

# Child and Youth Symposium

## Shining the Light

October 9-10th, 2013

# Meeting Start Up

Participants were welcomed into the space by young children and their parents from the Dartmouth Family Centre with songs and music. Next, Deputy Minister Lynn Hartwell challenged participants to look back at what we have done, celebrate our collaborative practices and learning's, and take the best of these into the future.



## Meeting Objectives:

- Build connections and relationships
- Share knowledge (e.g., Promising Practices)
- Engage in dialogue to address complex social issues
- Hear what is happening with children, youth, and families





# Guiding Principles for young people and adults coming together

## Fish Bowl

A structured “fish bowl” of LOT youth responding to questions on best ways for youth/adults to interact at gatherings like these. After the youth spoke, adults and community members chimed in to create shared guiding principles for young people and adults coming together.

- In large mixed gatherings like this Symposium, what would help your participation be productive and enjoyable?
- What would you like the adults to do to support that?
- What do you hope to get out of the presentations and conversations here?

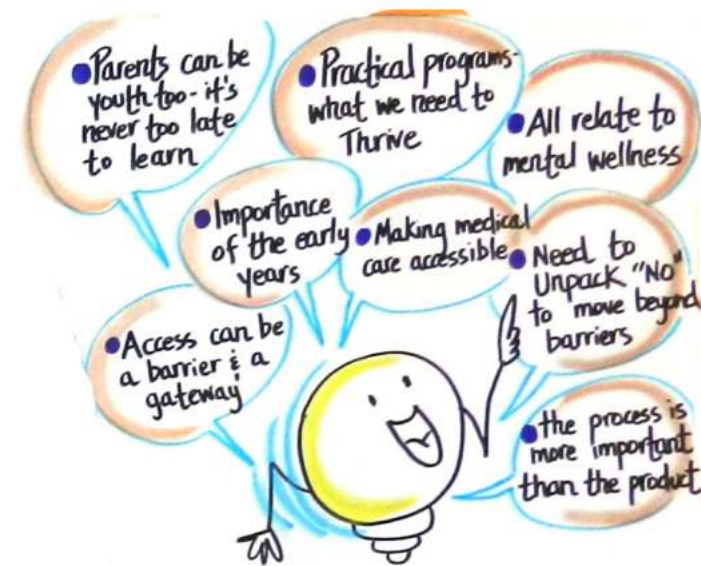




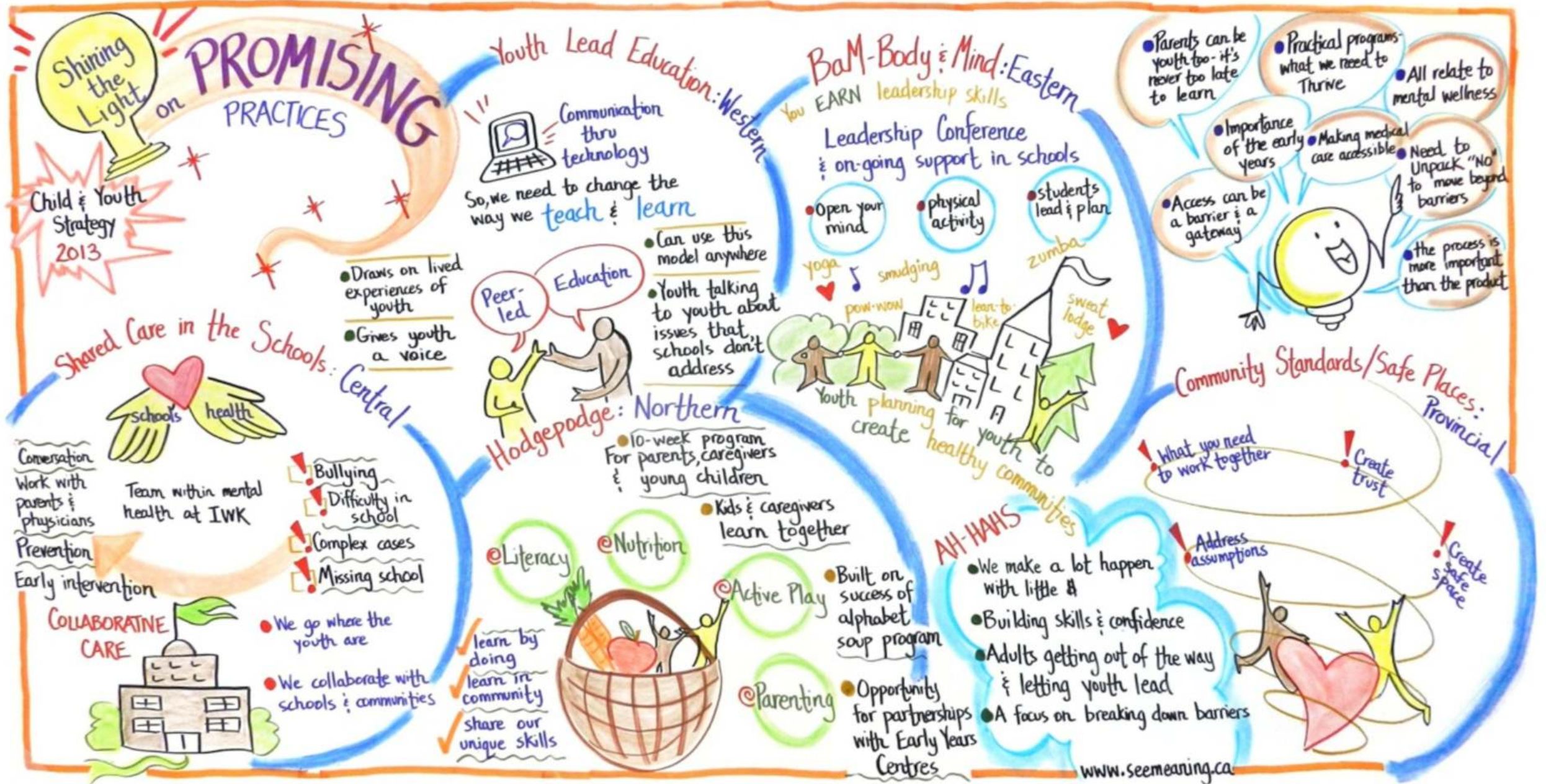
# Promising Practices

Promising practices are innovative and exciting practices that are working in communities and “on the street” but don’t yet have the evidence and research base to make them a best practice.

- **Northern:** Hodge Podge (Kathie Sutherland, Brenda Leenders)
- **Provincial:** Community Standards (Leaders of Today- LOT)
- **Central:** Shared Care in the Schools (Joan Rankin, Bonnie Warren)
- **Eastern:** BaM (Duran Morrison)
- **Western:** Youth Lead Education (Taima-Lyn Urquhart)









