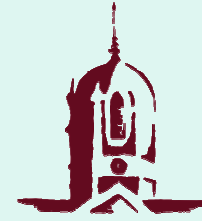




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National University of Ireland, Galway
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Prof. Pat Dolan
UNESCO Chair in Children Youth
and Civic Engagement
and Director
Child and Family Research Centre

- Chair appointed to National University of Ireland, Galway in November 2008
- First Chair for the Republic of Ireland – Lecture/launch **March 4th**
- Chair now in design mode –Space provided to develop programme over coming months
- Integrating programme with Higher Education and Youth Sectors of UNESCO
- Strong link developing with University of Ulster UNESCO Chair/Centre

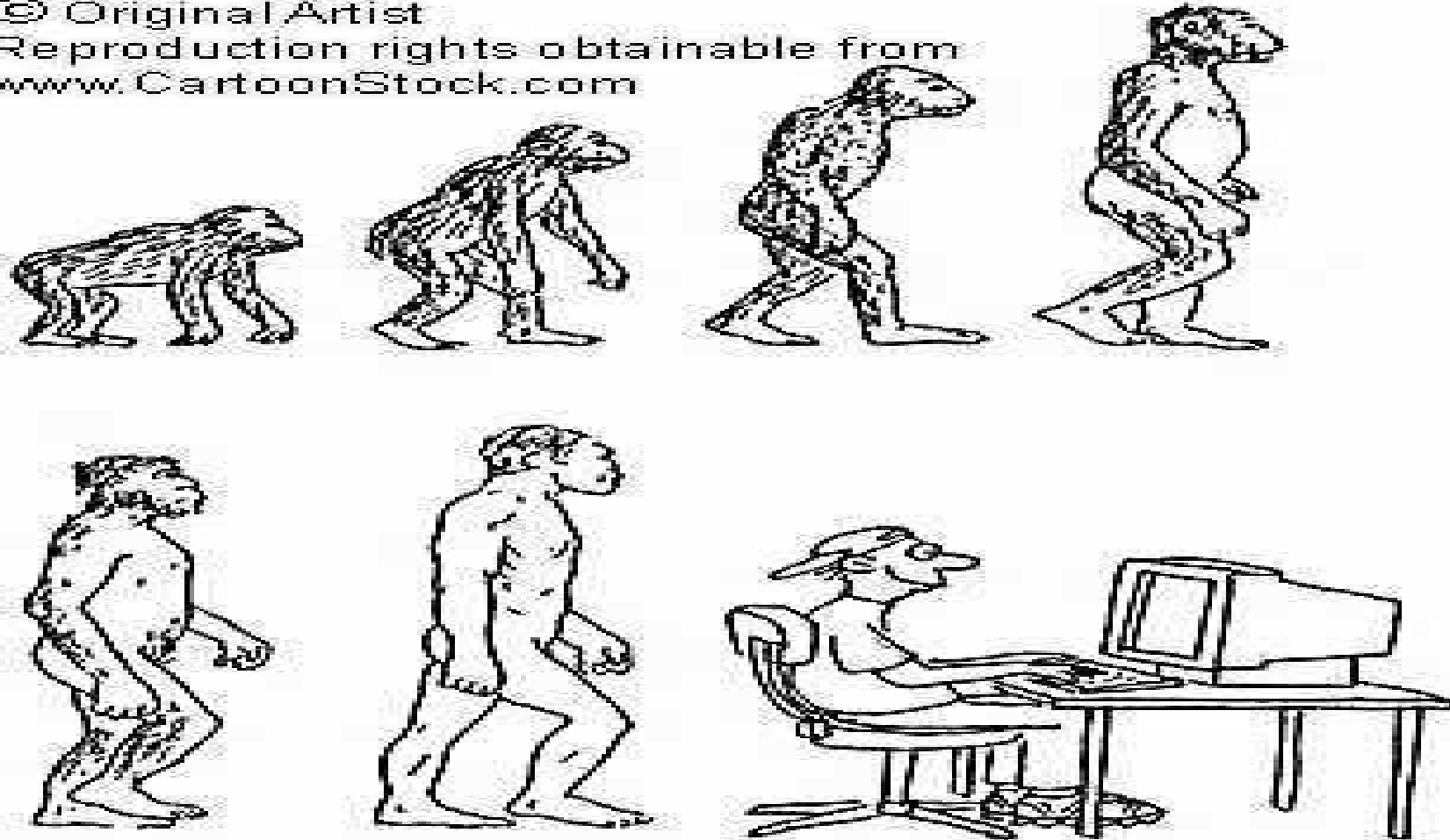
Why a UNESCO Chair in the Child and Family Research Centre (CFRC)?

