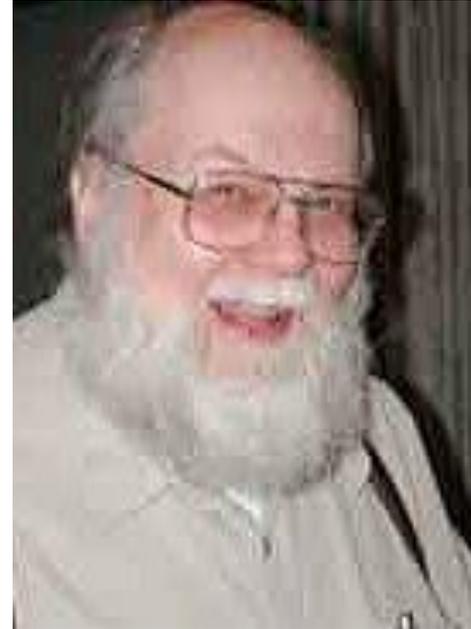
.....seek connections.....

- Opportunities for friendship, love, belonging



“Communities are
reservoirs of hospitality”

-John O’Brien



Be open to yes

WELL DONE IS
BETTER THAN WELL
SAID.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

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- don't take no for an answer
- Tenacity
- Create a compelling human story to release resources
- Point out the savings
- Can we just try this...£20 for a chinese?

What would it take?



For you to feel more able to cope?

To make the mornings easier?

To get you to school?

To get you from -10 to -8....

What are *you* going to do?

What would it take?





**We can't accommodate all these!
What might the solution be?**

What have we got?

What could we do together?

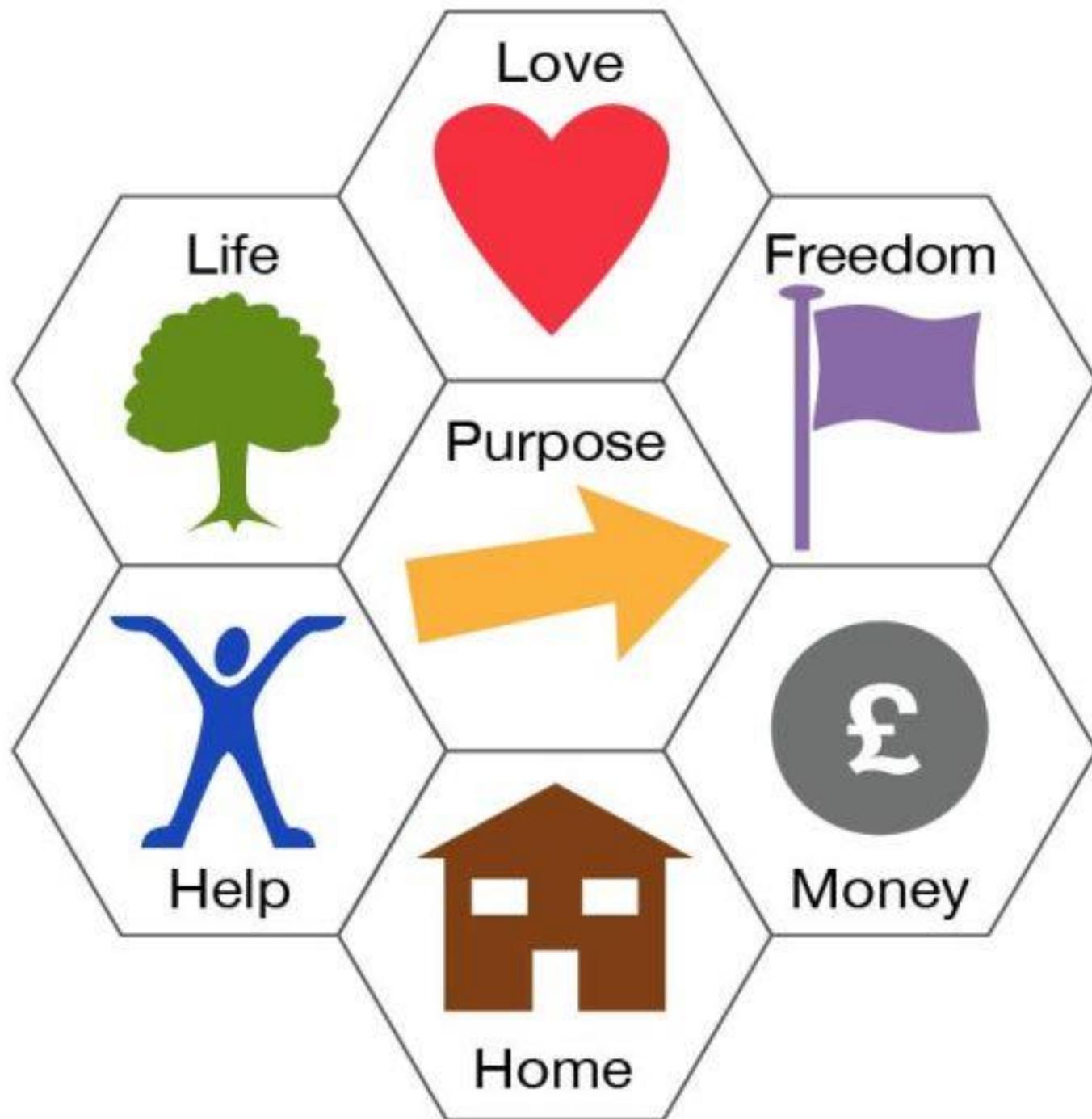
What would it take to make it happen?

