

Improve Your Searches in the Community Scholars Portal

Online Workshop

Wednesday, February 5

2:00 – 3:00pm

Agenda

- Introductions
- About the Community Scholars Program
- When do you use research?
- Concept Mapping: What is it, why do it, and how does it work?
- Strategies for searching

Introductions

- Kate
 - Community Scholars Librarian @ SFU
 - Digital Publishing Librarian

- Kealin
 - Librarian @ UNBC
 - Community Scholars Librarian
 - Loves concept maps and Coronation Street!

What is the Community Scholars Program?

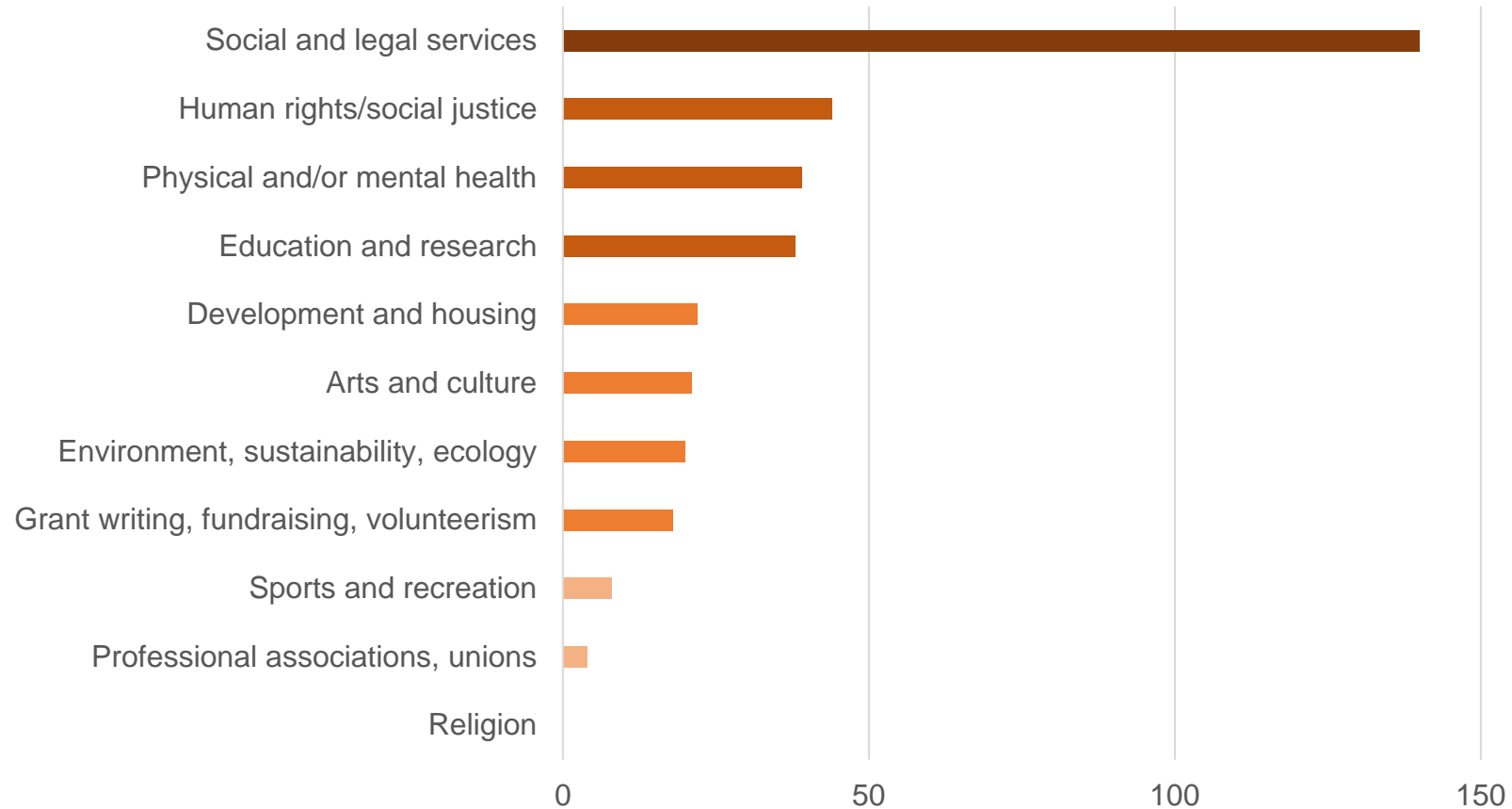
- Participants (Community Scholars)
- Partners
- Publishers
- Portal
- Programming

Participants : Community Scholars!