# Youth taking Action in Their Communities

## Western:

### Name the Shame

Speaking out re: sexual harassment and youth



## Northern:

### Municipal Youth Councils

Creating a voice for youth in communities

## Central:

### Hope Blooms

From abandoned lot to salad dressings and scholarships for youth

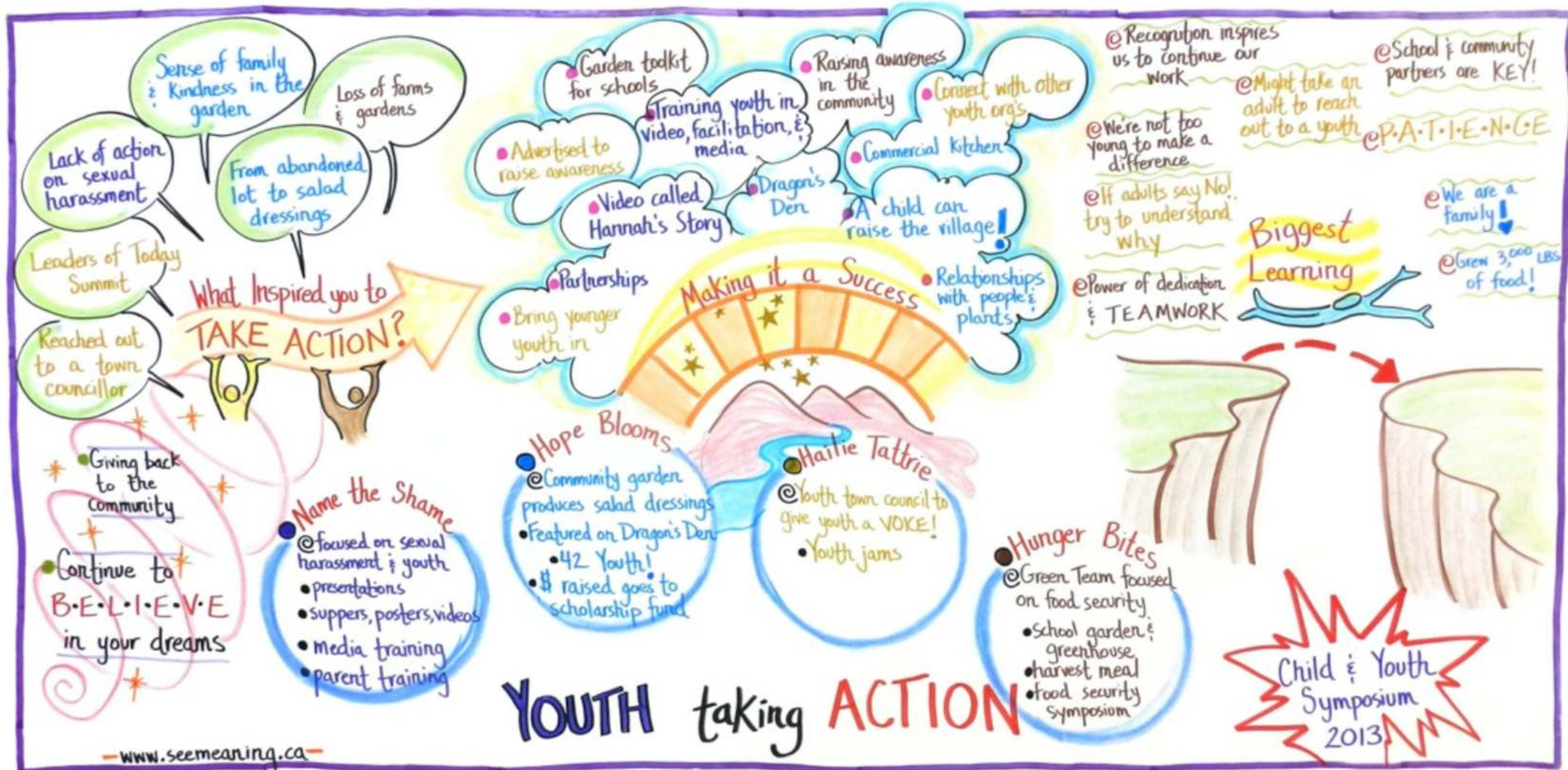


## Eastern:

### Hunger Bites

Addressing food security through gardens, harvest meals, and a food security forum

# Youth taking Action in Their Communities- Inspiration and Learnings





# Socratic Circle- Understanding Provincial Strategies/Initiatives

Several provincial strategies/initiatives have emerged in the last few years that are attempting to change the social environment in which we all operate. Hearing about the strategies/initiatives increased our understanding of each strategy/initiative, how they are interconnecting at the local level and how we can all work together to ensure their success.