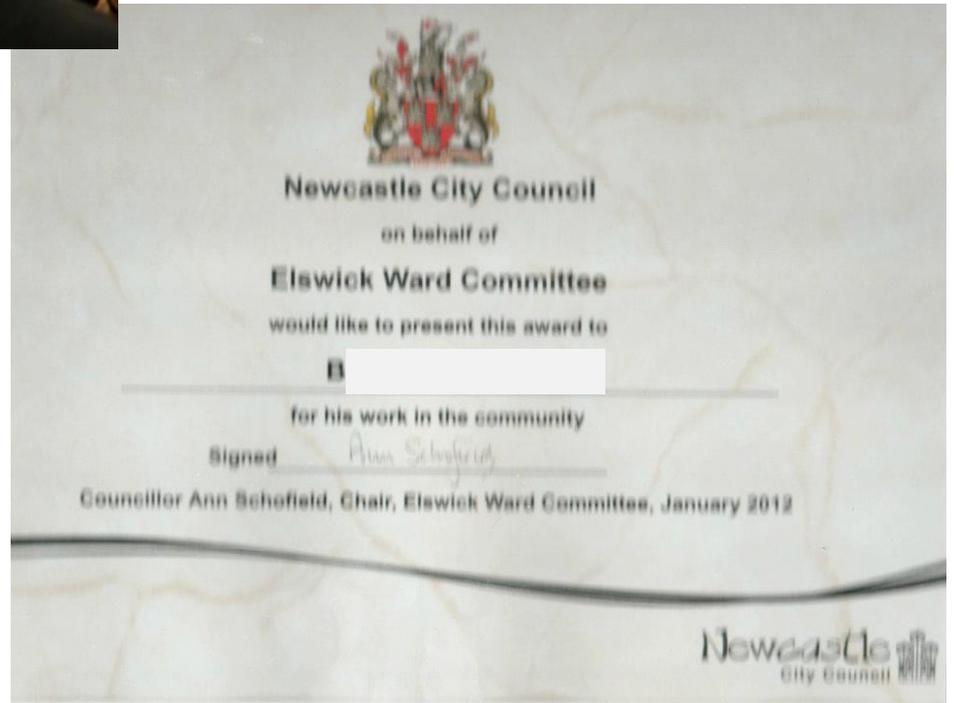
Do we all trust each other?

Focus on the really important questions...