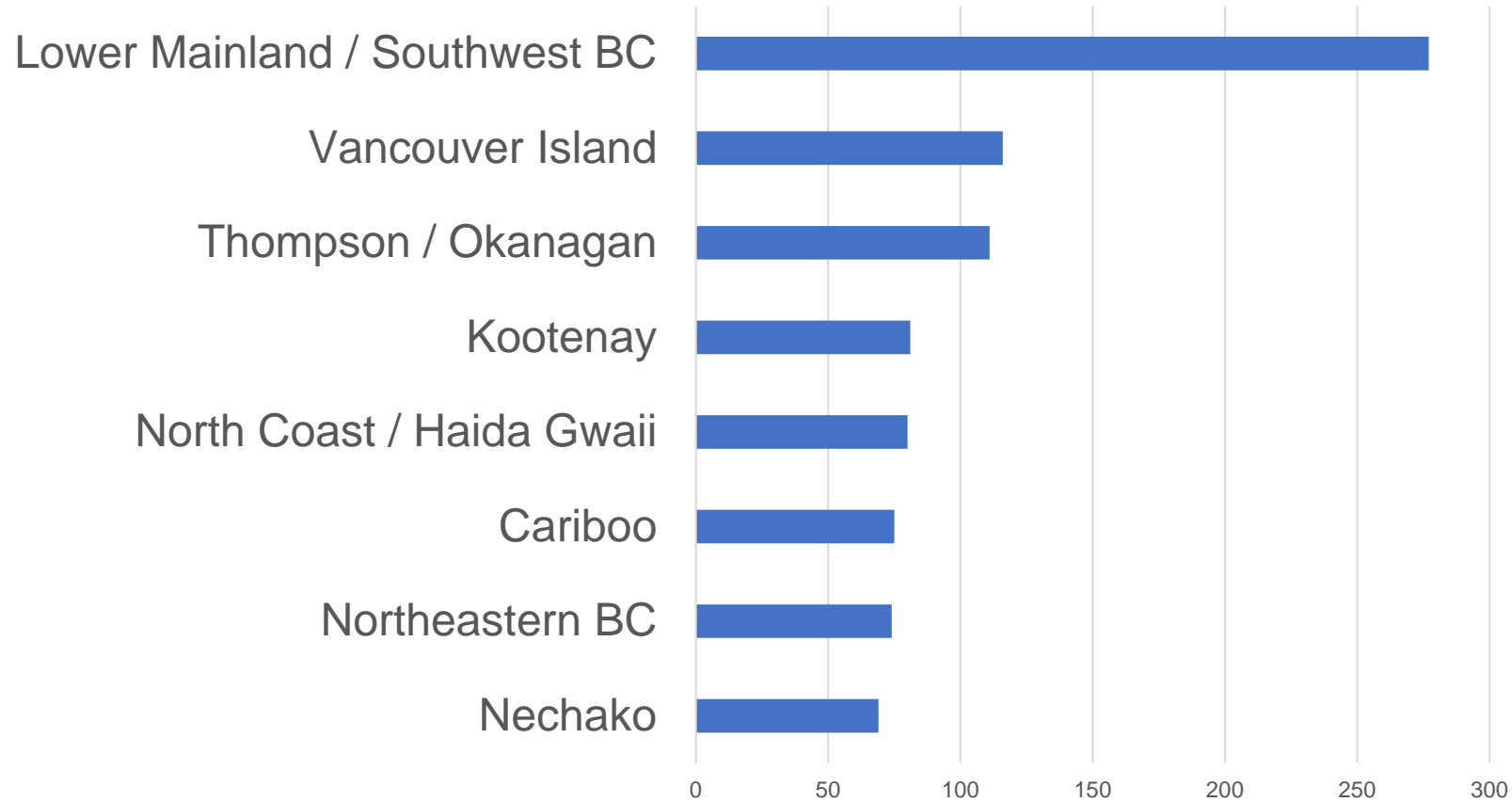
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Invasive Species Society Burnaby Association for Community Inclusion
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Valley Community Arts Council BC Non-Profit Housing Association
Cumberland and District Historical Society Big Brothers of Greater Vancouver
SPARC BC Nikkei Seniors Health Care Hives for Humanity Society QMUNITY
Vantage Point Atira Women's Resource Society Check Your Head Canadian
Parks and Wilderness

...and many more

Sectors of service reported by Community Scholars



Regions served by Community Scholars' Organizations



Partners



mindset foundation

McConnell

Library Partners





Publishers



Programming

- Newsletters
- Consultations
- Workshops
- Communities of Practice
- Journal Clubs
- Twitter
- and..... ???

When do you use research?

