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# SOCIAL FARMING



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- Brothers of Charity Services in Roscommon since 1975.
  - Staff 350
  - Service Users 450
  - Vision
    - ▣ Freedom & Dignity for all

# Mission

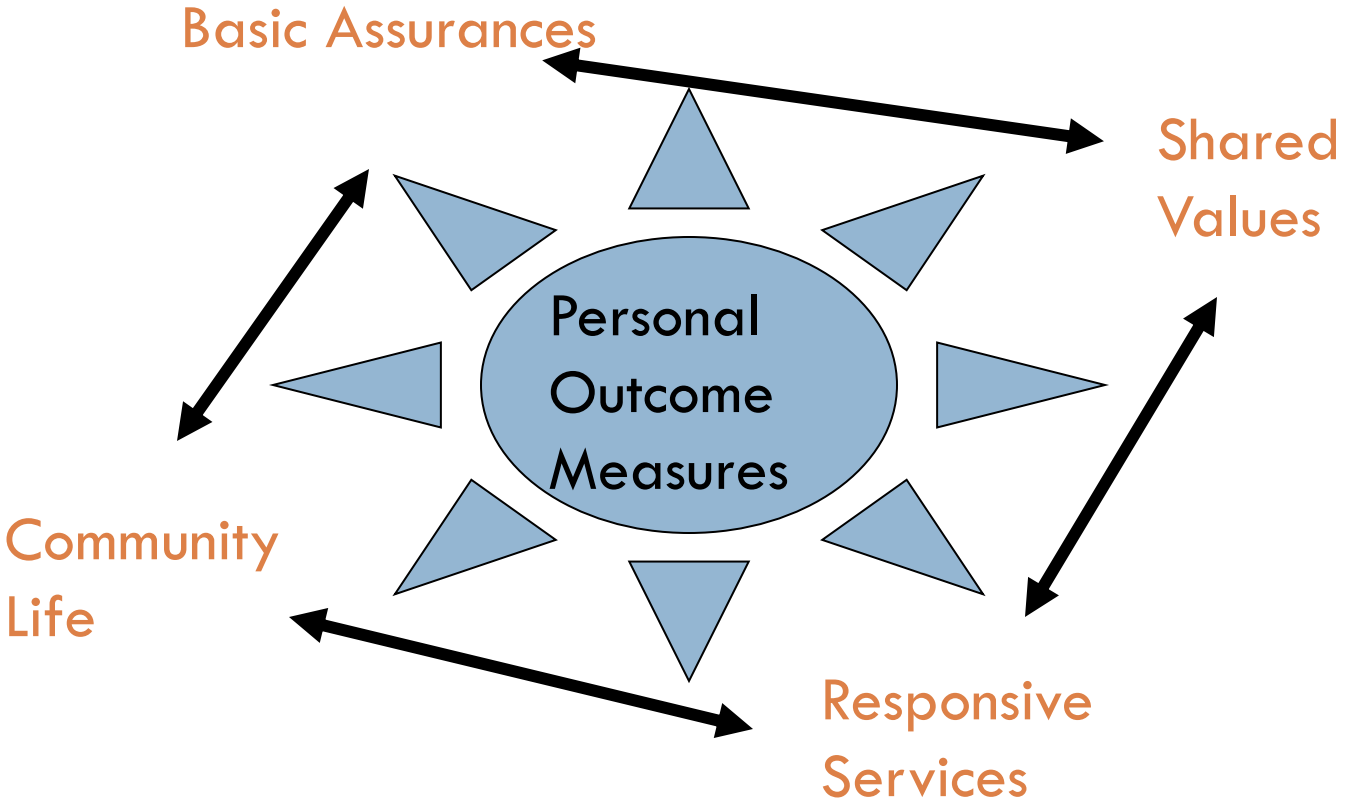
- The Brothers of Charity Roscommon empowers people with intellectual disability / autism to live the lives they choose.
  
- They do this by:-
  - ▣ Building the capacity of communities to welcome diversity
  - ▣ Facilitating people's wishes
  - ▣ Working creatively
  - ▣ Promoting Leadership and Initiative.


# A Journey of Discovery



- Supporting People to live the lives they choose

# Personal Outcomes




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- Valuing Relationships
  - Community Partnerships
  - Continuous learning and Improvement
  - Wanting to get it “right” for people
  - Open to Challenges
  - Embracing Change

# Discovered




- ▣ We are good at keeping people healthy and safe not so good at living and work options.
- ▣ We are good at bonding no so good at bridging – SOCIAL CAPITAL.




“Our purpose is not to help people  
Our purpose is to build a different kind of neighbourhood for  
us all”

Many are moved to the edge by labels



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- A service provider working with people with disability usually tried to help a person by setting up a new service, a new system which inevitably through well meaning built walls that disconnect the person with the label from community life.

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- The challenge to those who care about communities is to find ways to **reconnect** the **disconnected**.

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- Studies done over two decades involving more than 37,000 people show that social isolation – the sense that you have nobody with whom you can share your private feelings, have close contact with – doubles the chances of sickness or death.

Daniel Goleman.



Relationships are the key to a good life.  
contribution equals citizenship.

# Service Level Arrangement

- Definition of Terms
- Contact Details
- Legal status of service provider
- Regulations
- Quantum of Service
- Staffing
- Monitoring
- Review
- Termination of SLA


# Service Level Arrangement

- Cont.
- Dates of Agreement
- Other conditions applicable
- Funding
- Procedures for resolving difficulties
- Communication
- Insurance
  - ▣ Appendix 1: Provides Duties
  - ▣ Appendix 2: Serious Incident Reporting Procedure.

# Developing Supports in the context of:

- Disability Policy Review
- New Directions
- Housing Strategy
- Time to move on from Congregated Settings
- A strategy for Community Inclusion
- Review of Autism Services
- HIQA Standards

- **Not what drive us!**

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- What drives us is believing:
    - ▣ In a better life for people
    - ▣ In communities capacity to welcome all
    - ▣ That supporting what exists already is a far better way than developing a segregated way to meet the need.



# Final Thought

- Seeing is believing – “I wouldn’t have believed it if I hadn’t seen it”
- Believing is seeing – I wouldn’t have seen it if I didn’t believe it”
  - **Be Brave & Believe!**