

Reshaping services in the current climate & involvement with the Voluntary sector?

C4EO Youth Training Workshops

So what do we know?

The Big Ideas...

- Big Society:
 - Community organisers – need for community development
- National Citizen Scheme
 - "NCS will have a big part to play because we are going to be creating a whole new generation of youth workers identified with that scheme, many of them home grown."
- Local Authority "monopoly":
 - "We need to have local authorities contracting out far more to outside organisations. Why would the world fall in if a local authority contracted out the whole youth services department?"

Localisation

“We share a conviction that the days of big government are over; that centralisation and top-down control have proved a failure.....In short, it is our ambition to distribute power and opportunity to people rather than hoarding authority within government. That way, we can build the free, fair and responsible society we want to see”

Coalition Statement

Departmental Focus

- Department for Education (DfE): Schools plus...
- With the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS): Apprenticeships for 16 - to 18-year-olds and careers advice
- Office of the Civil Society: National Citizen Service
- Ministry of Justice: Youth Justice.

Ministerial view...

- Deliberately provocative about the role of Local Authorities
- Open to new ideas: looking for imaginative suggestions
- No monopoly
- Transfer to local federation
- No legislation
- Role prompting and challenging

Public Services face

- More Cuts: 2 models being worked up by DfE – 10% and 20% reductions on £51 billion
- 500,000 to 750,000 job losses in the public sector
- Cuts not evenly spread – unprotected services will be very vulnerable
- Whole Children's Service (Families Social Services).

For Youth Services...

- Some expecting cuts as much as 30% in year
- More likely & to be higher
- YCF Quarters 3&4 cut
- Dormant Bank Accounts – Big Society Bank
- Impact of Children's Social Care agenda
- ABG 24% reduction.

And for Connexions Services...

- For some: all IYS services are being looked at with a view to maintaining both a universal and targeted service (but with an emphasis on targeted services)
- For others as much possible is being taken from Connexions budgets as possible and this seeing full year savings in some cases of as much as 68%.
- Redundancies this year
- Calling into question the viability of some companies

Approach to cuts...

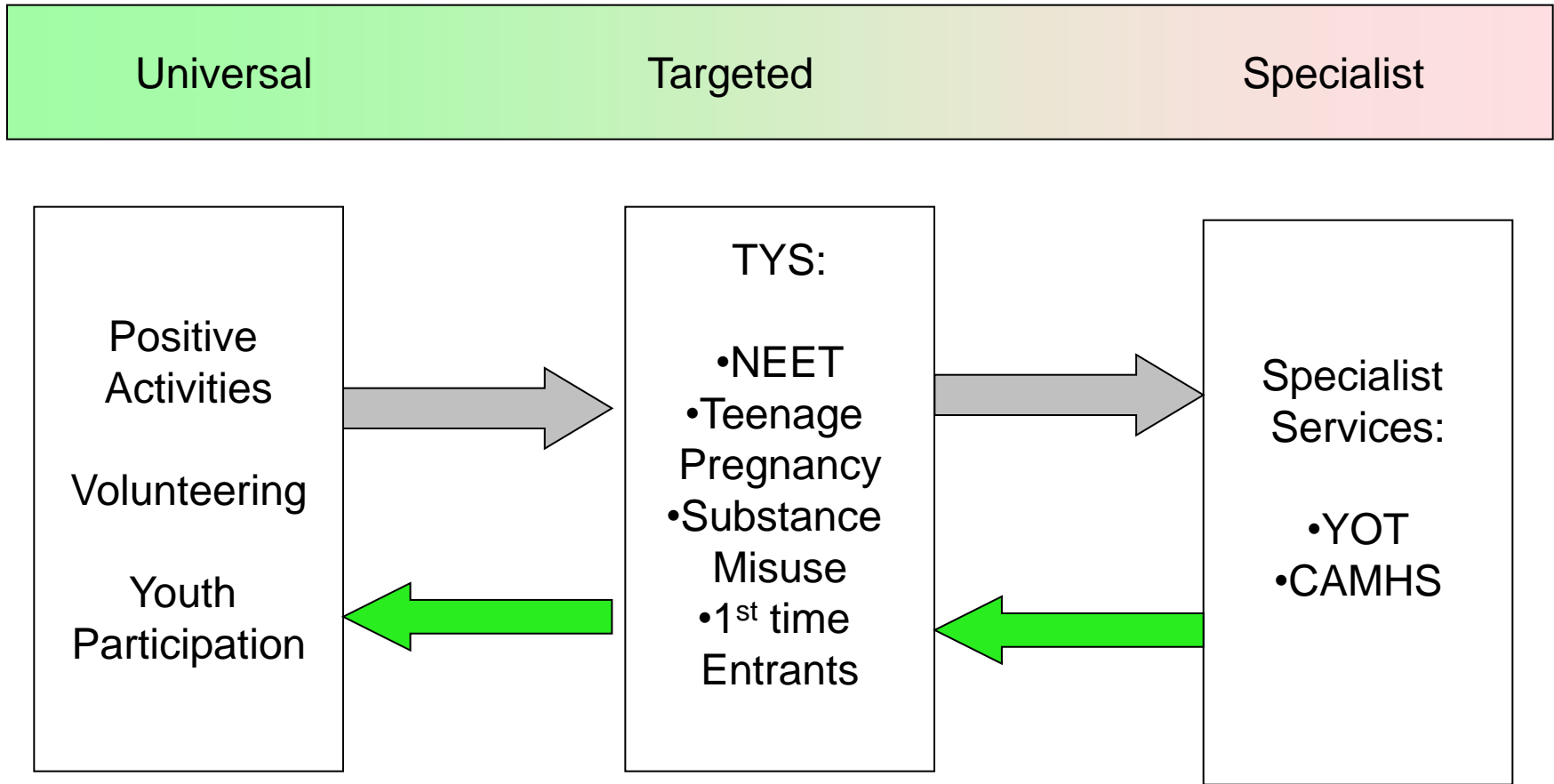
- **Re-sizing** – (immediate - often referred to as “salami slicing” but necessary as part of the adjustment to significantly less resource)
- **Re-alignment** (short to medium term – refocusing services based on evidence based approaches that identify what really works as opposed to what we would like to do)
- **Re- design** (longer-term and can involve upfront costs – but necessary as part of wider review of cost reduction)

