

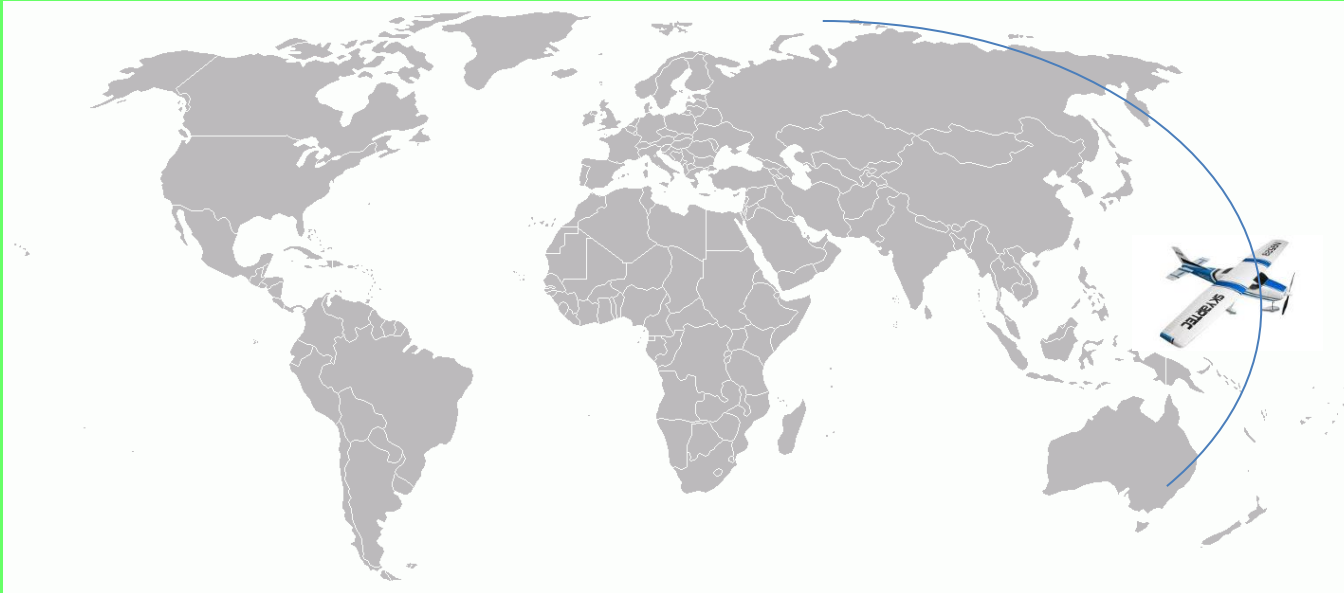


**19th International Conference
on Health Promoting
Hospitals & Health Services
June 1-3 2011
Turku, Finland**

**Health gain orientation
in all services:
cooperation for continuity in care**

Take home thoughts

Victorian Network
of Health Promoting
Hospitals and Health Services
Regional Coordinating Institution
Victoria-Australia



Victorian Network of HPH

- Background -

- Formed 2004 – built on 25+ years of HPH work in Vic
- Auspice – Dental Health Services Victoria
- System + setting focus
- Leadership and Partnership
 - building capacity, evidence and a supportive environment for integrating HP principles and practice into the strategic directions and daily practice of hospitals and health services, health systems
- Individuals to organisations + individuals

Victorian Network of HPH

- Learning community -

- Population health – current status and future trends?
- Nature of the problem we are trying to solve?
Origins and pathways?
- Intervention points, methods and strategies?
Ethics of intervening?
- Hospitals'/ health services' fields of influence?
- Implementation effectiveness? Evaluation tools?
- Documentation and dissemination?
- Sustainability of effect?

What did we talk about at this conference?

Hi! What's *happening*?

BIG issues/ context (plenaries)