CFRC international reputation research on **Family Support, - Social Networks, Resilience and Social Capital**

- CFRC has strong links to policy/applied practice - Foróige (Irish Youth NGO)
- NUI Galway in interest in Civic Engagement
- Exploring Resilience and Civic Engagement for Children and Youth'
- Social Justice development and child/youth participation Vulnerable groups

Are Youth less engaged and valued in Civic Society? - Yes and it is getting serious!

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Young People

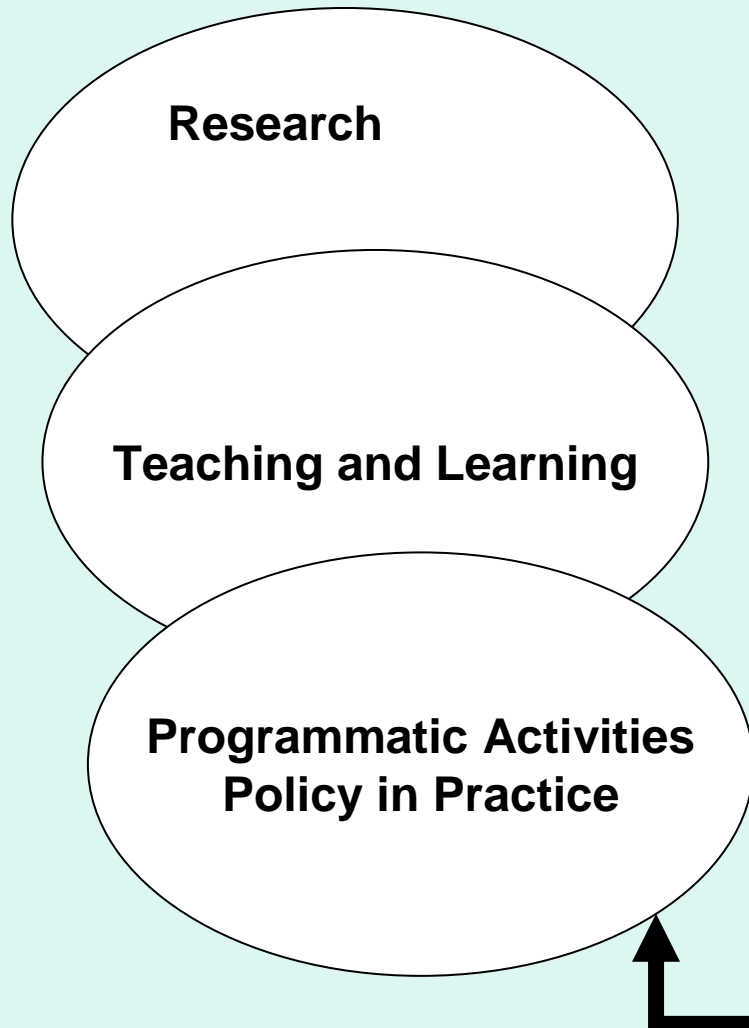


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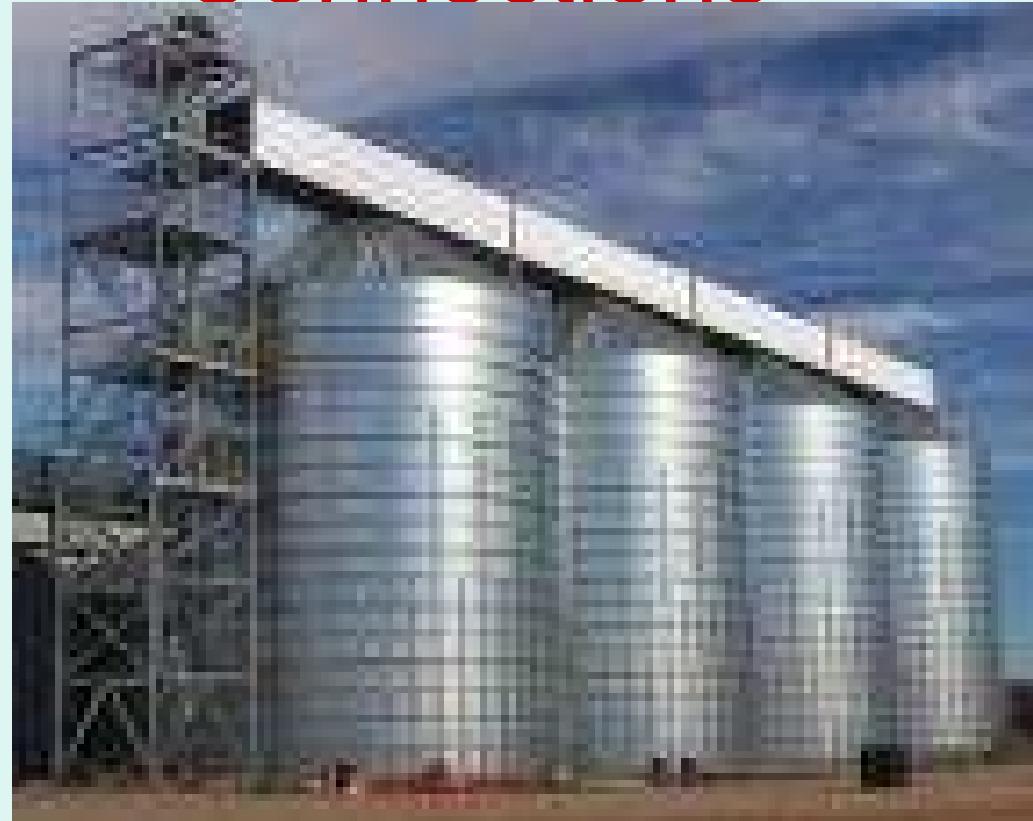
**University
Research Centres**