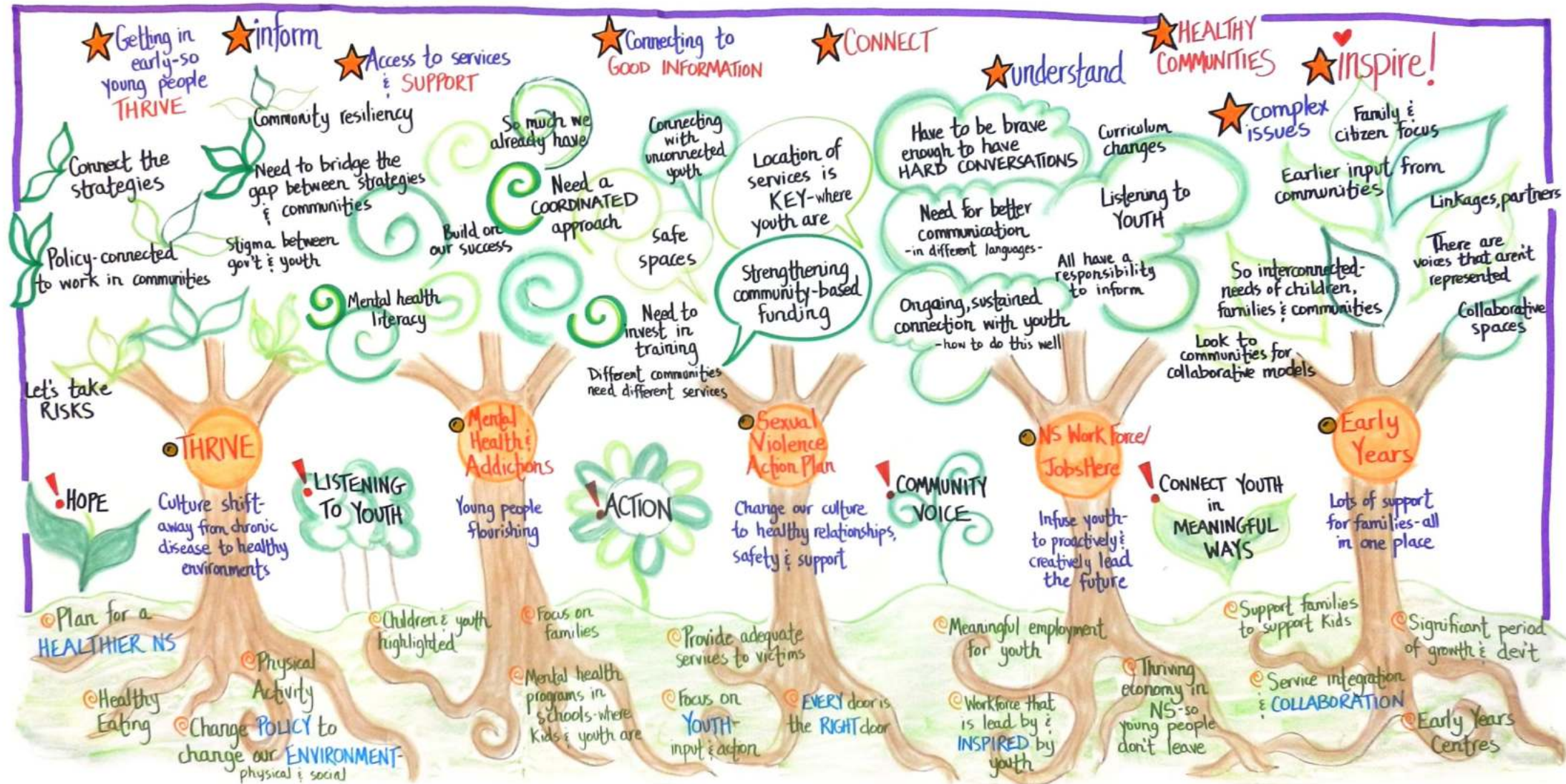
## Strategies/ Initiatives:

- ✓ **Thrive**, H&W (Caroline Whitby)
- ✓ **Mental Health and Addictions**, H&W (Patricia Murray)
- ✓ **Sexual Violence & Bullying Action Plan**, H&W (Celeste Gotell)
- ✓ **NS Work Force/JobsHere**, L&AE (Ann Power)
- ✓ **Early Years**, E&ECD (Shelley Thompson)





# Making The Links Between the Strategies/Initiatives

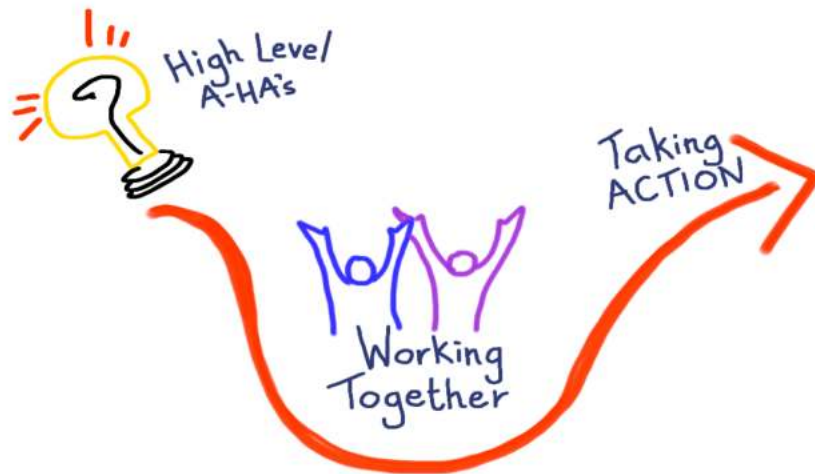


# Regional Planning

Participants gathered in regional groups to reflect on:

- What they've learned:
- Ways of working more closely with Leaders of Today (LOT) and the Provincial Strategies/Initiatives; and
- Actions to take together

All regional plans can be viewed in Appendix A.



