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Activating Social Empathy: Learning from and with Youth Researchers

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Gentle Start Issue of Systems

**Empathy in Child Youth and
Family Services -
Valued and/or Assumed?**

Family Support

Youth Development

Resilience

**Social
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Attachment

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Good News its never ever too late

Valuing and Understanding Youth as Researchers

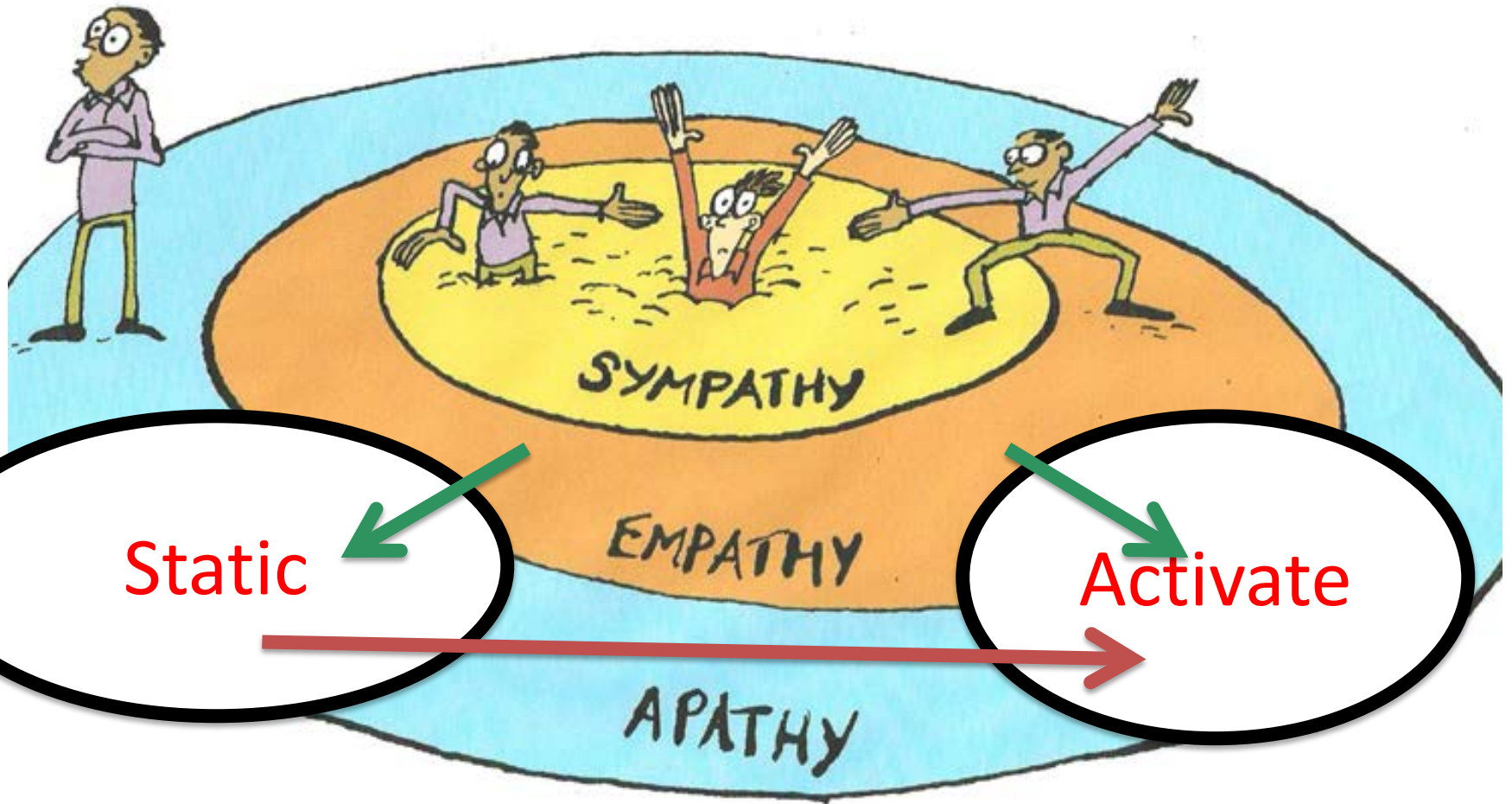
- **Relatively recent Initiative – Ancora Imparo**
- **Pros/Cons–Valuing is key** (Kennan and Dolan 2017)
- **Pecking order Research – Hierarchical to Horizontal Range of ‘pluralistic’ options**
(Fives et al 2017)

Youth Empathy a Social values

- Social Empathy Research Brady et al in progress – Creating a Baseline
- Action Project – Implementation of Empathy Education in Secondary Schools Pilot Autumn

Case defended by - Ciara Beth Ni Ghriofa

Key Research Question?

