

# The Future of Scotland

## An IFF World Game

Held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2012

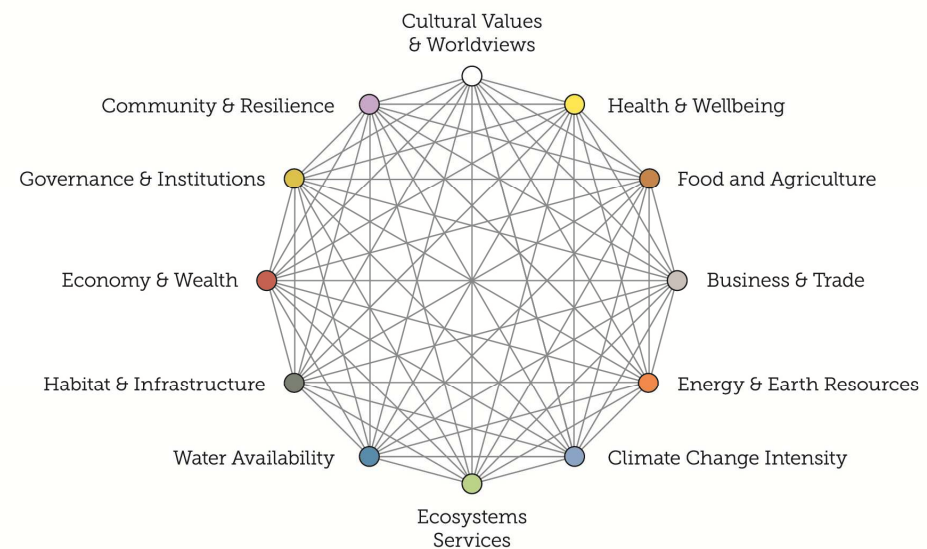
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The Glasgow Centre for Population  
Health

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2pm to 5:30pm

### Resilience World Model



Today's Game Challenge

## Developing a Resilient Scotland

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- How might we best prepare for the multiple impacts on Scotland of world turbulence over the next decade?
- What should we be doing now to be able to take care of the future of Scotland?

### Resilience Characteristics

- Alertness
- Anticipation
- Readiness with innovations
- Capacity to *bounce back* (threats)
- Capacity to *bounce beyond* (opportunities)
- 21<sup>st</sup> Century Competences

# IFF World Game Outline

A collaborative learning experience where you role play anticipating and responding to future global challenges as they affect your locality.



## PRELIMINARY – Purpose and Nature

- orientation to the game
- briefing on the game focus
- allocating roles

## ROUND1 – The Challenge to Resilience

- studying the briefs
- identifying concerns
- mapping concerns around the World Model

## ROUND2 – What to be Ready For

- trios of synchronous impact
- generating scenario stories
- sharing scenario stories

## ROUND3 – Evoking Wise Counsel

- creating wise declarations
- sharing in a wisdom circle
- appraising resilience

