

PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES THE RIGHT TO COMMUNITY LIVING

THREE KEYS TO CITIZENSHIP
THREE PATHWAYS TO POSITIVE CHANGE



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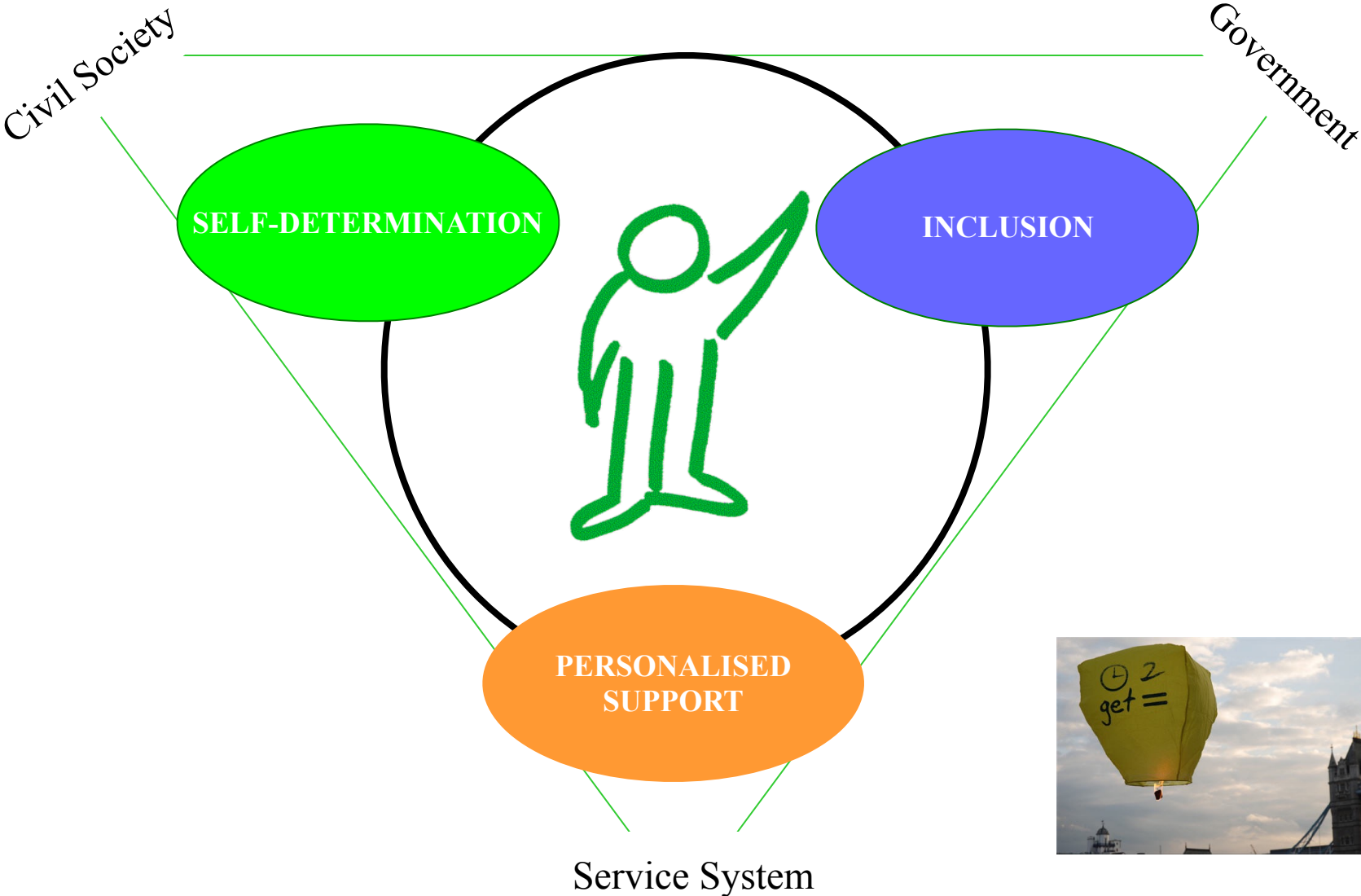
THE UN CONVENTION:

PROMOTING EQUAL CITIZENSHIP: A HUMAN RIGHTS APPROACH

- Living independently and being included in the community,** plus 49 other Articles, including the rights to:
- Legal capacity and individual autonomy (12)**
- Equality and non-discrimination (5)**
- Inclusive education (24)**
- Respect for home and family life (23)**
- Employment (27)**
- Adequate standard of living (28)**
- Participation in public life (29)**



THREE KEYS TO ACHIEVING EQUAL CITIZENSHIP



THREE QUESTIONS

SELF-
DETERMINATION

CAN I CHOOSE WHAT MATTERS TO ME
AND HOW I WANT TO LIVE?

PERSONALIZED
SUPPORT

DO I GET THE ASSISTANCE I NEED TO
LIVE AS I WANT?