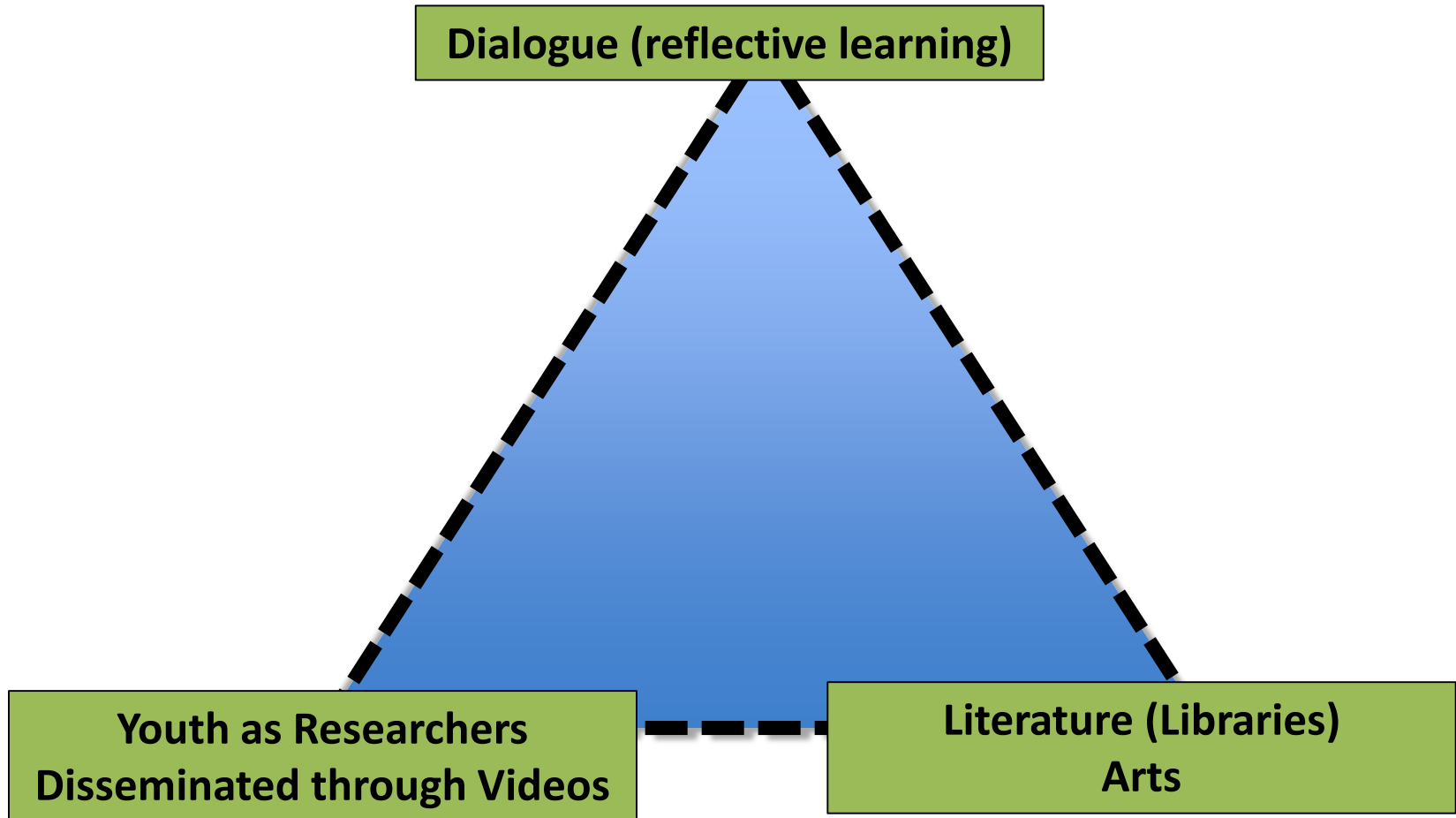


Key Question

What are the factors that moves one from static to active Empathy?

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Youth Learning from/with Each Other



Sample YaR Studies

– Feeding Empathy Curriculum

(produced in collaboration with Foroige in the main)

- **LGBT understanding study**
- **Rural Youth Homelessness**
- **Youth Mental Health Need Awareness**
- **Youth direct Access to Family Support Services**
- **Race and Police violence and attitudes in US**
- **Youth online Gambling**

Wider International context

- - UNESCO Chairs Global Network on Children Youth and Communities - Chairs NUI Galway /Penn State Leads
- Four country project initiative with UNESCO
 - Ireland, USA (State) Canada (Region) and Nigeria
- UN SDGs Target for inclusion of empathy in education

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Give me a Chance

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Angels in Wellies