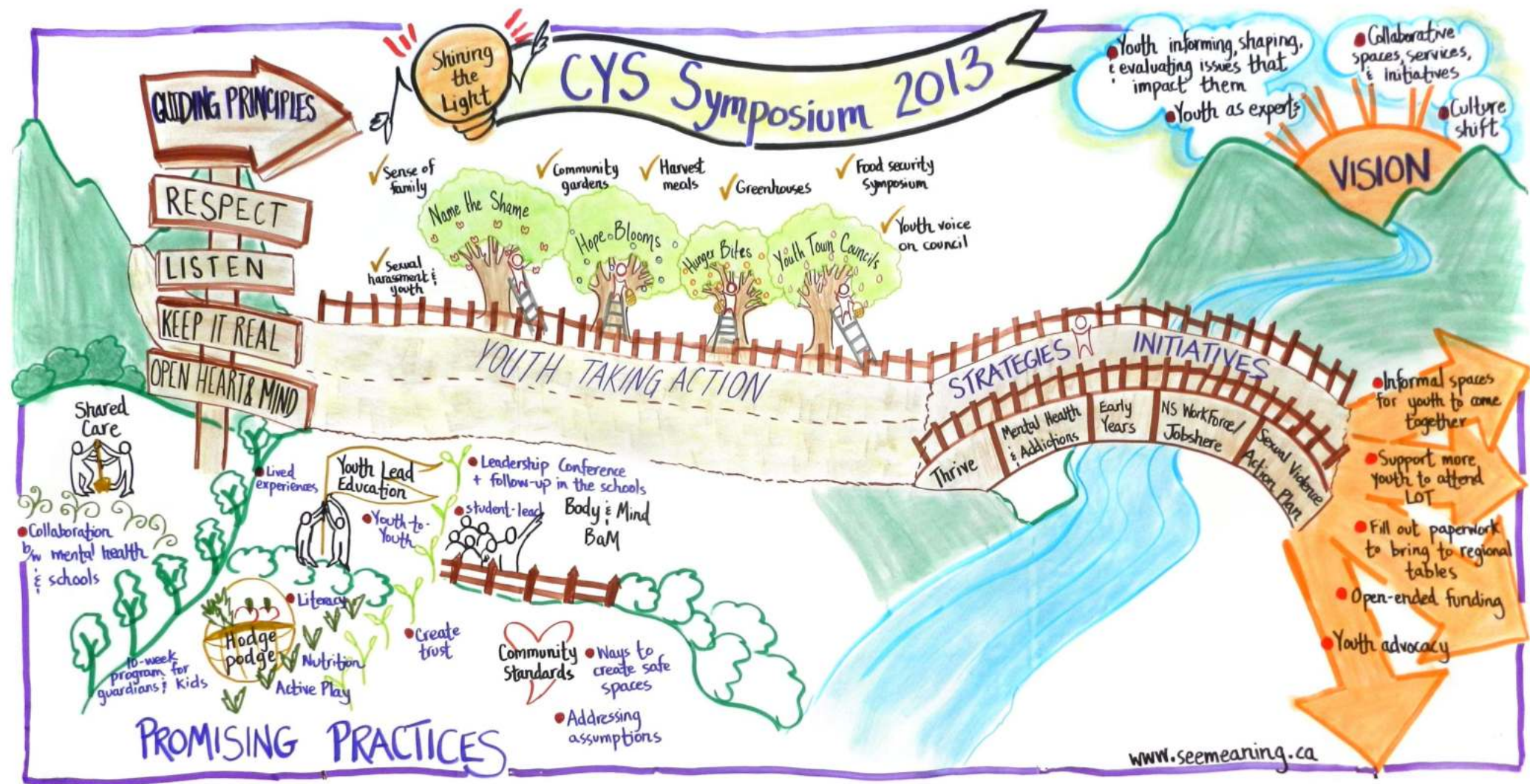
# Closing

A Mi'kmaq smudging and prayer closed the 2-day meeting.





# Summary Chart



# About See Meaning



Corrie Melanson works as a graphic facilitator and a graphic recorder. A professional through and through, she prides herself on creating meaningful visual imprints of each meeting. Her ability to achieve a high level of group interaction, with humour and style, make her a driving force throughout the meeting process.

With more than 15 years of facilitation experience Corrie's solid background in public and private sector workshop delivery give her the high level of expertise required to engage group participants to increase both interactivity and productivity.

Being a professional graphic facilitator takes more than just the ability to draw pictures. It requires a unique set of skills. The ability to manage group dynamics, high level multi-tasking and intense focus is essential.