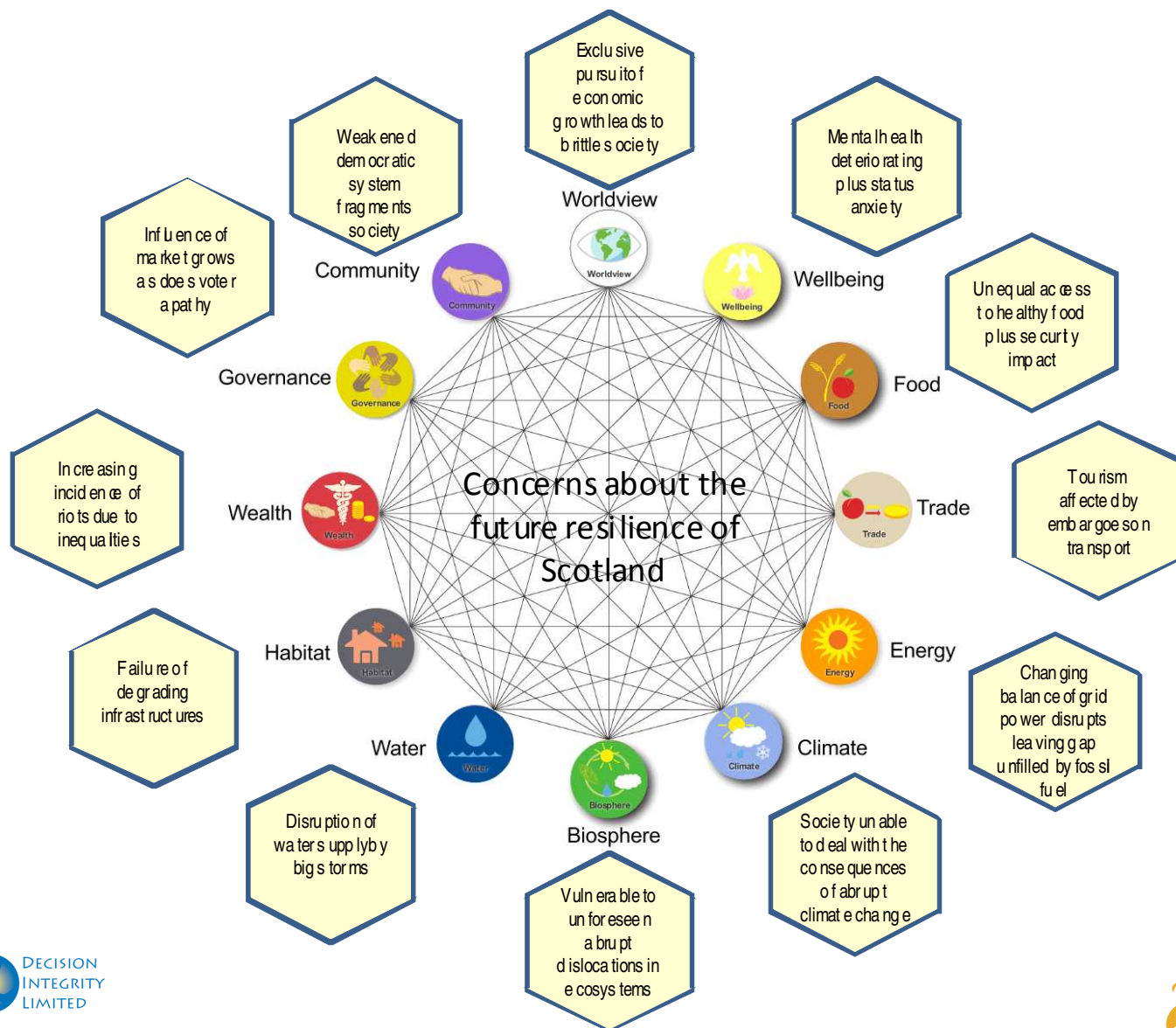
## REVIEW

- resilience learnings

STAGE 4:30-5:00

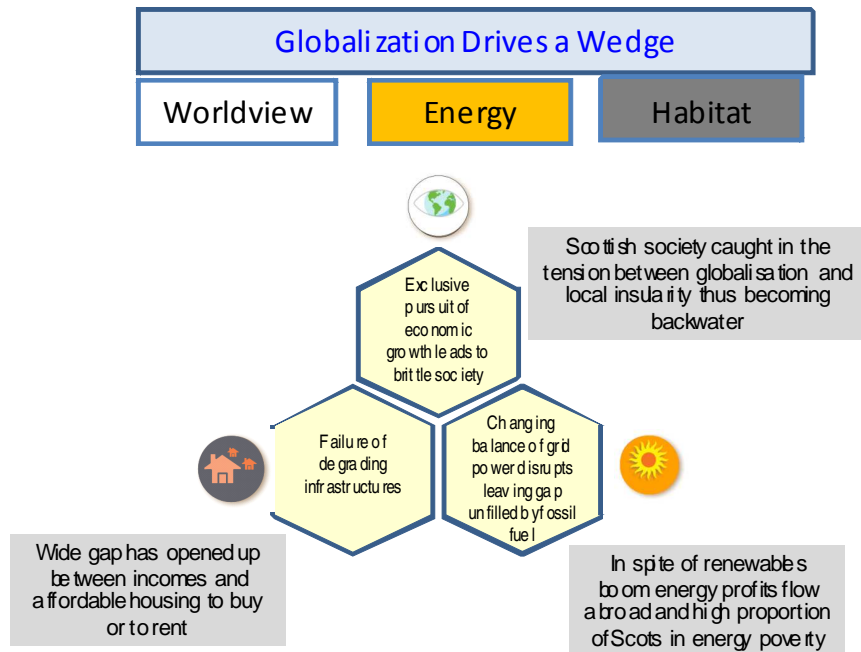


Given the trends and threats of the global situation, what are our concerns for the future of Scotland?