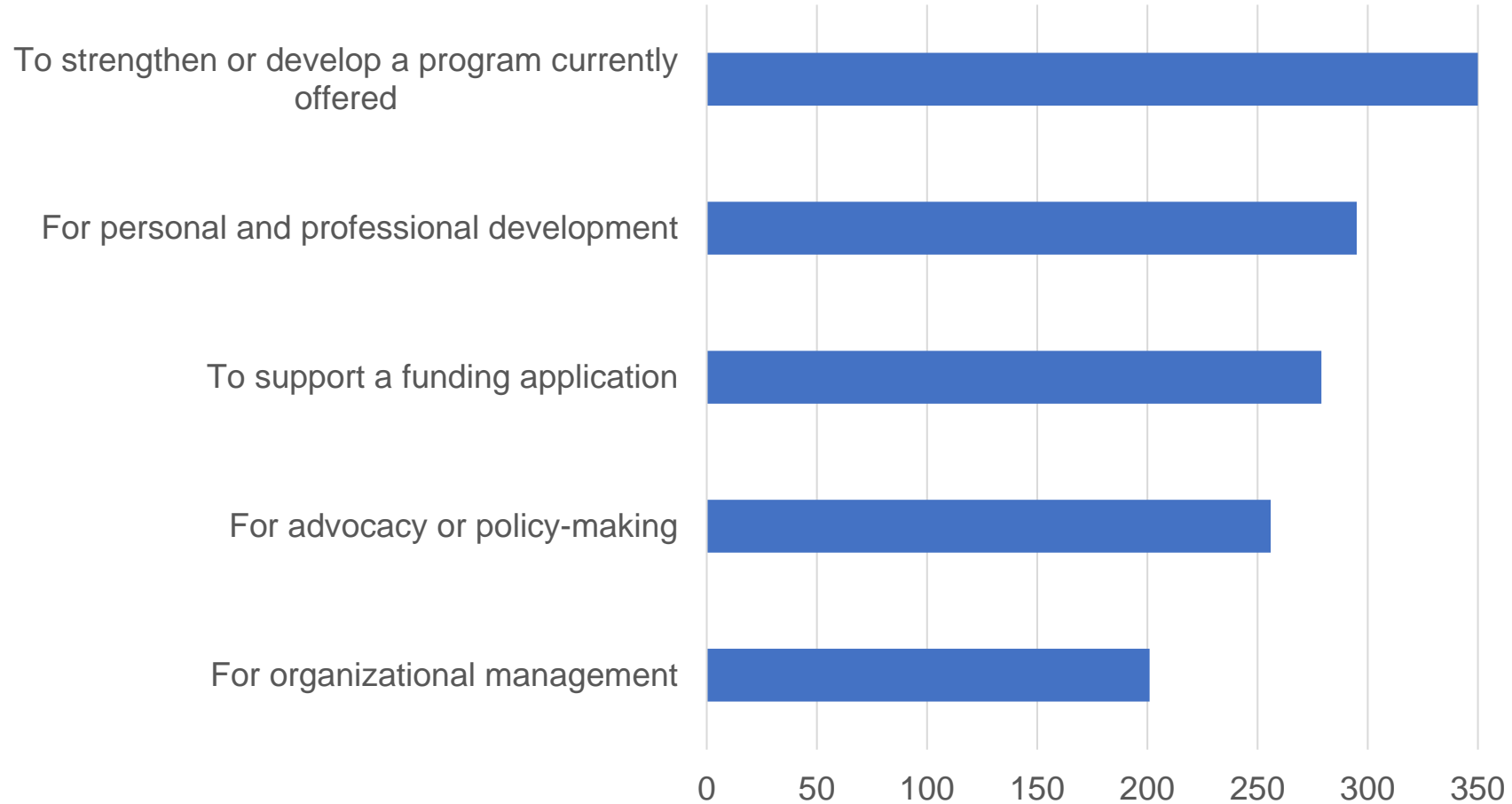
- How do you use or hope to use books and journal articles to inform your work?
 - Stay current
 - Validate programs for funding
 - Identify existing work in the field and address gaps in the literature
 - Develop new programs & keep programming relevant
 - Professional development
 - Grant applications

Where in your work is research useful?

- Generating options or making the case
- Commissioning services or products
- Developing funding bids
- Stopping doing something
- Aligning services with “customer needs”
- Developing a workforce
- Increasing accountability to stakeholders

- Adapted from [“Using Research Evidence : a Practice Guide”](#). Nesta, 2016

How do you plan to use the peer-reviewed journals and other scholarly publications available through this program?