INCLUSION

AM I INCLUDED IN MY COMMUNITY
AND ABLE TO USE ALL ITS
SERVICES?

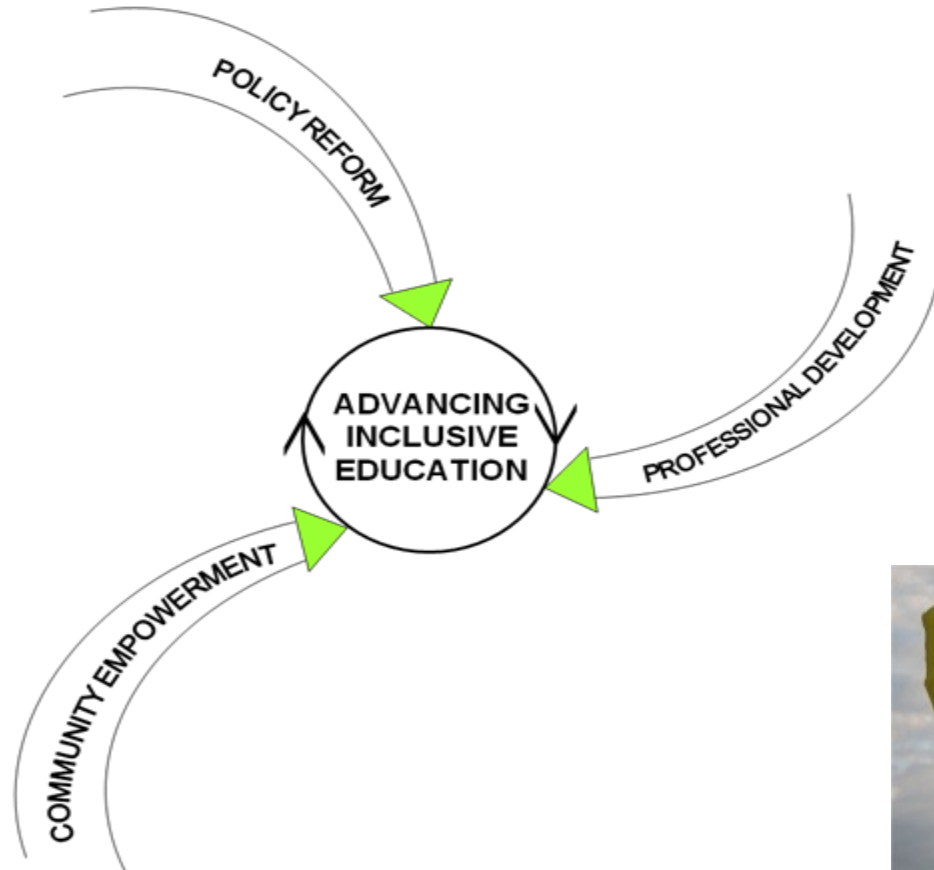


LIVING INDEPENDENTLY AND BEING INCLUDED IN THE COMMUNITY – Article 19

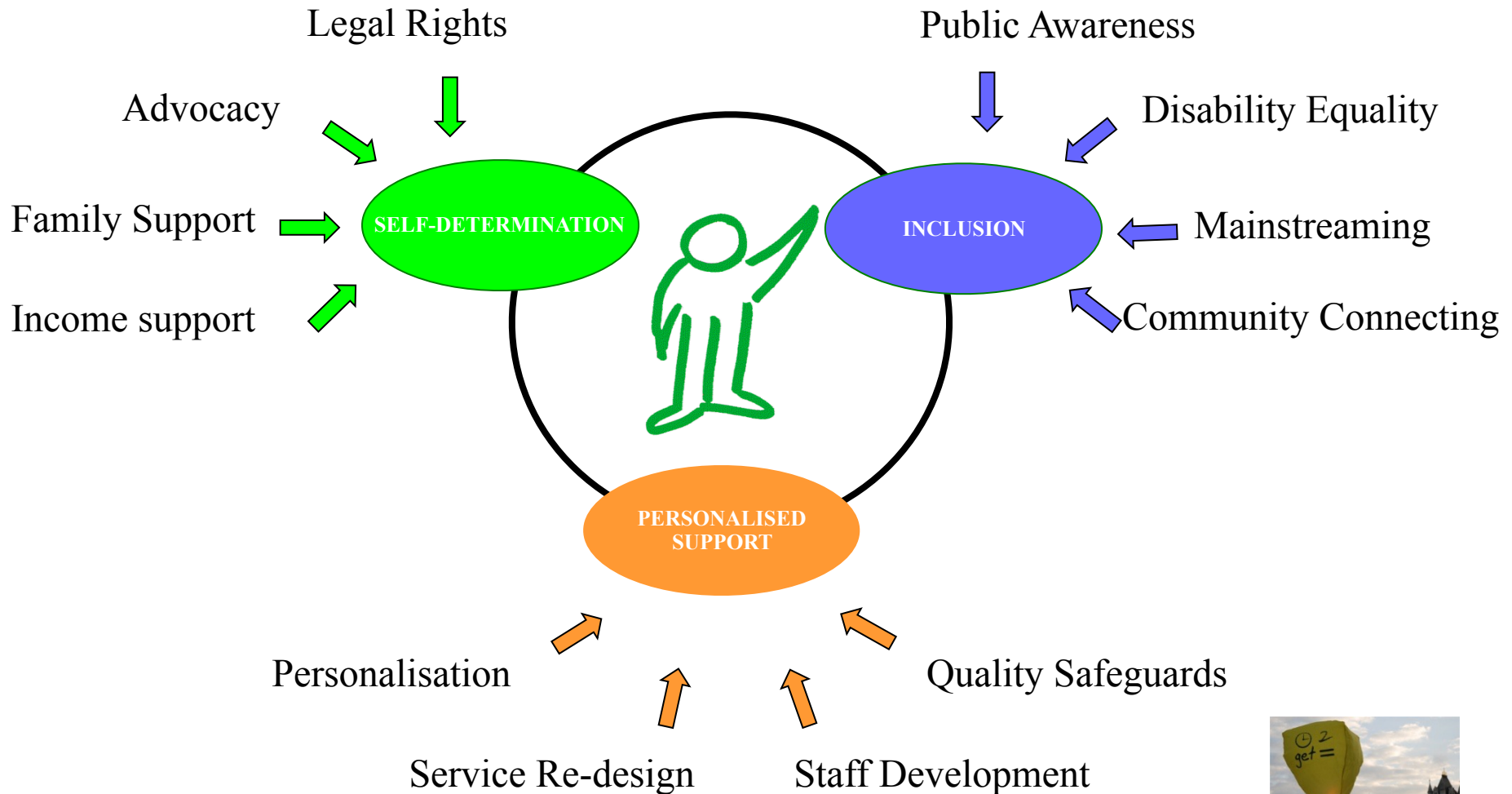
- PEOPLE ARE ABLE TO CHOOSE WHERE THEY LIVE
AND WITH WHOM
- PEOPLE HAVE ACCESS TO A RANGE OF IN-HOME
AND OTHER SUPPORT SERVICES INCLUDING
PERSONAL ASSISTANCE
- COMMUNITY SERVICES AND FACILITIES FOR THE
GENERAL POPULATION ARE AVAILABLE ON AN EQUAL
BASIS TO PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES



THREE PATHWAYS TO POSITIVE CHANGE



NATIONAL STRATEGIES: 12 ELEMENTS



CRAFTING STRATEGY

- ✓ Partnership between Civil Society, Government and Services
- ✓ Balanced investment in Self-Determination, Inclusion and Personalised Support
- ✓ Linking action focused individually, locally and nationally
and therefore requiring
- ✓ Growing capacity for whole system leadership



A UNITED KINGDOM EXAMPLE

IMPROVING THE LIFE CHANCES OF DISABLED PEOPLE

PRIME MINISTER'S STRATEGY UNIT 2005



STARTS FROM AN OVERARCHING VISION:

‘BY 2025, DISABLED PEOPLE IN BRITAIN SHOULD HAVE FULL OPPORTUNITIES AND CHOICES TO IMPROVE THEIR QUALITY OF LIFE, AND WILL BE RESPECTED AND INCLUDED AS EQUAL MEMBERS OF SOCIETY’

THIS WILL DELIVER SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC BENEFITS FOR ALL OF SOCIETY AND ALL OF SOCIETY NEEDS TO BE INVOLVED.

GIVEN THIS VISION AND THE NATURE OF CURRENT DISADVANTAGE:

1. **THE STRATEGY NEEDS TO ENGAGE A WIDE RANGE OF STAKEHOLDERS – DISABLED PEOPLE, THE WIDER COMMUNITY, EMPLOYERS, SERVICE PROVIDERS, AND GOVERNMENT/PUBLIC SECTOR**
2. **THE APPROPRIATE ‘SYSTEM’ TO BE ADDRESSED EXTENDS ACROSS THE WHOLE OF MAINSTREAM POLICY.**

DEFINING DISABILITY: A 'SOCIAL MODEL'

DISABILITY IS:

THE **DISADVANTAGE** EXPERIENCED BY AN INDIVIDUAL

RESULTING FROM **BARRIERS** TO INDEPENDENT LIVING,
EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT OR OTHER OPPORTUNITIES
(ARISING FROM POLICIES, ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN AND
PUBLIC ATTITUDES)

THAT IMPACT ON PEOPLE WITH **IMPAIRMENTS** AND/OR ILL
HEALTH

**'REMOVAL OF THESE BARRIERS IS KEY TO EMPOWERING DISABLED
PEOPLE AND GIVING THEM THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXERCISE THEIR
RESPONSIBILITIES AS CITIZENS'**

WHO IS AFFECTED?