NGO

**A Non- Precious
Academic approach
retaining strong
Scholarly activities?**

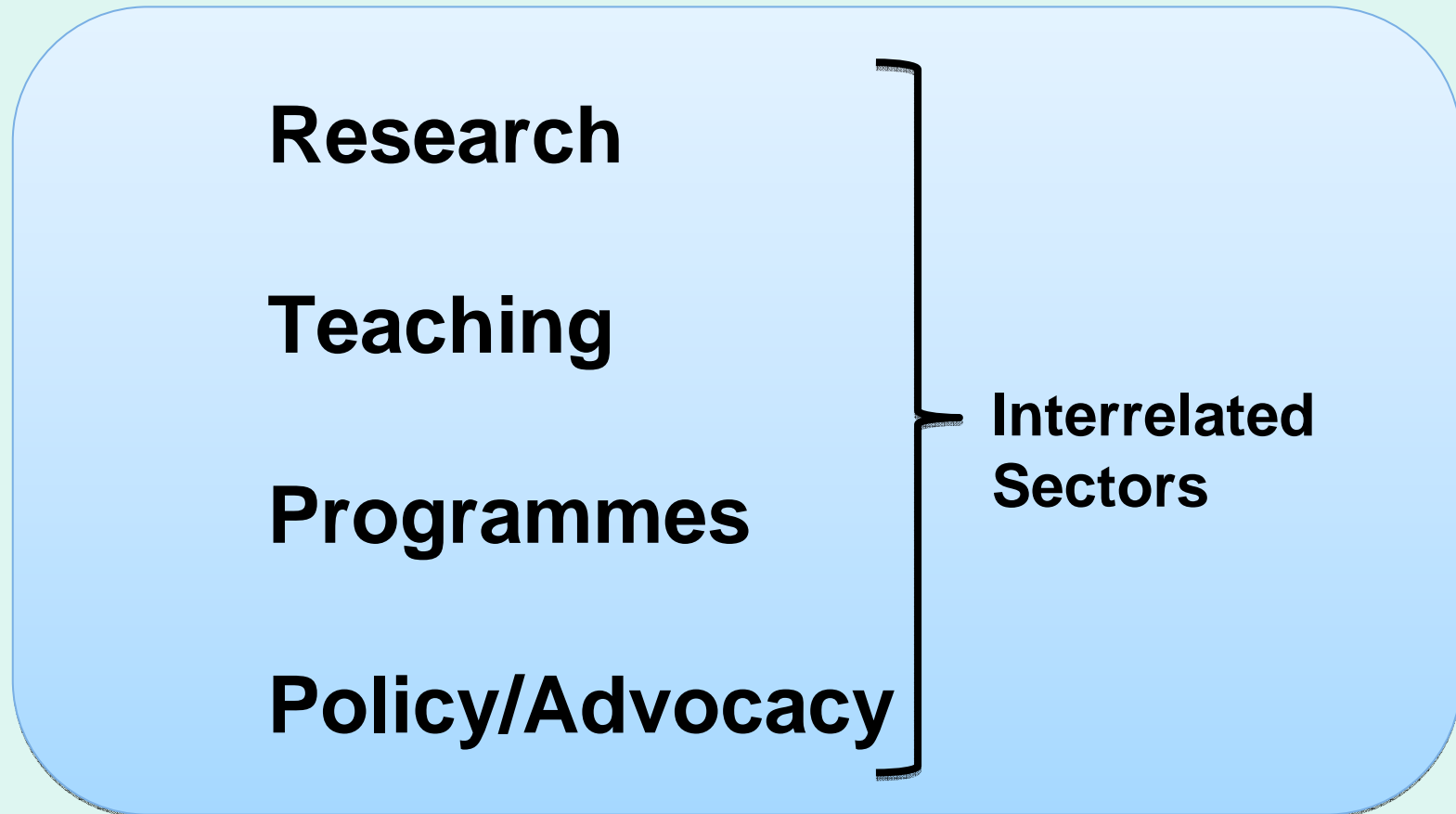


**Non – Silo
Connections**



**Underpinned by Children/Youth
Rights**

Components of UNESCO Programme Children Youth and Civic Engagement



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Zambia

Lithuania

Bulgaria

Sri Lanka?

Kosova?

**International
Partners for
Ireland**



How will this be implemented **Players and Roles?**

Main Players

NUI Galway Ireland – Chair and Lead – (School of Sociology)

Lithuania - University of Vilnius (School of Psychology)

Bulgaria - University of Plodvic (School of Social Work)

Zambia - University of Lusaka (School of Social Work)

NGO Partners in all countries

Players and Roles?

Support Players

UNESCO Paris Office and Secretariat

Academic Partnership with UNESCO Chair UU

**Chapin Hall Center for Children University of Chicago –
(oversee evaluation)**

**Massey University NZ (distance education consultancy and
research partner on Resilience)**

Iowa State University – (research methods consultancy)

Establishing and Expanding the programme (All Pro Bono)

How it will work!

Three stages of development are anticipated:

- Phase 1: Connect with UNESCO Objectives -then - Planning, agreeing of outputs, sharing of information/ current practices - initial resourcing
- Phase 2: training and research and programme activity
- Phase 3: Seminar/Conference focused on sharing and planning for future Network development.

Expected Outputs?

- ❑ Academic publications/policy papers - for UNESCO
- ❑ Research design consultancy and production
- ❑ Resource development (webcast teaching materials, etc)