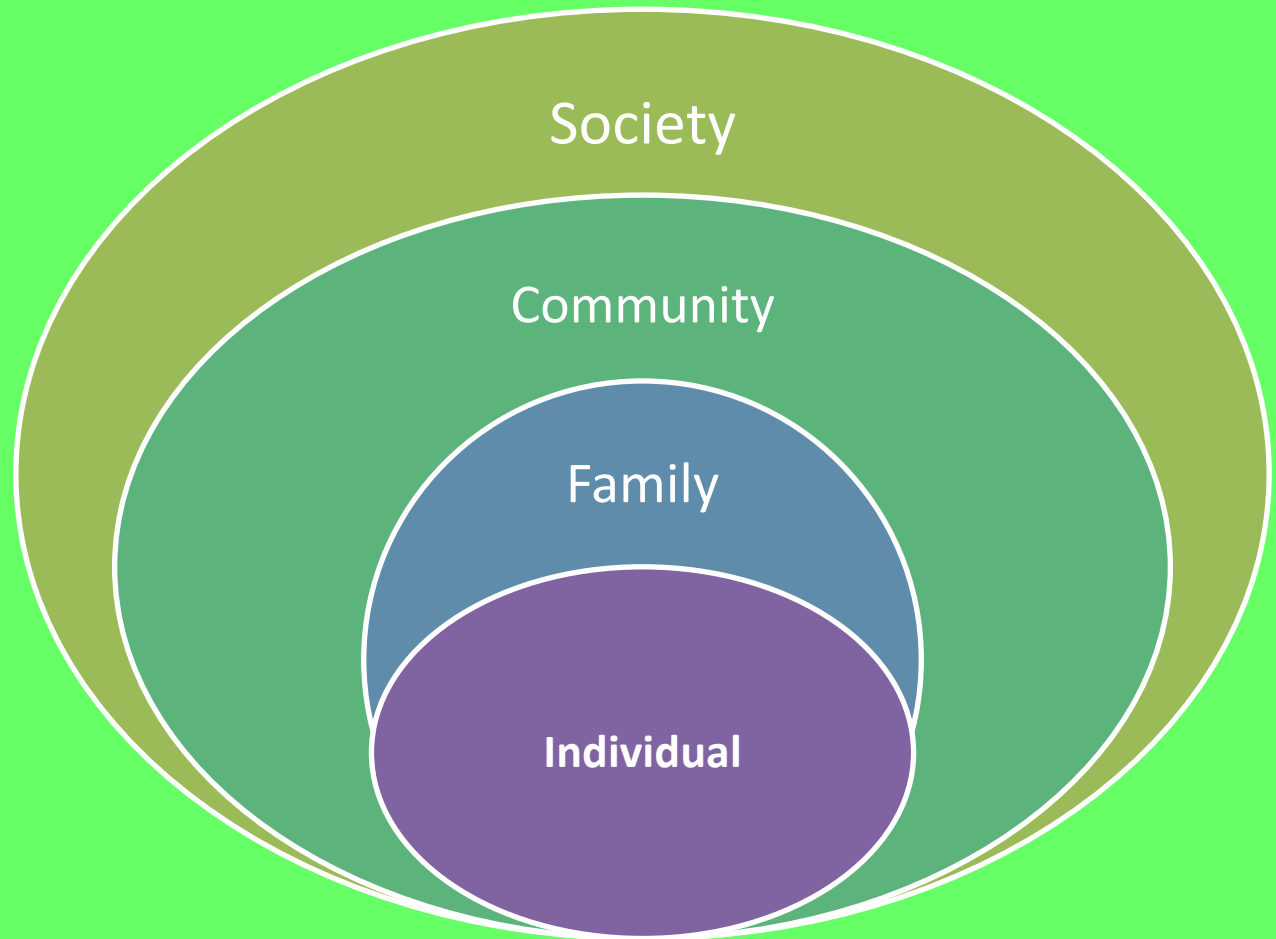
What did you *think* about....?

Vignettes/ snapshots of practice (orals, posters)

'How to' workshops



We talked about ... participants in and beneficiaries of HPH work



Encouraged to think beyond individuals / biological systems to communities/ social systems



Windows on our populations and their health

Individuals 'at risk' of health problems eg

- Smoking
- Physical inactivity
- Poor nutrition
- High blood pressure
- Obesity

Life stages eg

- Pregnancy and birth
- Childhood and adolescence
- 'Sandwich' years
- Ageing

Gender



New windows on our populations and their health

Risk conditions eg

- Marginalisation, displacement
social instability
- Insecure housing, food, work
- Violence in family/ personal
relationships
- Obesogenic environments