USING THE WIDEST SURVEY DEFINITION, IN THE UK THERE ARE:

11 MILLION DISABLED ADULTS, I.E. 20% OF POPULATION

0.8 MILLION DISABLED CHILDREN, I.E. 7% OF POPULATION

REPRESENTING A VARIED AND CHANGING PATTERN OF
IMPAIRMENTS AFFECTING THE ABILITY TO CARRY OUT DAY-TO-
DAY ACTIVITIES...

BACKPAIN, CIRCULATION AND BREATHING PROBLEMS, DIABETES,
INTELLECTUAL IMPAIRMENTS, MENTAL ILLNESS, HIV/AIDS AND
MORE VISIBLE PHYSICAL AND SENSORY IMPAIRMENTS

AN ASSESSMENT OF INITIAL PRIORITIES

- SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES WITH YOUNG DISABLED CHILDREN
- SMOOTH TRANSITION INTO ADULTHOOD
- **ENABLING PEOPLE TO BE ACTIVE CITIZENS WITH CHOICE AND CONTROL OVER THEIR OWN LIVES**
- IMPROVED EMPLOYABILITY

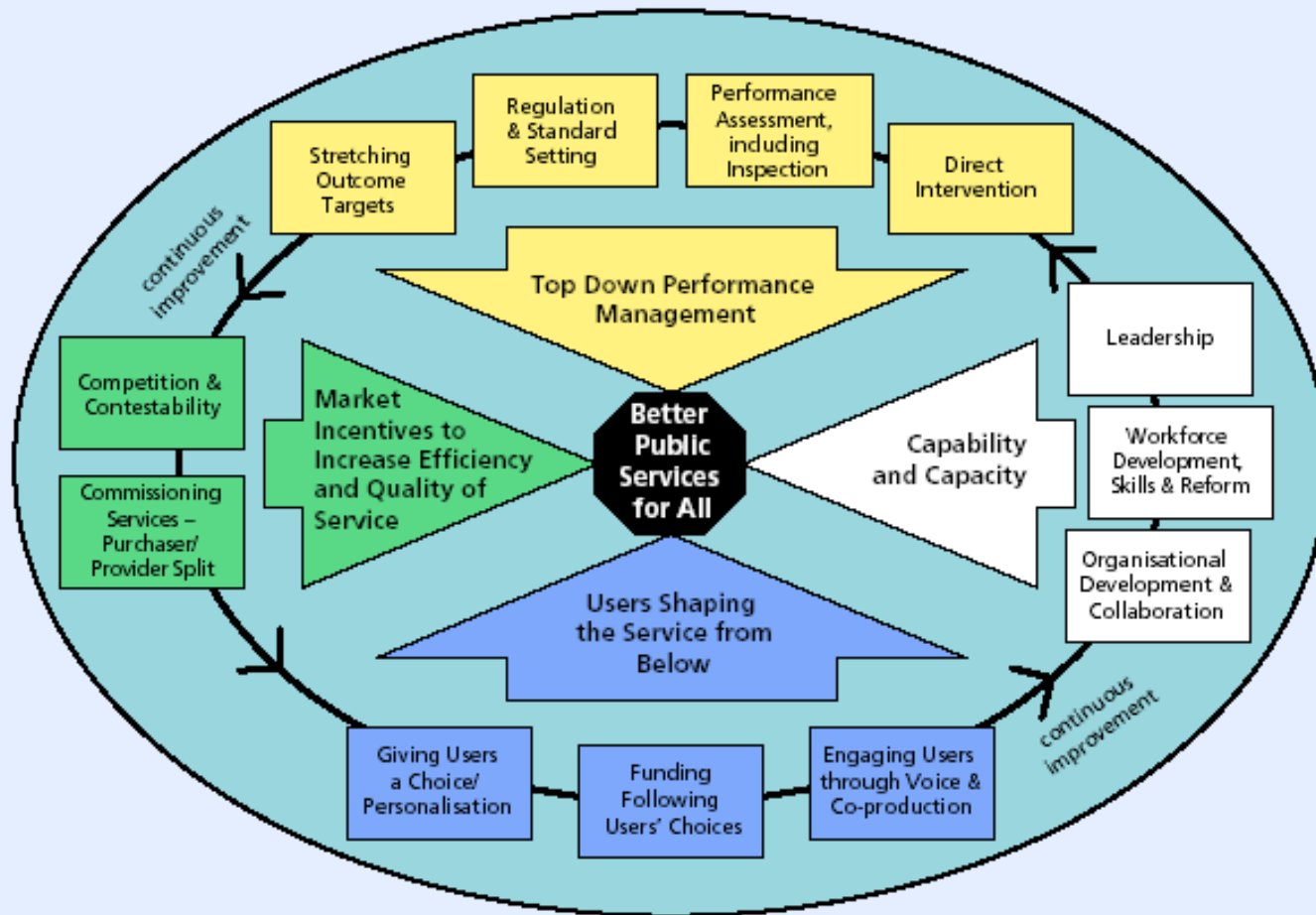
ADDRESSED THROUGH:

EMPOWERING PEOPLE

MEETING INDIVIDUAL NEEDS

REMOVING DISABLING BARRIERS

Chart A: The UK Government's Model of Public Service Reform – A Self-Improving System



MAPPING THESE PRIORITIES INTO THE GOVERNMENT'S MODEL OF PUBLIC SERVICE REFORM

Chart B: Improving The Life Chances of Disabled People.