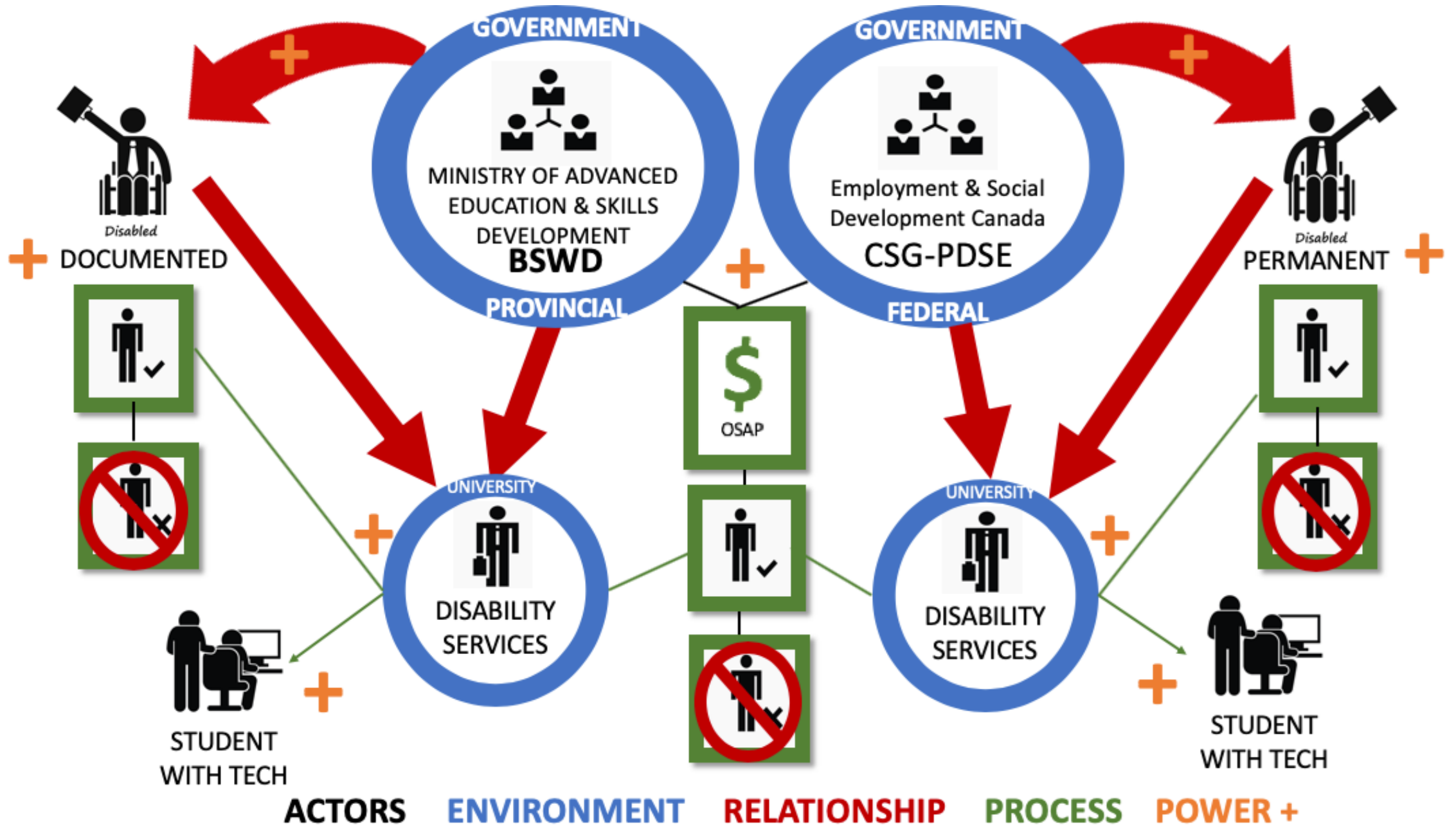
Concept Mapping

- What is it?
- Why do it?
- How does it work?

Concept Mapping: What is it?

Tool:

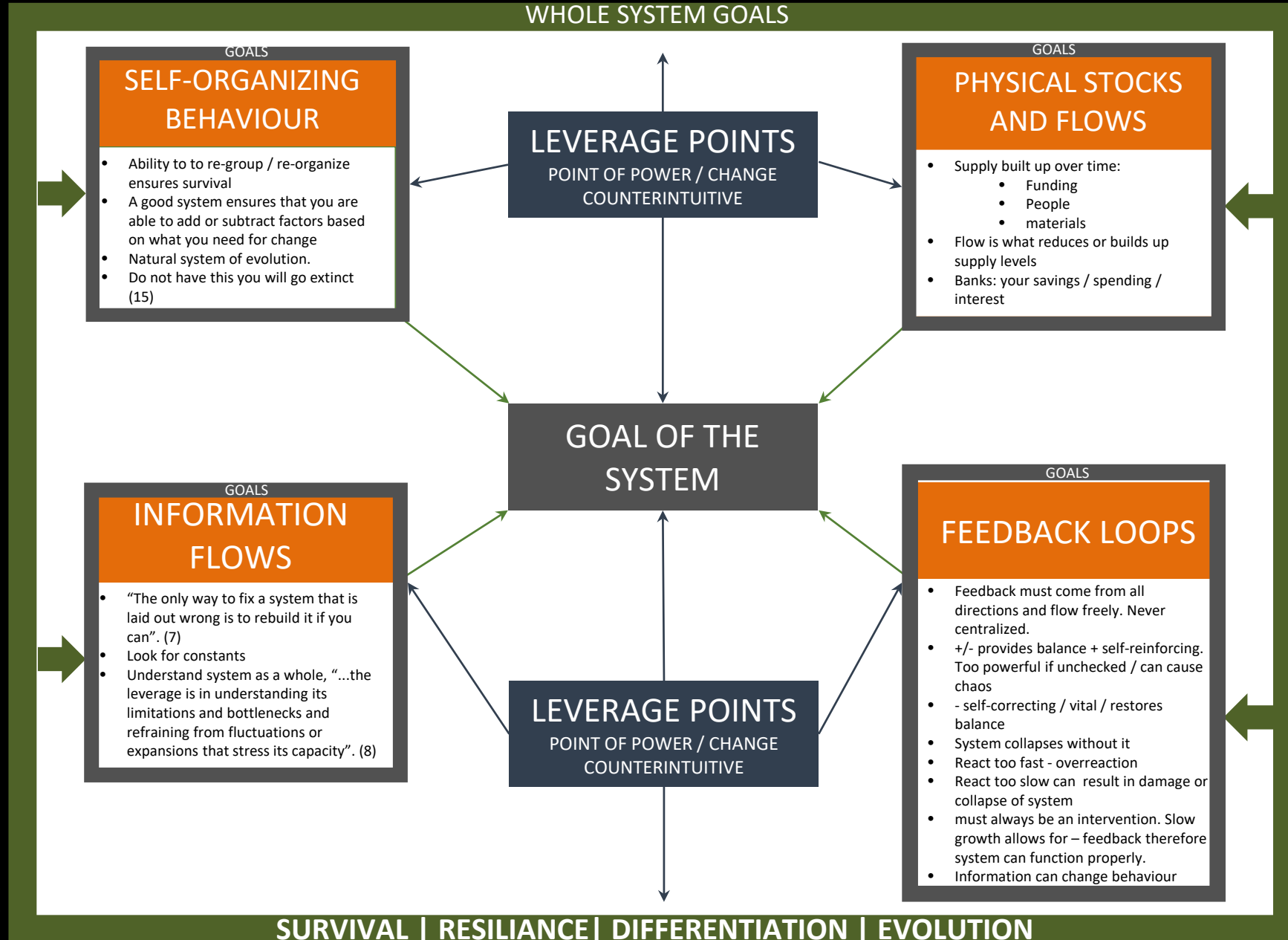
- Explore – Controlled vocabulary and natural language
- Expand – identify area other areas to explore
- Plan – Be efficient and effective!



