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COMANITY

Where we are and
how we got here

A 'Community Animateur' Inclusive Training Programme for Youth

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The IDEA



Came from other projects we've done



The
IGUANA Project
Improving Education Together



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In **HERO** the young people involved in the programme worked with inmates on 'Death Row' in San Quentin Prison, California, to explore issues around **choices and opportunities**

Currently I am on Death Row at San Quentin State Prison in California charged with three murders. Murder for hire, Murder Robbery and Murder of an informant, I also have an additional sentence of 25 to life for Conspiracy to Commit murder

So what happened? This leads me back to the question I posed earlier... "How DOES SOMEONE END UP IN THIS SITUATION?" **CHOICES!** Each one of us makes CHOICES on a daily Basis throughout our life that effect our life and the lives of others and influence the



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50% volunteers have tertiary education
50% are in management
Over half aged 30-50
Source: EACEA 2016

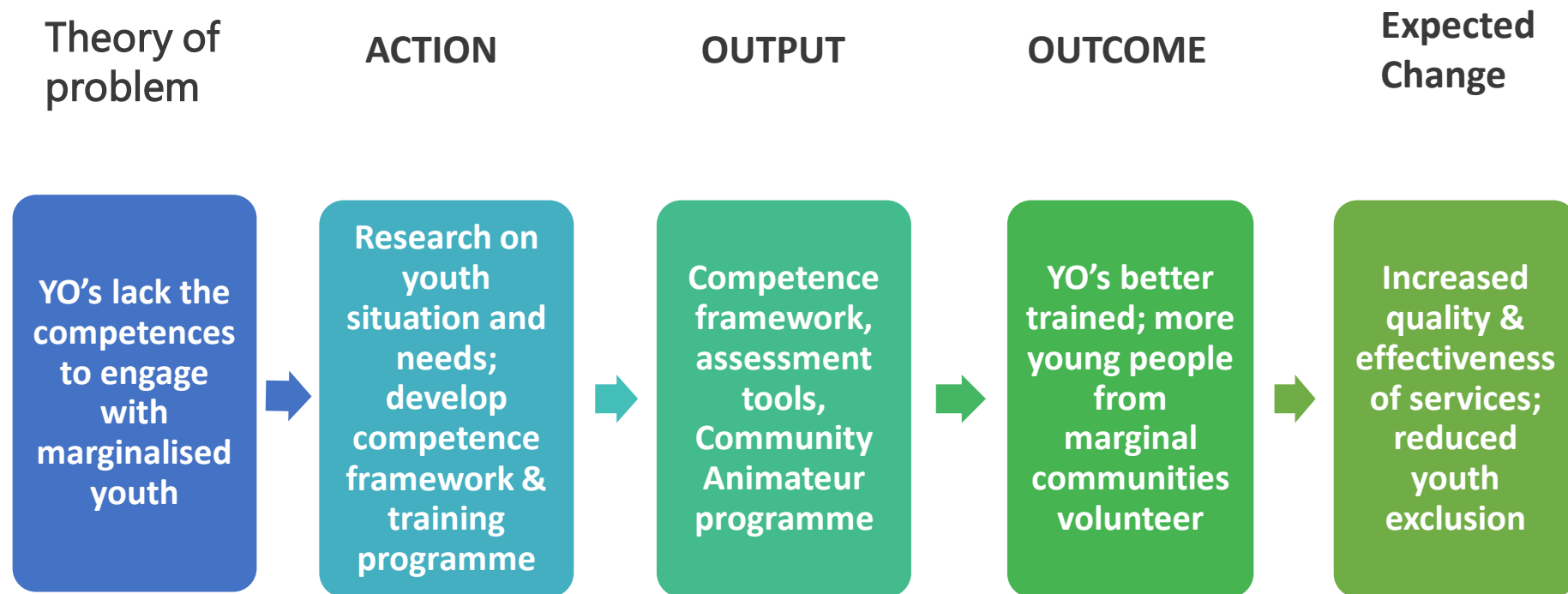


8% UK population provide 49% of hours volunteered
50% volunteers live in wealthy areas
Source: Mohan, 2011