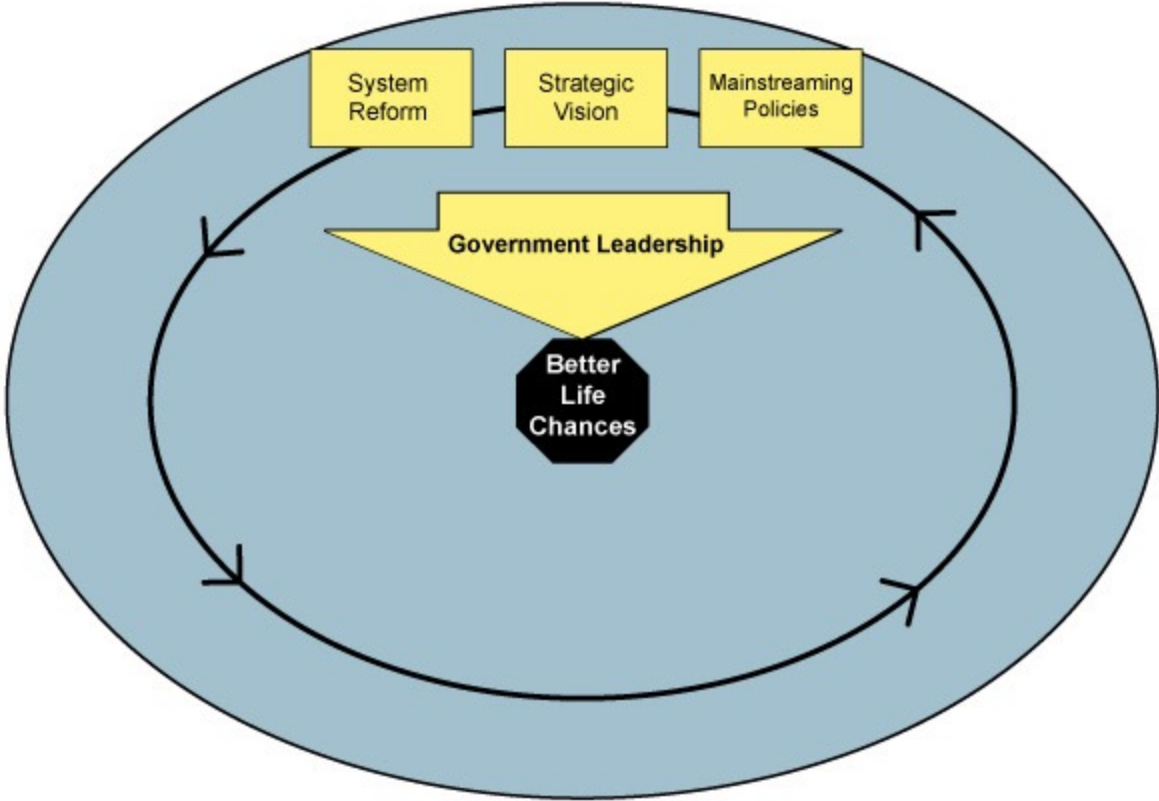


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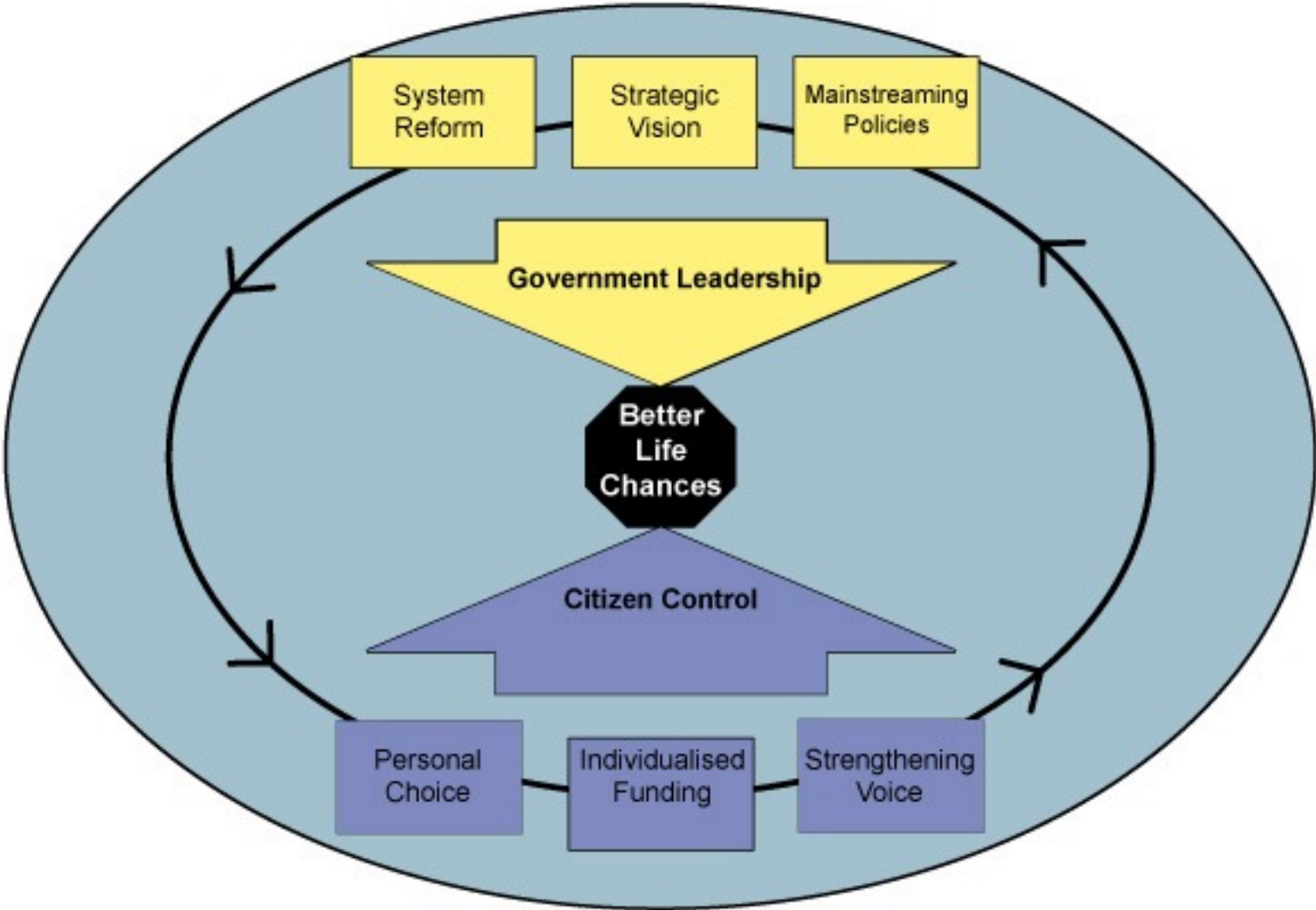