ACTORS **ENVIRONMENT** **RELATIONSHIP** **PROCESS** **POWER +**

SYSTEM

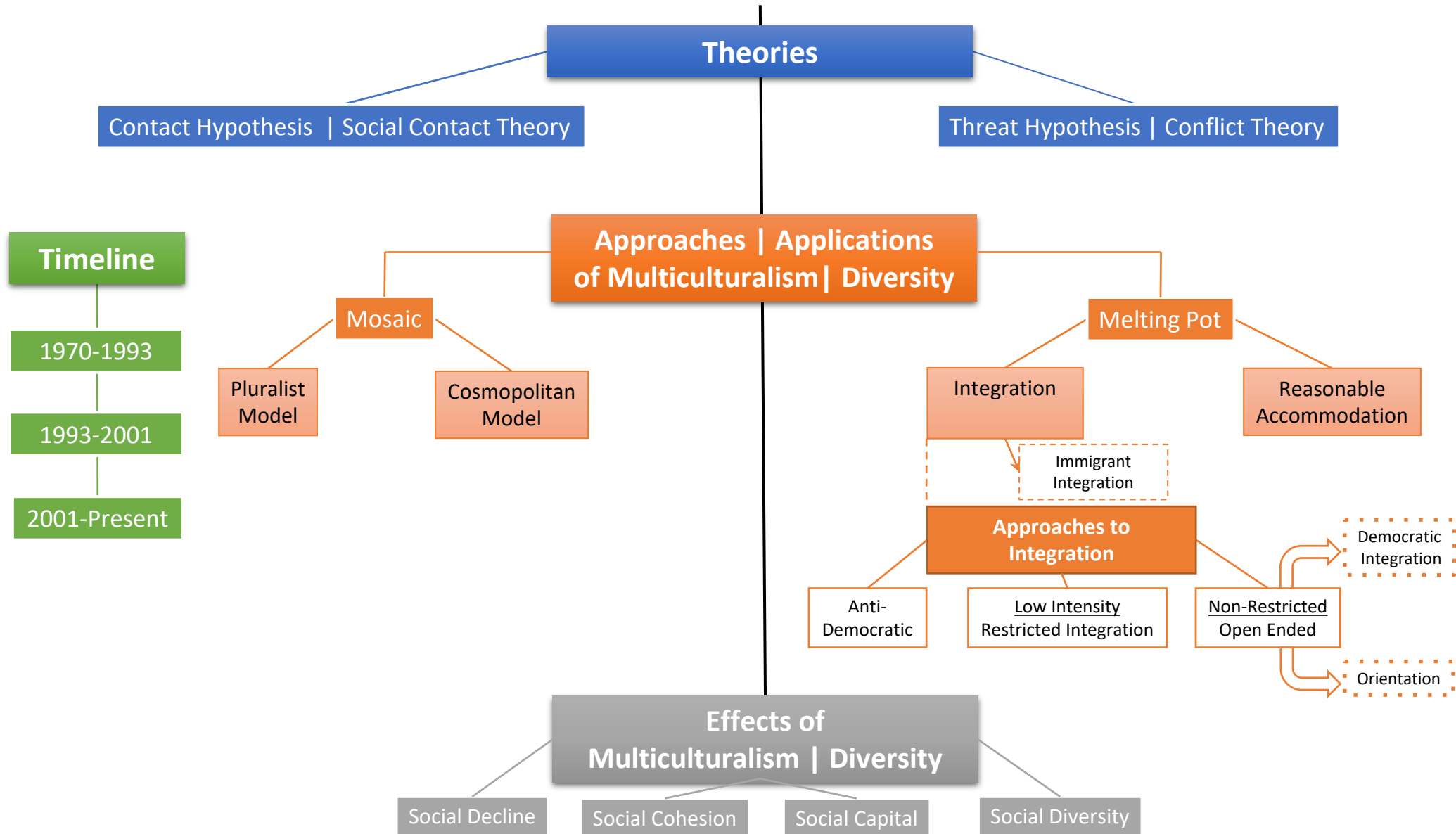
WHOLE SYSTEM GOALS



Donella H. Meadows, "Leverage Points: Places to Intervene in a System," in Resilience Thinking Sustaining Ecosystems and People in a Changing World 2006, eds. B. H. Walker and David Salt (Washington, DC: Island Press, 2006), 74-92.

Need to be fluid / flexible . Cannot be generalized. Very dangerous

Examining Political Commentary: Multiculturalism and Diversity?



Controlled vocabulary

- Snobby language
 - Cancer?
 - Breast milk?
- Boolean operators!



Concept mapping and searching

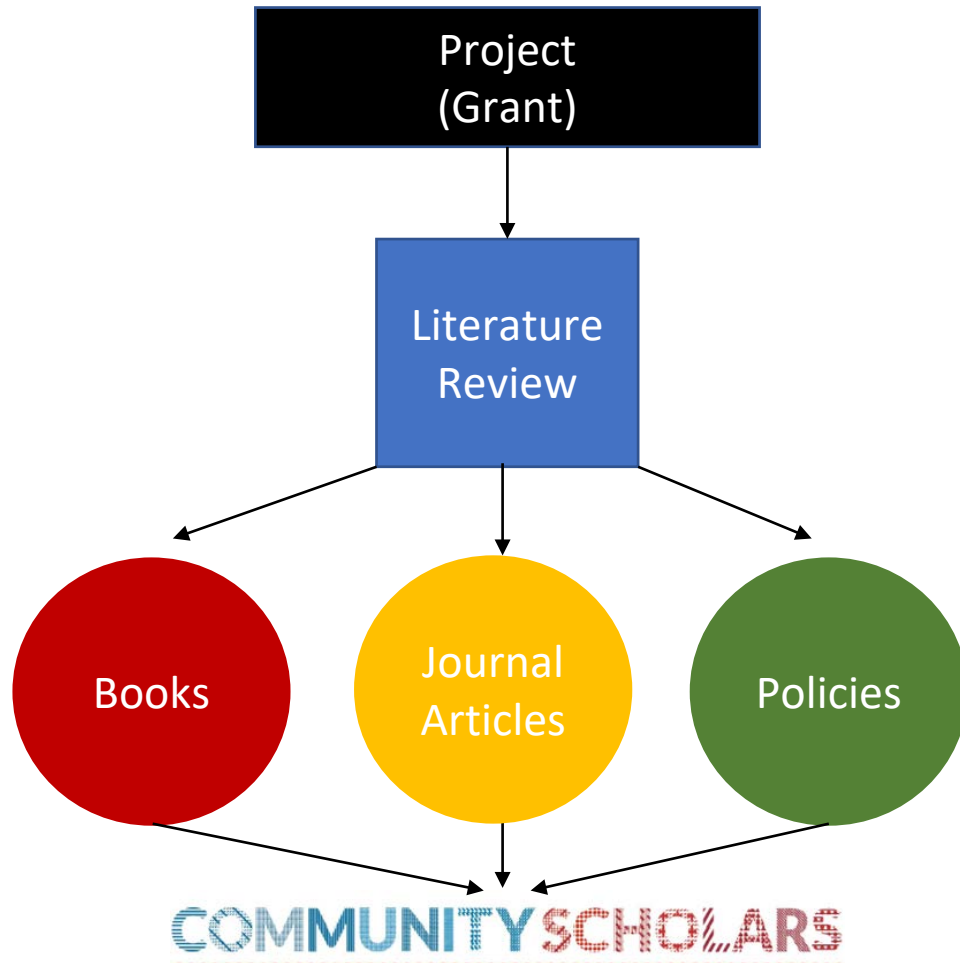
Natural Language	Controlled vocabulary
Cancer	Neoplasms [MeSH]
Breast Milk	Milk, Human [MESH]