Volunteers in wealthy areas add value to social capital of their areas (Bourdieu, 1986)

Youth organisations recruit volunteers from wealthy areas (Dean, 2016)

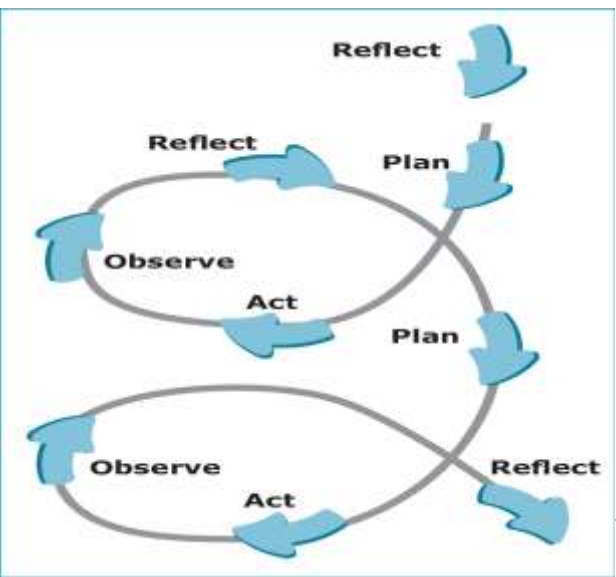
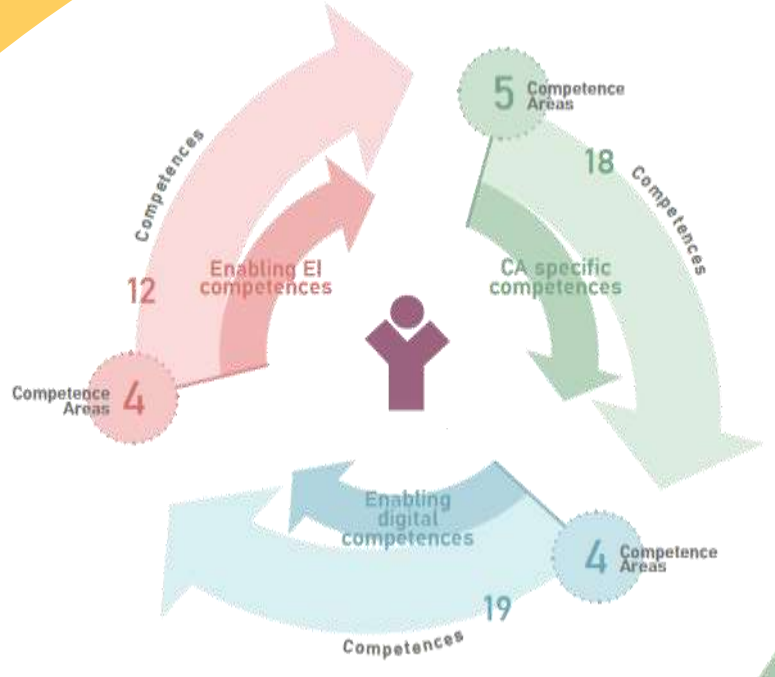


Presenting Problem: youth organisations fail to engage with highly marginalised young people. They face increasing demand with decreasing resources



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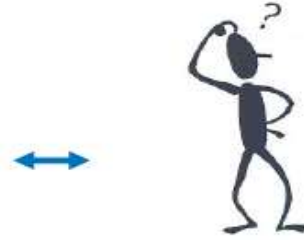