Capacities

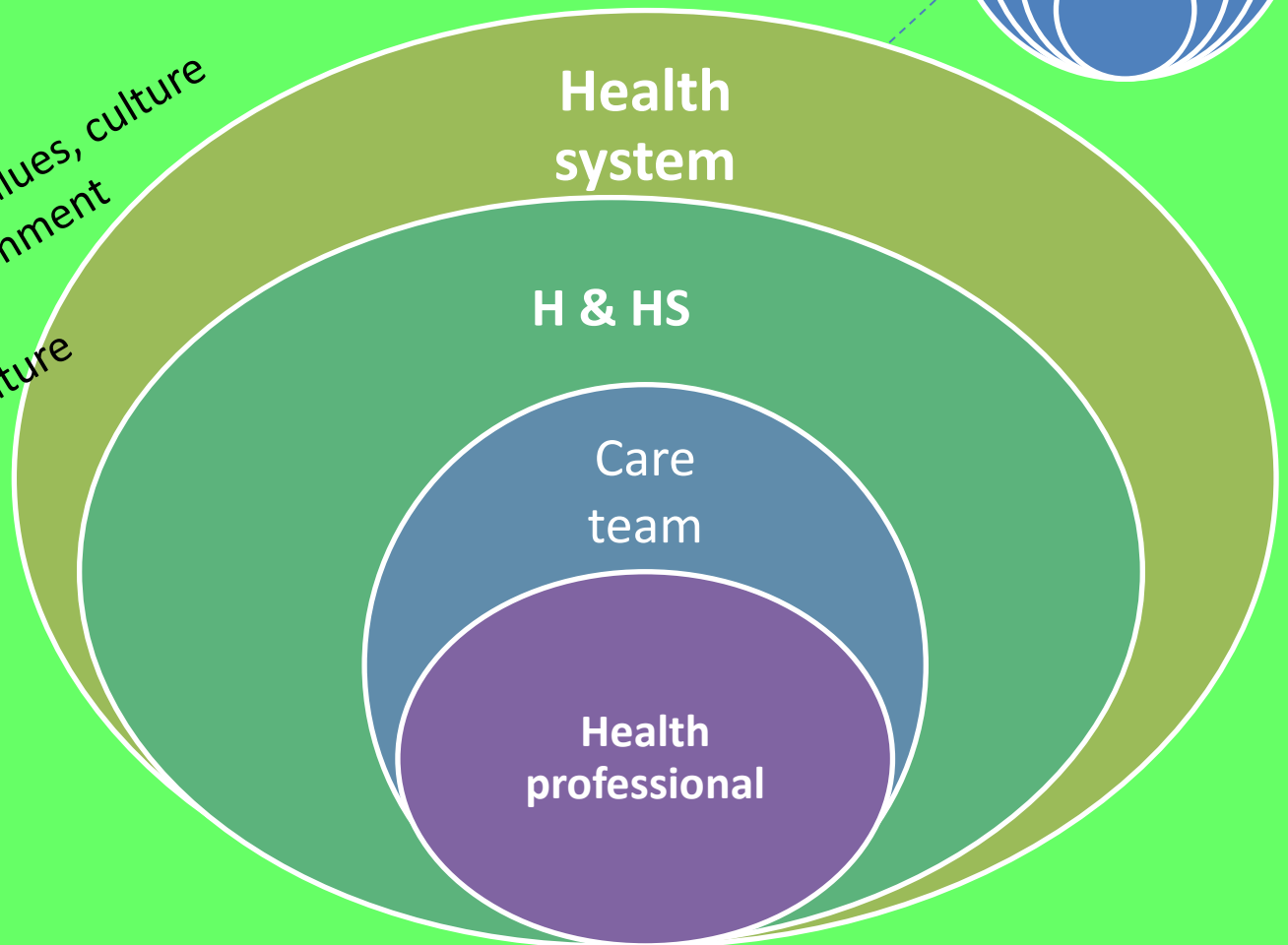
- Health literacy
- Social connectedness
- Empowerment
- Partnerships



We talked about health gain and what this means for decision making, strategies, resource allocation, cooperation at different levels

*Other settings
+ systems*

Social system, values, culture
Physical environment
Economy
History - Future



Issues we connected to HPH agenda

- Pregnancy and early life care services
- Surgical interventions
- Non communicable diseases treatment and support – diabetes, cardiovascular disease, cancer
- Mental health
- Addictions
- Working life and health
- Environmental management – green agenda



Issues we connected to HPH agenda

- Quality management
- Organisational development
- Consumer/ citizen participation
- Investments for health
- Incentives in the system/ organisation/ service to promote health



We talked about HPH networks

- Domestic, International -

- Rationale for networks
- Governance
- Structures
- Resources (financing, expertise)
- Strategic partners (other health services schools, community organisations...)
- Measuring impact

- Experience (regions, countries) and Research (eg PRICES-HPH)



Challenges heard

- Legitimacy of HPH agenda --- membership of HPH networks (domestic, international) --- actions of HPH members
- Intervening re drivers of system and organisations
- Tertiary health care --> Primary health care?
- Money/ money/ money – financing, ROI
- Investment \longleftrightarrow disinvestment (across services, programs/ organisational level/ health system level)
- Availability of evidence of options
- ? Lifestyle focus of interventions



Take home to Victoria (AU)

Grow – quantitatively and qualitatively

Convene face2face and virtually – to share, exchange, debate, boost relevance and confidence

Require documentation and dissemination of knowledge, experience

Fine tune a research agenda for the Network

Co-produce tools and training

Seek smart partnerships – eg to explore potential to partner on addressing ‘causes’ and ‘causes of the causes’ (Marmot) of health issues





See the (bio-diverse) wood for the trees?
Reconcile: Social relevance/ Technical excellence
Doing the right thing/ doing the thing right



Kiitos!

- Colleagues and presenters across continents, countries, cultures - for sharing, seeking understanding, exchanging and debating – for friendship!
- Local hosts and organisers
- Conference partners
- WHO Collaborating Centres (Copenhagen, Vienna)