



COMMUNITY ANALYSIS



Main elements we will explore around the concept of **Community**

- IDENTITY
- BELONGINGS
- BORDERS
- SELF-REPRESENTATION
- FREEDOM/CONTROL
- ACCOUNTABILITY





COMMUNITY

What is it?

- ✓ A set of formal and informal **resources** which have to activate and share
- ✓ A **physical space** where social cohesion and educating community should be built and strengthened



DIFFERENT TYPES OF COMMUNITIES

Community in
a spatial sense
(territory)

Community in
an abstract
sense
(an inclusive
environment)

Community in
a non-spatial
sense
(same goals,
same interests)

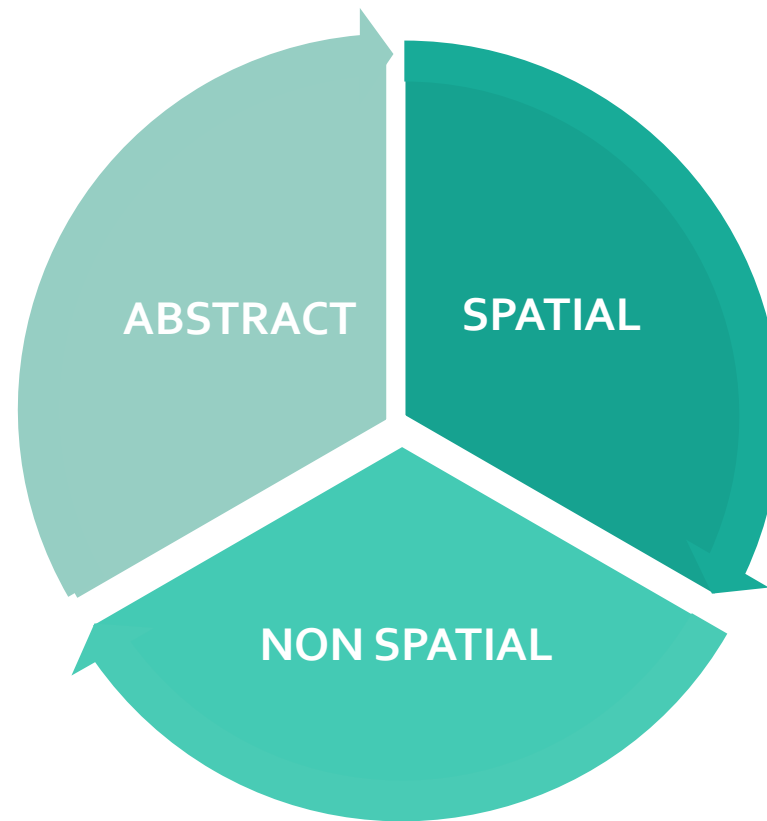
WHAT ABOUT THE COMMUNITIES
THAT YOU LIVE?



Exercise:
Describe Your
Community!

EXERCISE: THE COMMUNITY YOU ARE IN THIS MOMENT

Describe your community from the 3 points of view





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Let's take the place where we are training

- Geographical place
- Spatial place
- A community



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THE **NON SPATIAL** COMMUNITY of the place we are in («Casa del Sole»)

It is defined by its activities

- Basic, advanced computer science, social network and internet space
- English language lab
- Open meetings with the citizenship
- Training paths for professionals
- Group activities for elderly

etc etc....



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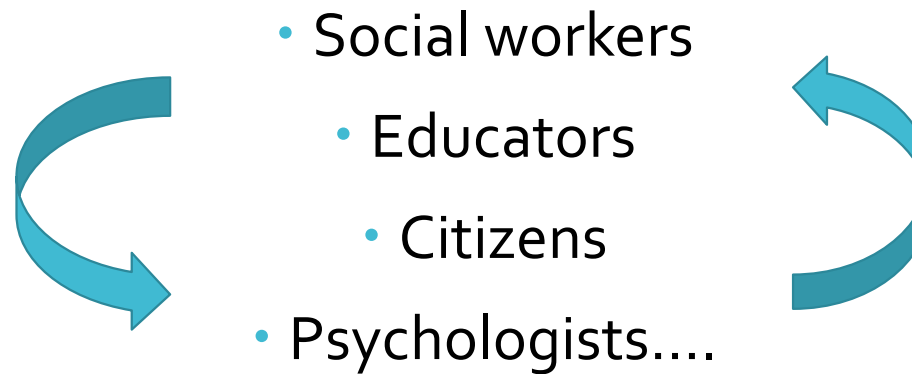
THE **ABSTRACT** COMMUNITY OF «LA CASA DEL SOLE», our example

It is defined by its goals

- Promotion of active aging
 - Social inclusion
 - Citizens Information
 - Training
- etc etc...



THE **COMMUNITY** OF LA CASA DEL SOLE IS
MADE UP OF DIFFERENT PEOPLE



THAT CREATE NEW RELATIONS AND
INTERACTIONS



WORKING TOGETHER FOR **COMMON GOALS:**

- Contrast social isolation
- Develop solidarity networks
- Strengthen skills

Etc etc...



AND WIDENING THE COMMUNITY OUTSIDE TO OTHER ACTORS (*networking*)

- Municipality and local institutions
- Volunteering associations
- Non profit organizations
- Sport associations

etc etc...



Evaluating the Community: impact

Key elements

- Autonomy of the social processes
- Continuity of activities and relations
- Collaborations & networking as formal and informal relations consolidated
- Participation, active involvement of citizens from the local context



Tool for
community
assessment
for youth

Involving participants from the beginning!

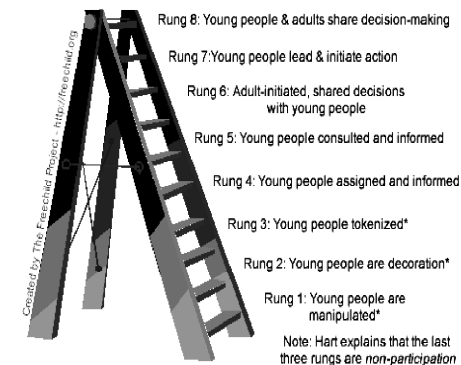
- **SALTO resources**
- **Exercise: Ladder of Participation**



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Roger Hart's Ladder of Young People's Participation



Adapted from Hart, R. (1992). *Children's Participation from Tokenism to Citizenship*.
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