Supposing three incidents happened simultaneously to hit Scotland, what are the scenarios and what would wide anticipatory actions be?

### Scenario A



What is the big challenge to resilient Scotland?

Widening inequality leading to health and social problems – e.g. violence, suicides, communicable diseases, poor mental health

What is the scenario the 3 impacts create?

Being stuck in a destructive pattern

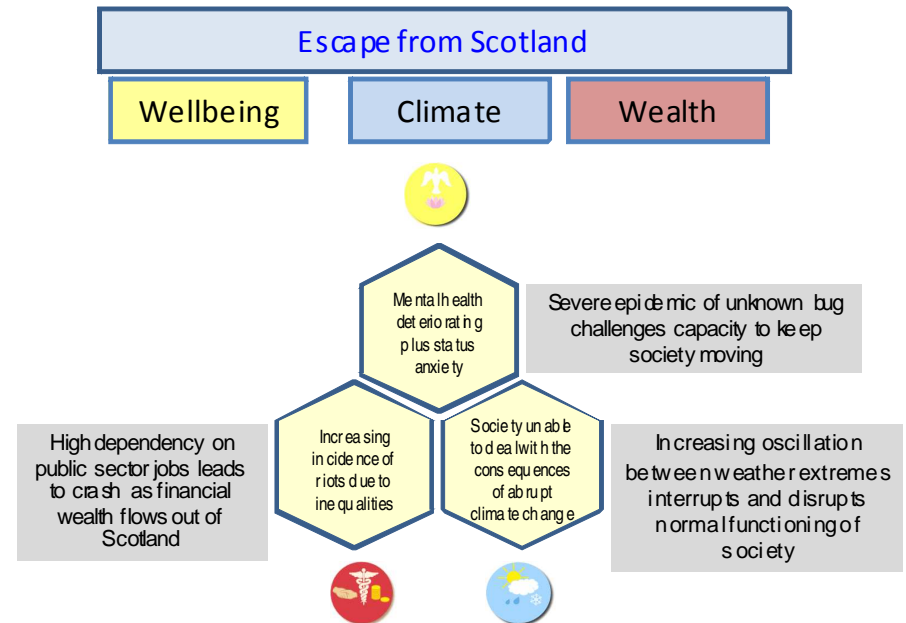
What ideas for wise initiatives do you suggest?

Community focused energy policy: benefits reinvested locally e.g. in housing

Better investment in energy efficient affordable housing.

New models of local democracy based on community strengths and assets.

### Scenario B



What is the big challenge to resilient Scotland?

Weak systems (e.g. social) limit our ability to mobilise all of our human resources

What is the scenario the 3 impacts create?

- Record scrounger deaths alleviate financial crisis
- Public purse eases as extreme weather closes Scotland down
- NHS in jeopardy as rich flee superbug for more temperate climes

What ideas for wise initiatives do you suggest?

- Compassion nation
- Reorganise perspective to respect inter-connections of life
- Move towards local forms of engaged democracy

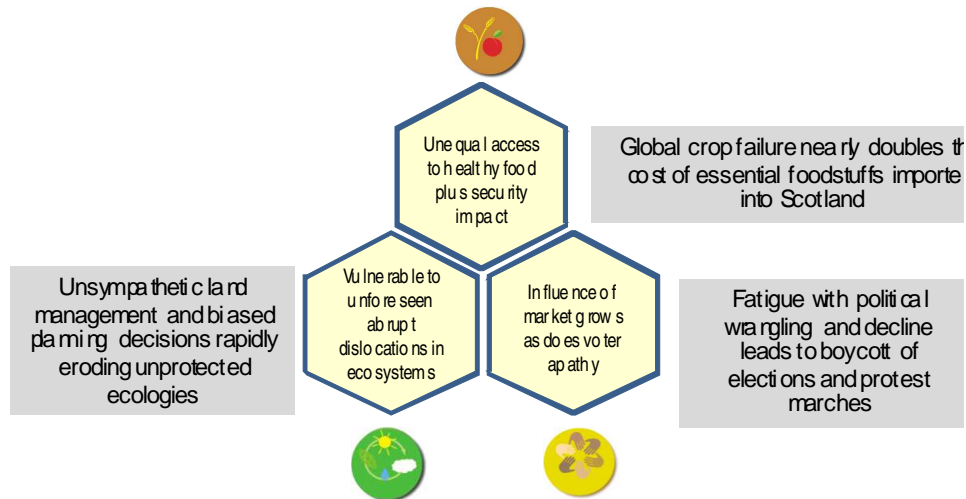
## Scenario C

### Nature Trumps Politics

Food

Biosphere

Governance



What is the big challenge to resilient Scotland?