*“What is it that you want to do
with this one, wild, precious
thing called your life?”*

Mary Oliver



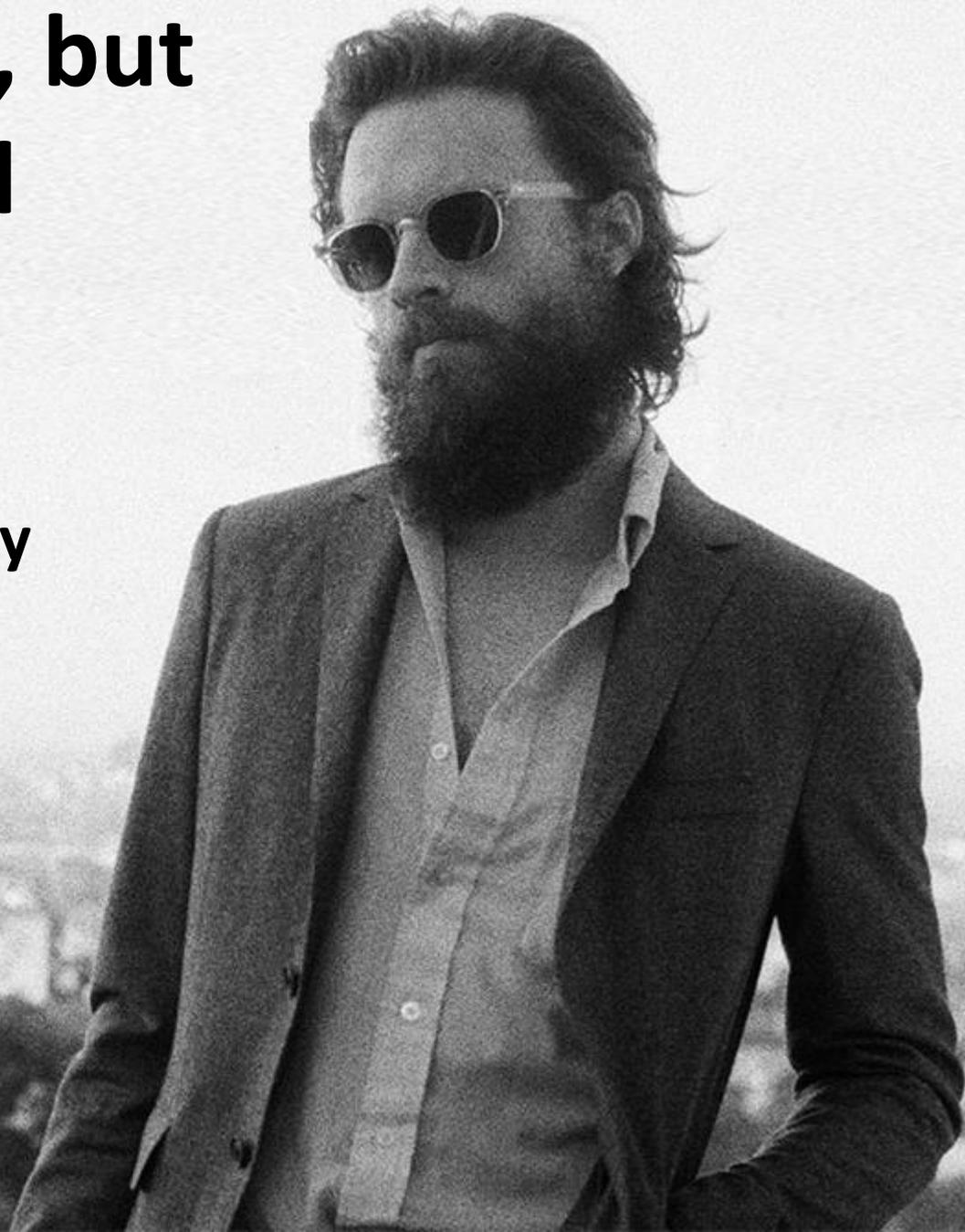


How many of us would welcome....

- A parenting assessment?
- An intervention?
- A placement?

**“I hate to say it, but
each other is all
we’ve got”**

- Father John Misty



**“All we need is honesty, a little humility
and trust...”**

- Bob Dylan