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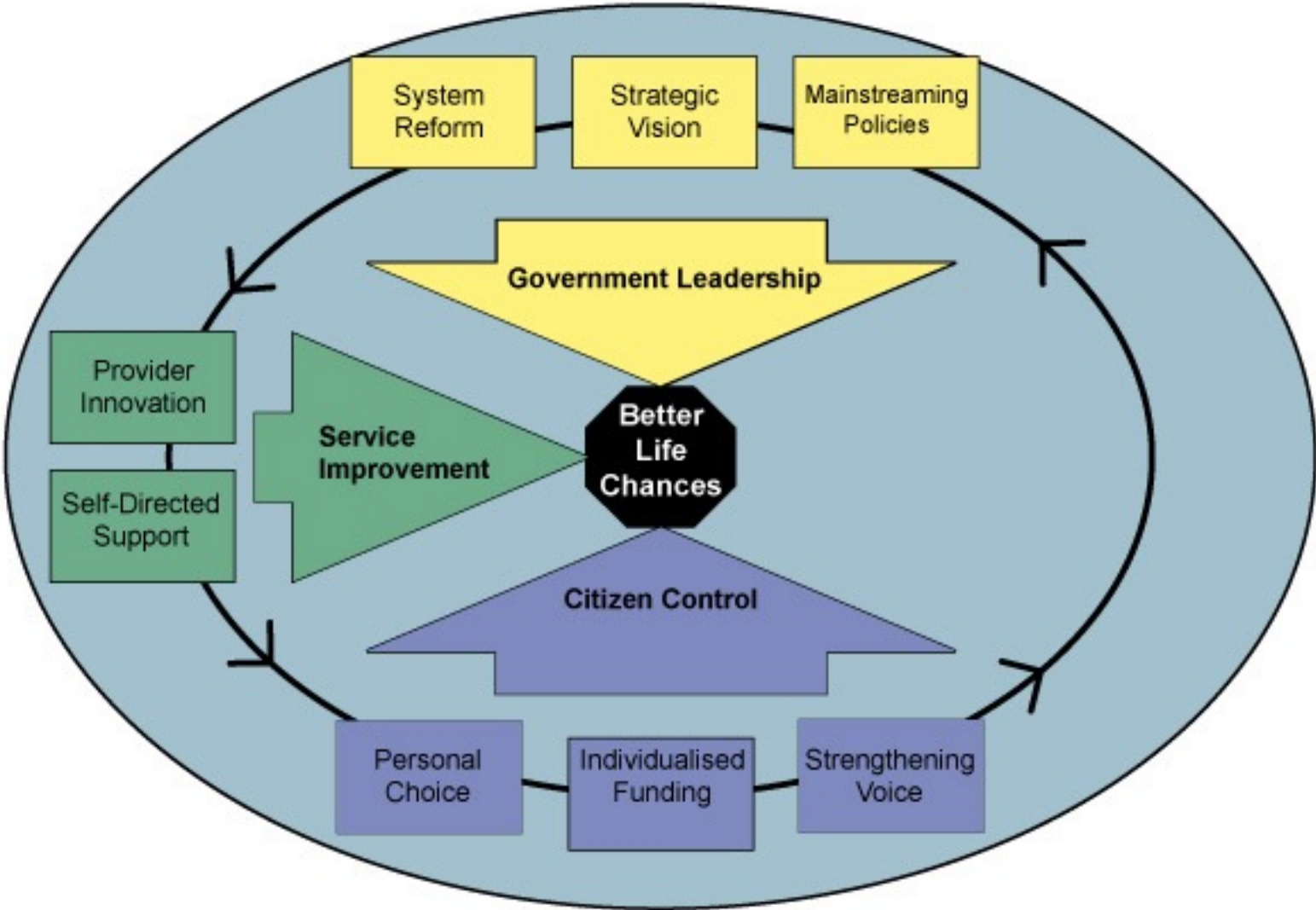
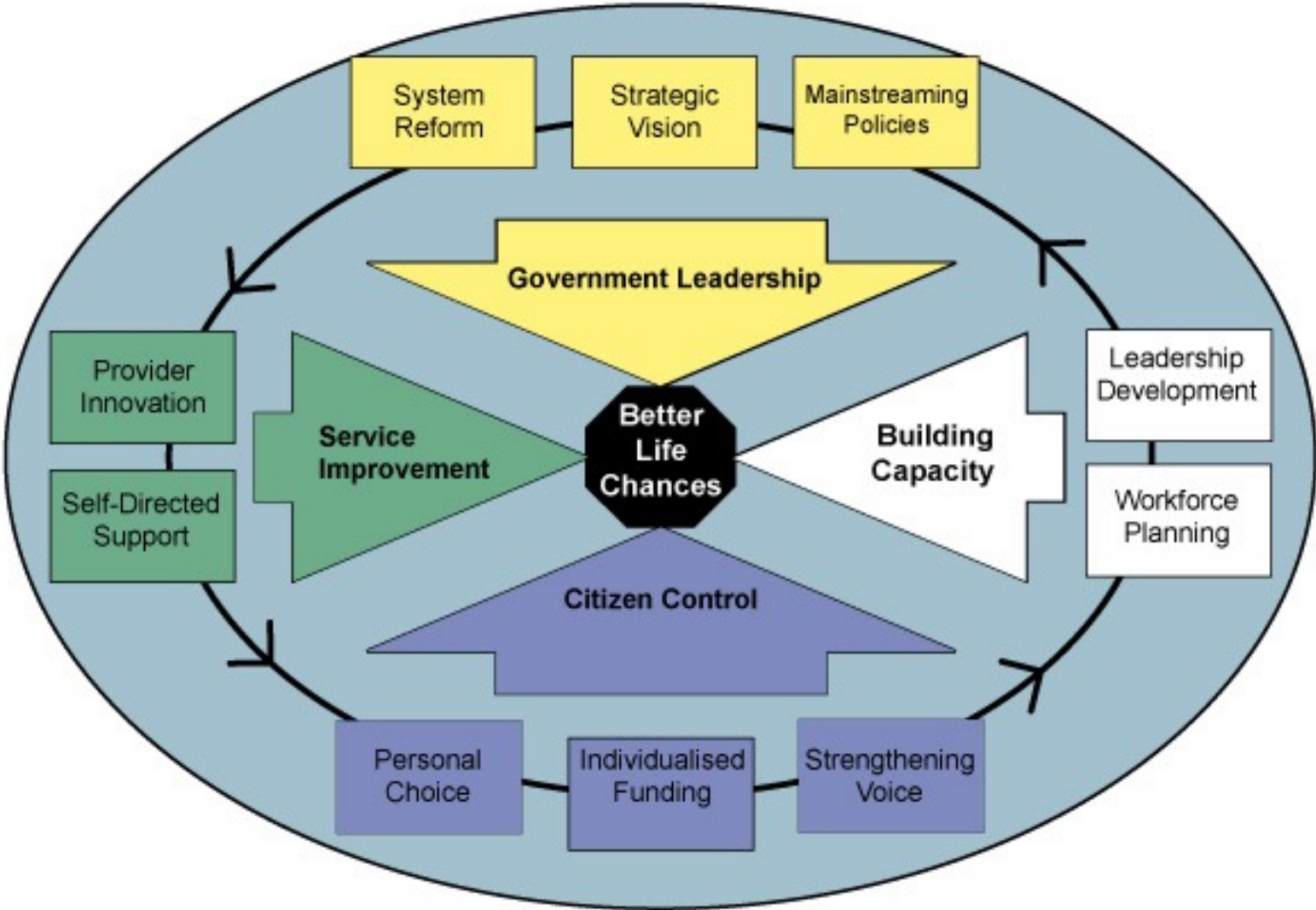