Getting message of seriousness of situations across in a way that people respond to positively

What is the scenario the 3 impacts create?

Food rationing/ hoarding/ theft

What ideas for wise initiatives do you suggest?

Urban farming; local sourcing; extensive local production

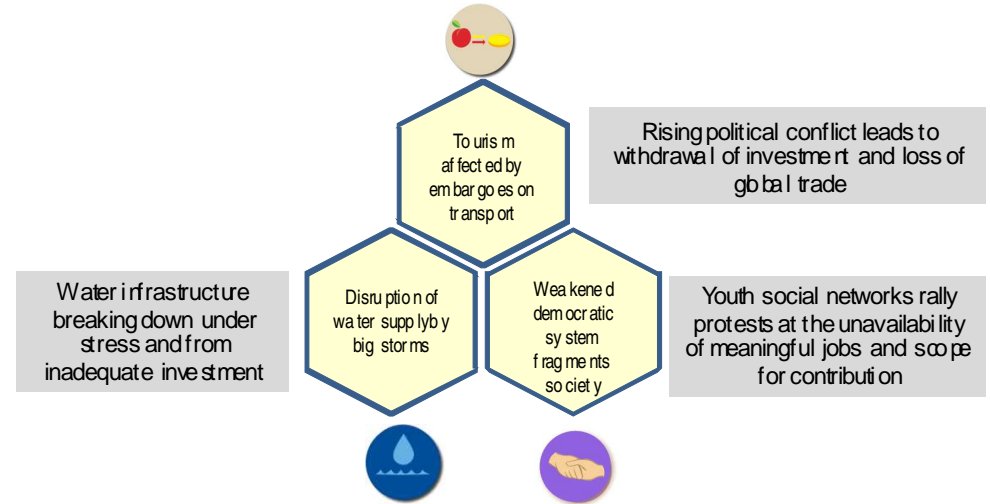
## Scenario D

### Youth Strikes Back

Trade

Water

Community



What is the big challenge to resilient Scotland?

Impacts of globalisation and our 'inability' to act in the best interests of the people (and the eco-environment) of Scotland

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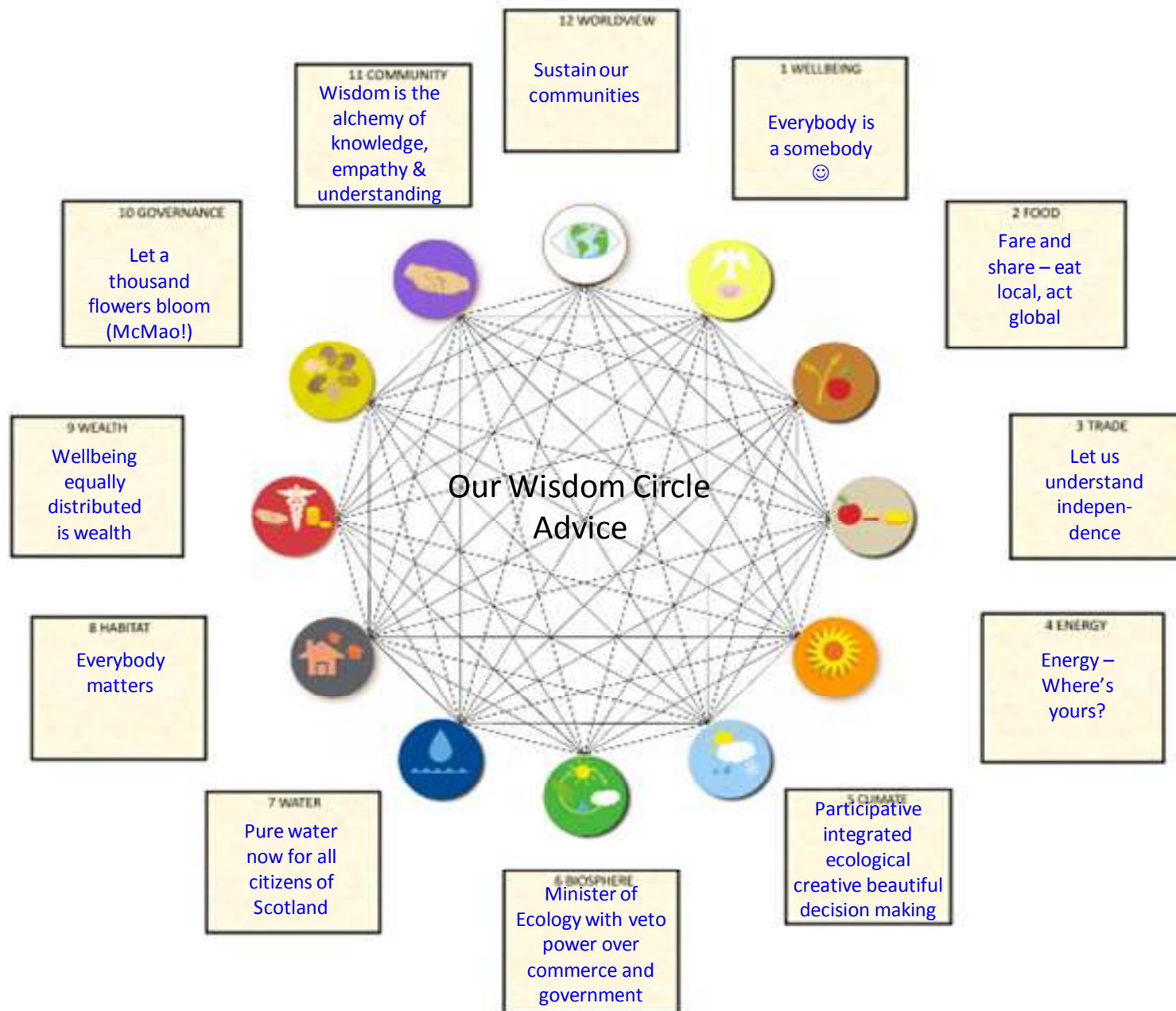