COMANITY IMPLEMENTATION MODEL

YOUTH SERVICES

COMMUNITY ANIMATEUR

COMMUNITY



Competence framework, tool
& learning programme



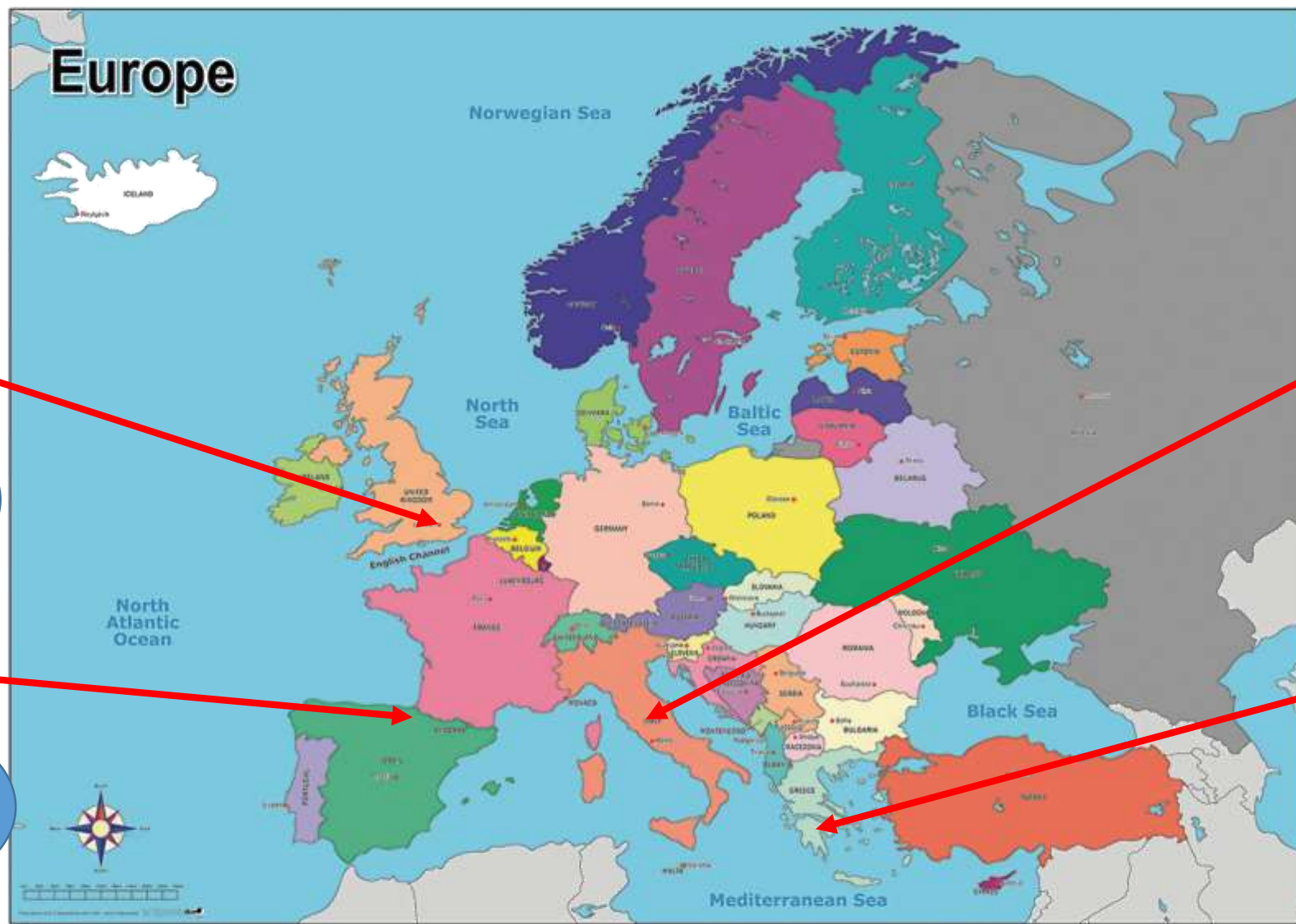
Co-produced action learning



What's a Community Animator?