Issues for the voluntary sector

- Voluntary sector – 23,000 organisations rely on public money for more than half their income (NCVO)
- Encouragement for civil society but reducing funds
- Partners become competitors
- What do Local Authorities want: universal vs. Targeting.

So how do we go forward
from here?

The Landscape



DON'T EXPECT

Universal

Targeted

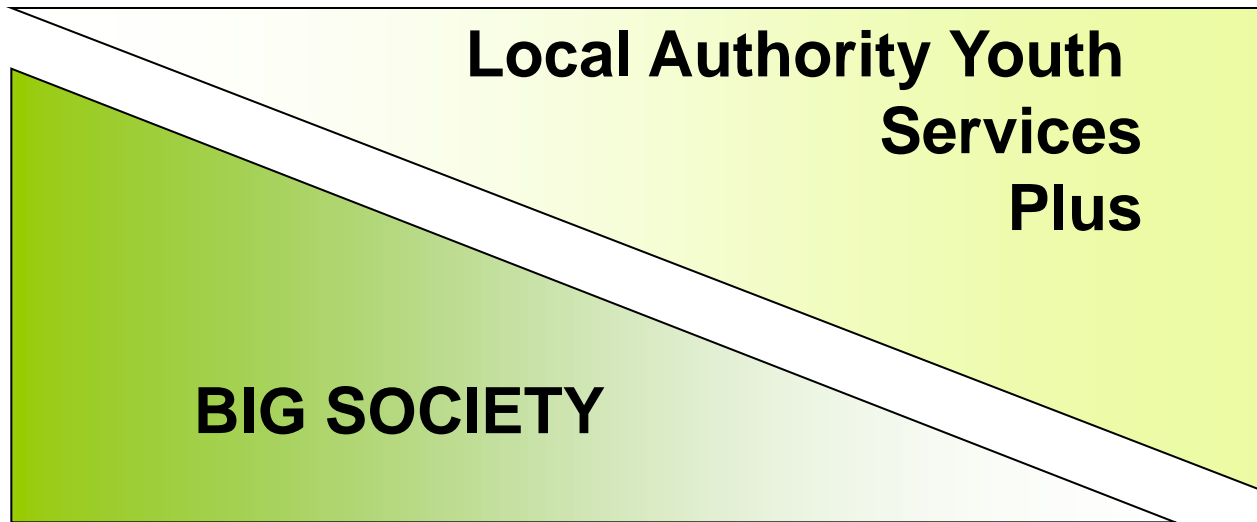
Specialist

Voluntary
Sector

Local
Authority
Youth
Service

**CHILDRENS
SERVICES**

More likely to be...



But that's not all.....

LA Services:

- Be smaller
- Have integrated management
- Maybe externalised
- Be part of something “outside of education”
- Will be different from area to area

Big Society:

- Be Voluntary
- Mean the National Citizen Service
- Will emerge...

So where do we go?

- Local Authorities will move to Intelligent commissioning
- Service remodelling, coupled with savings
- National Citizen Service: who provides young people? Who works with them after the scheme

“Don’t retreat in to silo’s, it is now,
more than ever, that
we need to engage in creative partnerships”

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