- ❑ Contributing to government policy/fostering dialogue with politicians (in collaboration with UNESCO Centre UU)
- ❑ Project development work with NGOs
- ❑ Facilitating communication (seminars, conferences, website)
- ❑ Developing partnership activities with NGOs/Young People
- ❑ Training/professional development international MA in Youth Leadership and Civic Engagement (Distance learning)
- ❑ Establishment of visiting faculty; postgraduate training and internships.

Resources for the UNESCO Programme

Next 3 years?

Current Resources:

- Integral part of CFRC Programme (when possible) E.G. BBBS Project & MA Family Support 'internationalise learning'**
- Current- Govt funds = Post Doc; PhD Bursary x 2; Head of School and CFRC staff**
- University - Strategic funding**

Resources for the UNESCO Programme for the next 3 years?

Opportunities that will come with the programme:

- Recent meeting with the World Bank Washington to explore funding – (Restricted research commissioned and unrestricted capacity building funds)**

Philanthropic Interest

- Atlantic Philanthropies**
- Ireland American Chamber of Commerce**
- One Foundation**

Bringing Added Value

- Connecting young people NGOs and Academics with a view to better outcomes for Children and Youth
- Enhance reputation of the CFRC nationally and internationally as a “UNESCO Centre of Excellence”
- Add to the body of knowledge via research teaching and programmatic development
- Part of a wider mission for NUI Galway

Finally

- The aim of the UNESCO Chair will be to construct a UNITWIN Network that can impact policy and concurrently to bring good quality research and evidence to the attention of policymakers and influencers in different international contexts
- To be continued.....