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Creation of a different political reality that pre-empts the 'perfect storm' of scarcity, unrest and uncertainty.



Having considered the big picture, what are our advisory declarations to guide Scotland towards a desirable future?



# Wisdom Wheel Declarations

## **1 WELLBEING**

*Everybody is a Somebody*

Recognise everybody is a somebody with valuable contributions to make and that it is essential for us to liberate their untapped skills and perspectives in the service of all

Value: Personal creativity as essential to peace and sustainability

## **2 FOOD**

*Fare and Share – eat local, act global*

Tackle our individual and collective ‘waste of energies’ of overconsumption, disposal of uneaten food and disconnection with food sources

Value: wider benefits of greater sharing of food resources across the globe

## **3 TRADE**

*Let us understand independence*

Understand how to achieve real local and national self-sufficiency of resources and realistic distribution for needs of individuals and families

Value: Freedom

## **4 ENERGY**

*Energy – where’s yours?*

Formulate and embed a policy on energy supply and consumption that is sustainable and delivers affordable energy

Value: well informed individual choice

## **5 CLIMATE**

*Participative integrated ecological creative beautiful decision making*

Develop perspectives and action which understands the rapidity of climate change as a consequence of the interconnected impacts of how we live our lives – mobilise a way of life that makes friends with the climate

Value: truth, goodness, beauty, emergence

## **6 BIOSPHERE**

*Appoint a Minister of Ecology with veto powers over commerce and government*

Place ecological health of Scotland at the centre of all education, policy and commercial life

Value: Awareness based on knowledge not fear or money

## **7 WATER**

*Pure water for all citizens*

Understand how to act in accordance with the real needs of people, country and planet

Value: healthy people in our nation

## **8 HABITAT**

*Everybody matters*

Establish a stronger sense of community and communal responsibility. A stronger sense of belonging and being able to make a difference that leads to positive change.

Value: community

## **9 WEALTH**

*Wellbeing, equally distributed, is wealth*

To accept the pursuit of and further maldistribution of wealth as the moral compass for Scotland no longer makes any sense.

Value: equity

## **10 GOVERNANCE**

*Let a thousand flower bloom (Mac Mao!)*

Develop many and varied forms and formats of political engagement at a community local and Scottish level – a wider and deeper and more networked civic society

Value: Creative participation

## **11 COMMUNITY**

*Wisdom is the alchemy of knowledge, empathy & understanding*

Understand and embrace the inherent complexity of our world. Recognise the interconnection of our species and the environment we inhabit. Take action which acknowledges our responsibility for future generations

Value: Love is the vital natural resource

## **12 WORLDVIEW**

*Sustain our communities*

Have a Scotland which values sustainability over economic growth and where communities protect, control and sustain their own resources