Cancer **OR** Neoplasms

Breast milk **OR** Milk, Human

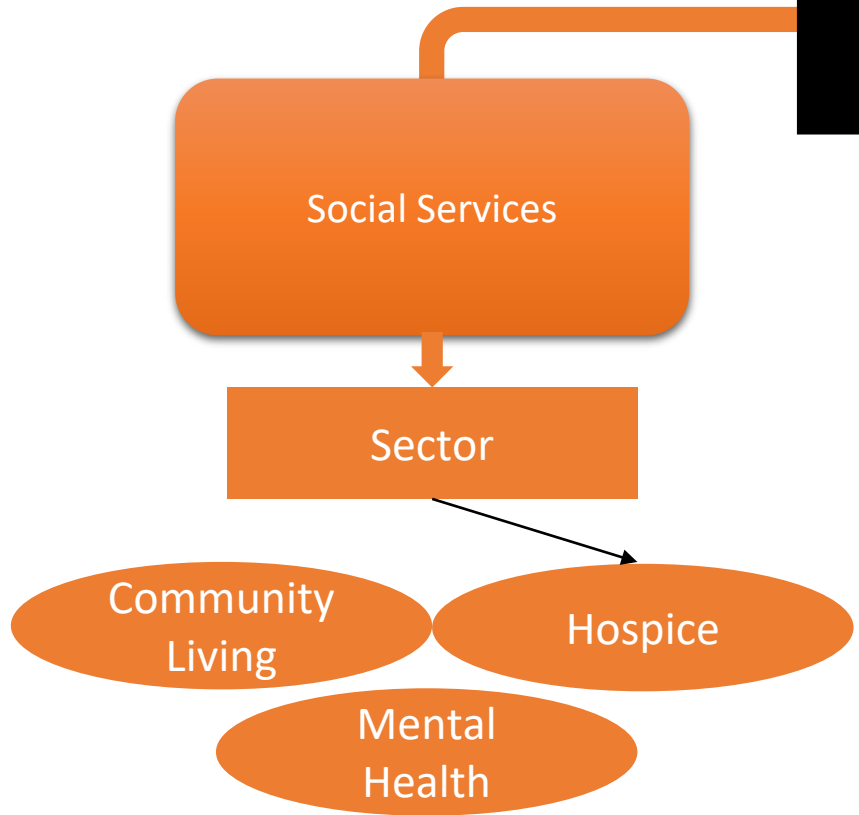
Concept Mapping: How does it work?