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ACHIEVING THE GOAL OF INDEPENDENT LIVING

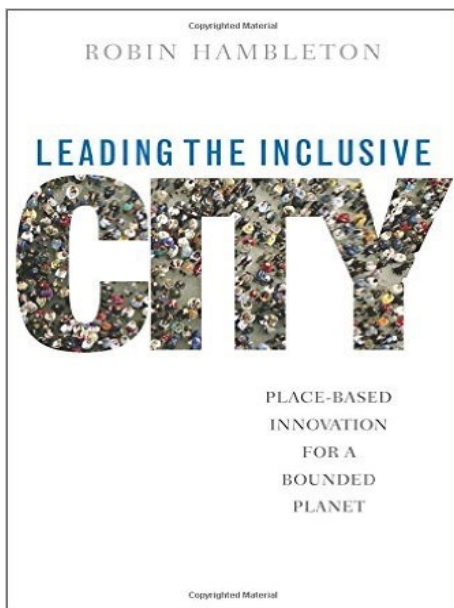
BRINGING TOGETHER ALL RELEVANT PUBLIC FUNDING INTO INDIVIDUALISED BUDGETS WHICH THE PERSON CAN USE FOR WHATEVER TYPES OF SUPPORT (E.G. PERSONAL ASSISTANCE) HE OR SHE NEEDS

SUPPORTING THE SPREAD OF LOCAL DISABLED PEOPLE'S ORGANISATIONS (E.G. CENTRES FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING) PROVIDING INFORMATION, ADVICE AND ADVOCACY

PROMOTING ACCESS TO MAINSTREAM SERVICES AND PARTICIPATION IN LOCAL COMMUNITIES

CHALLENGING DISCRIMINATION / PROMOTING INCLUSION

A **LEGAL DUTY** ON ALL PUBLIC BODIES TO PROMOTE DISABILITY EQUALITY



REQUIRING ALL PUBLIC BODIES, INCLUDING LOCAL AUTHORITIES,

TO PLAN AND REVIEW PROGRESS TOWARDS DISABILITY EQUALITY IN THEIR SERVICES ANNUALLY,

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH DISABLED PEOPLE AND THEIR ORGANISATIONS

A CANADIAN EXAMPLE

CLOSING INSTITUTIONS / RECLAIMING COMMUNITY LIFE - LESSONS FOR DOING IT RIGHT!

- ENSURE CHANGE LEADERS ARE COMMITTED TO ARTICLE 19!
- BUILD COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS TO DELIVER ACTION
- PLAN WITH EACH PERSON AND THEIR CIRCLE OF SUPPORT
- CREATE A REAL HOME FOR EACH PERSON WHICH MEETS THEIR NEEDS AND PREFERENCES
- PROVIDE HIGH QUALITY PERSONAL SUPPORT
- MAKE A CLEAR PLAN / TIMESCALE FOR EACH CLOSURE

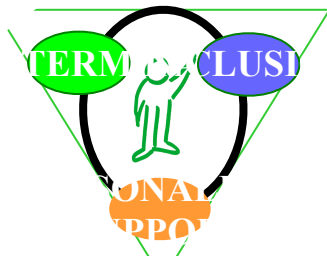
IMPLEMENTING ARTICLE 19 - THE WAY AHEAD IN TURKEY

NINE SUGGESTIONS FROM GLOBAL EXPERIENCE



1. NATIONAL AND LOCAL CHANGE REQUIRES **PARTNERSHIP** BETWEEN DISABLED PEOPLE, POLICY-MAKERS AND PROVIDERS

2. WE NEED TO STRENGTHEN THE **VOICE** OF DISABLED PEOPLE AND THEIR ASSOCIATIONS AT ALL LEVELS



3. TOGETHER WE MUST BUILD AN INCREASINGLY SHARED **VISION** OF EQUAL CITIZENSHIP AND CHECK ALL ACTIONS AGAINST THE THREE QUESTIONS

4. THE UN CONVENTION NEEDS TO UNDERPIN THE TURKISH **LEGAL FRAMEWORK** FOR SELF-DETERMINATION AND COMMUNITY LIVING

Continued: Nine suggestions

5. WE NEED GOVERNMENT WIDE **LEADERSHIP** ON POLICY, STRATEGY AND FINANCING BASED ON A 'MODEL OF CHANGE'

6. **SERVICE DEVELOPMENT** SHOULD FOCUS ON SELF-DETERMINATION AND PERSONALISED SUPPORT

7. WE NEED TO **REINVEST** INSTITUTIONAL RESOURCES IN COMMUNITY LIVING

8. STRATEGY SHOULD PROMOTE STEADY PROGRESS TOWARDS INCLUSIVE **MAINSTREAM** SERVICES

9. THIS IS A LONG **JOURNEY**: WE NEED TO STICK AT IT, LEARN FROM EXPERIENCE AND AVOID THE MISTAKES OF OTHERS!



***In Turkey, as everywhere else,
it's time to get equal!***