- 'Social Mediator' ('Portieri Sociali')
- Makes a bridge between young people on the margins and other community actors and institutions
- Works to reduce situations of social conflict between young people, their communities and other groups
- By re-balancing the unequal distribution of 'social capital'
- Young 'volunteer' who comes from the community, and is trusted by his or her marginalized peer group





London

13 trainees
3 experiments

Santander

14 trainees
3 experiments

Perugia

15 trainees
1 experiment

Athens

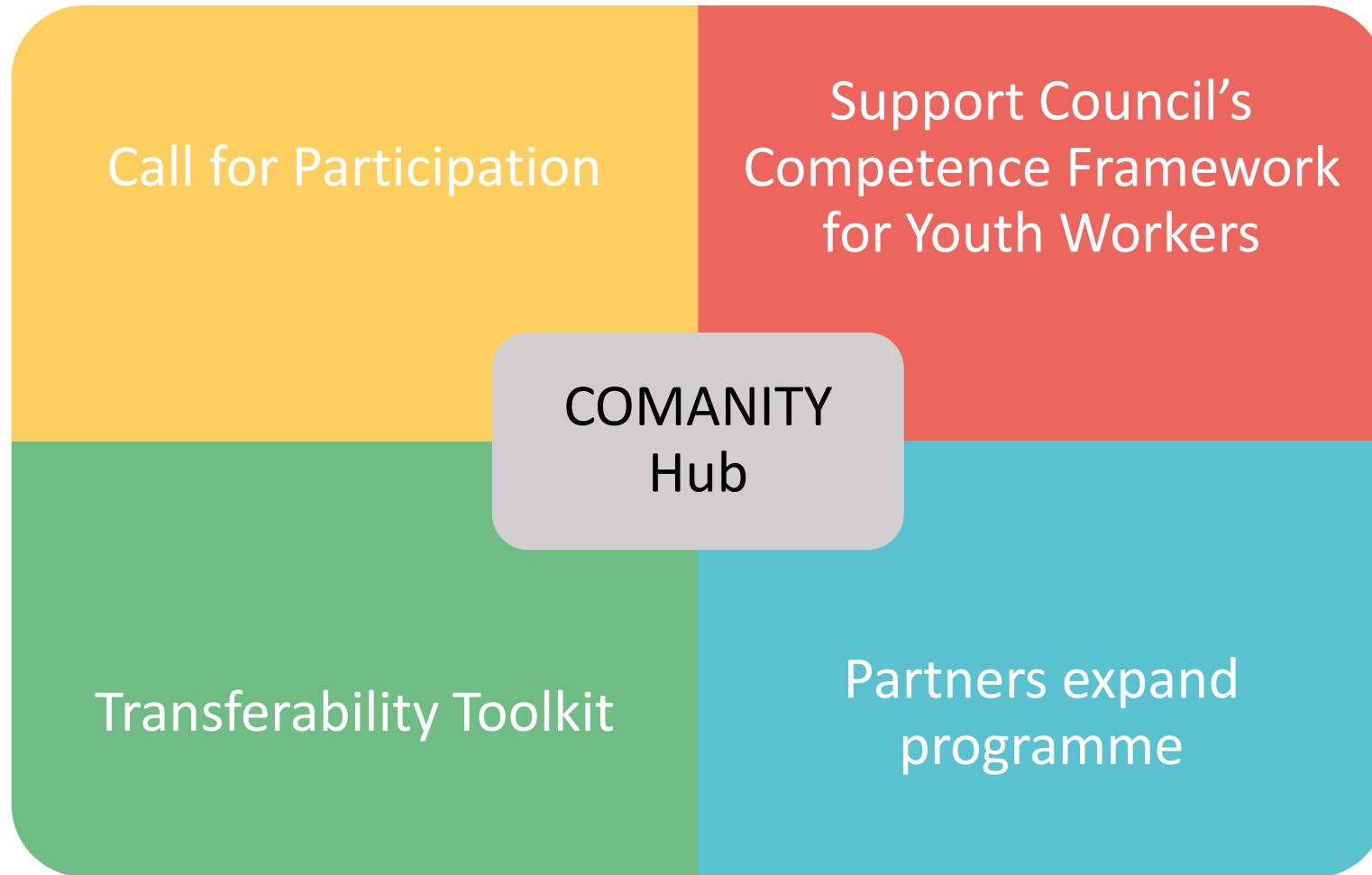
114 trainees
4 experiments



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The Future for COMANITY



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