1. What do you need? Plan where you need to go.





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2015-2018 strategic plan



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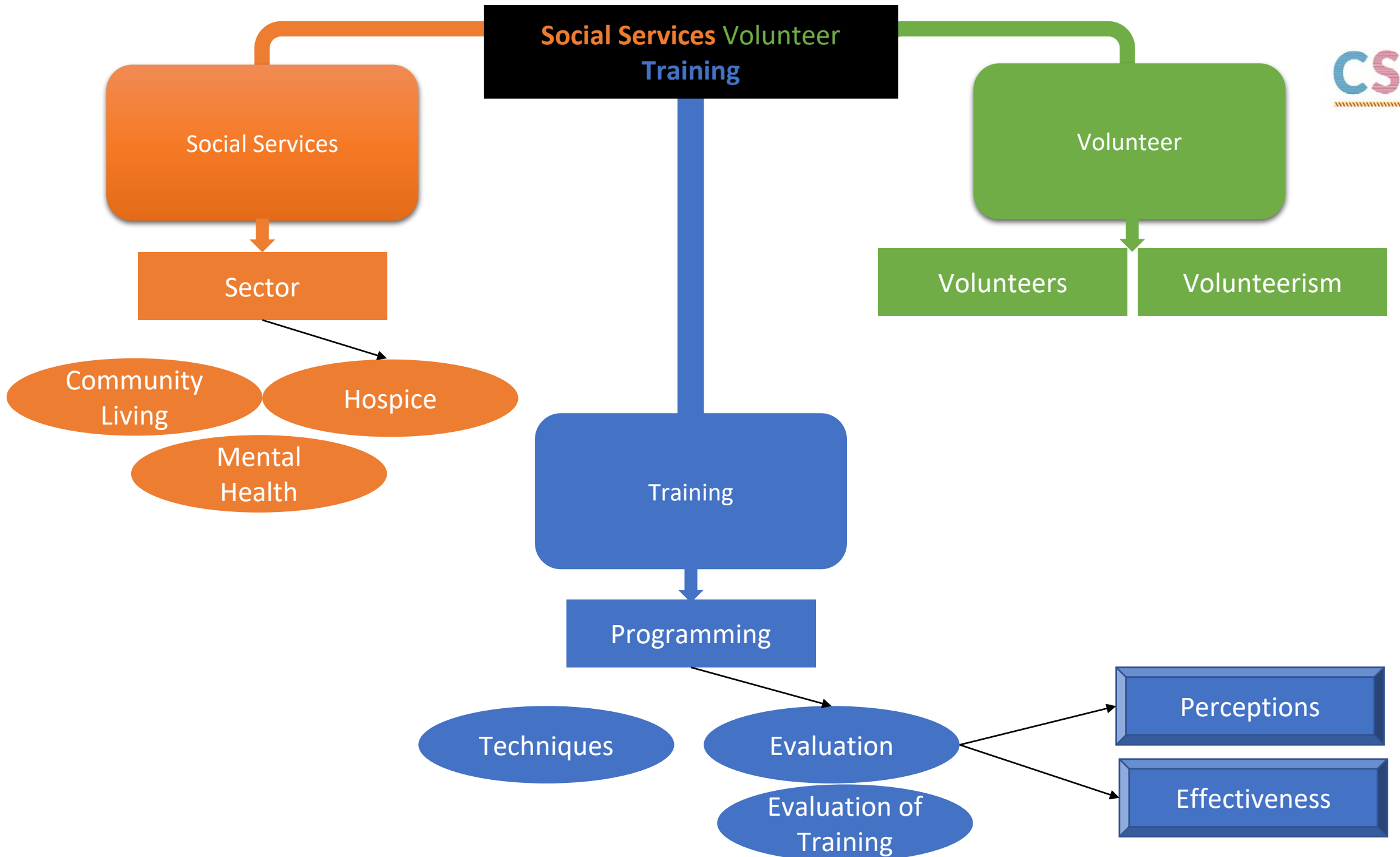
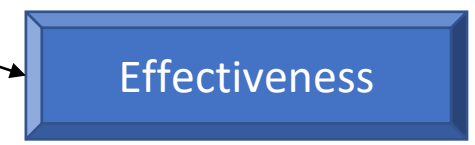
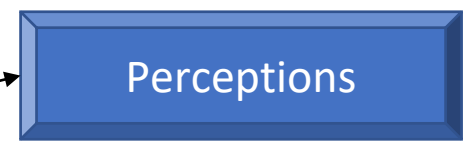
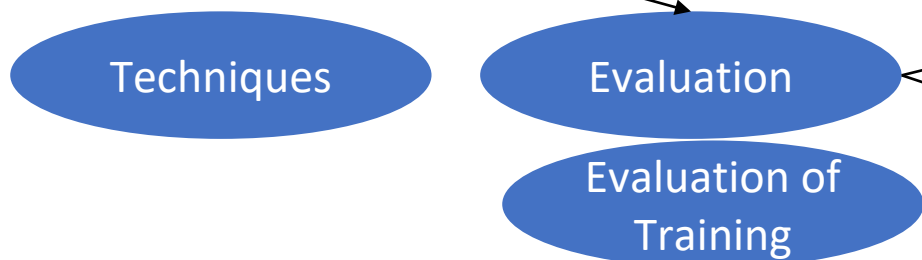
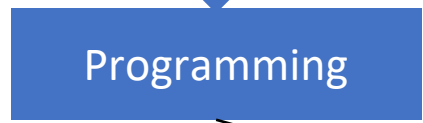
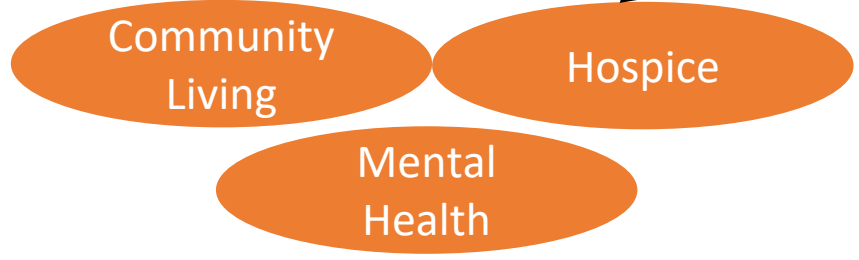
ABORIGINAL SERVICES

COMMUNITY LIVING SERVICES

ORGANIZATION	COMMUNITY	WEBSITE
28th Avenue Homes Ltd.	Vernon	http://28thavehomes.ca/
Abilities Community Services Agency	Victoria	
Access Human Resources Inc.	Kelowna	http://www.accessresources.ca/
AIMHi - Prince George Association for Community Living	Prince George	http://www.aimhi.ca/



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Poll

To what extent are you already using the Community Scholars Portal?

1. I use it frequently
2. I have used it a few times
3. I looked at it
4. I haven't had a chance yet



Portal

- Navigating to the portal
- Conducting a search
 - Tips and strategies
- Saving a search or saving articles

Next Steps

- Practice/explore
- Complete our workshop survey!
<http://at.sfu.ca/QosovZ>
- Ask for support
 - Kealin McCabe: mccabek@unbc.ca
 - Kate Shuttleworth: kshuttle@sfu.ca
- Get in touch with your ideas/questions
- And.... put your findings into action?