A master of these skills, Corrie listens intently, extracts relevant information from participant input, guides the group and at the same time organizes the data into a visually meaningful graphic. Her drawings display key content, important stages in the group's collective thought processes and multiple points of view, all building consensus and group memory.

Corrie is trained in the field of graphic facilitation by a well-known expert in the field, Christina Merkley, and is a member of the International Association for Visual Practitioners.

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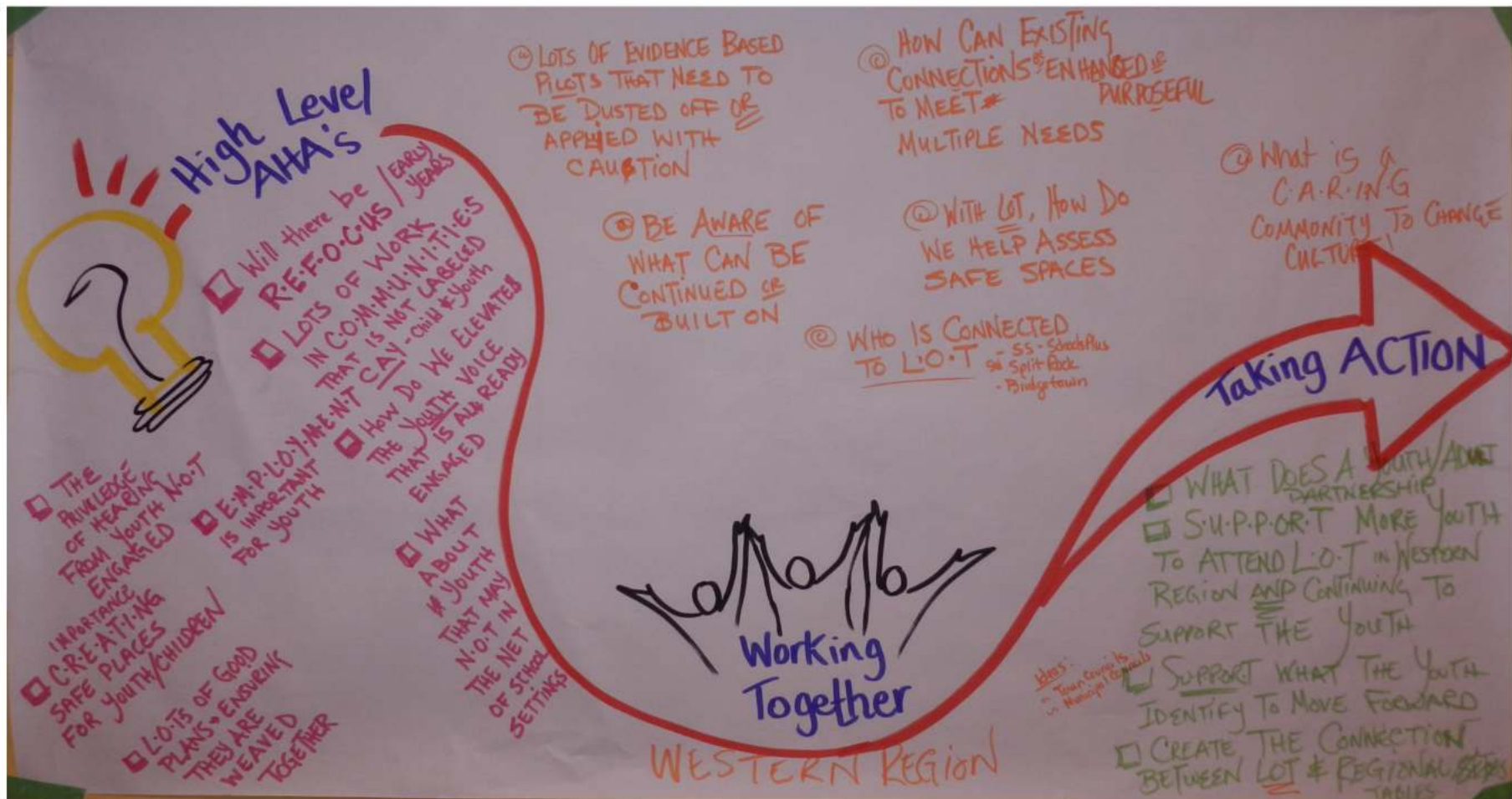
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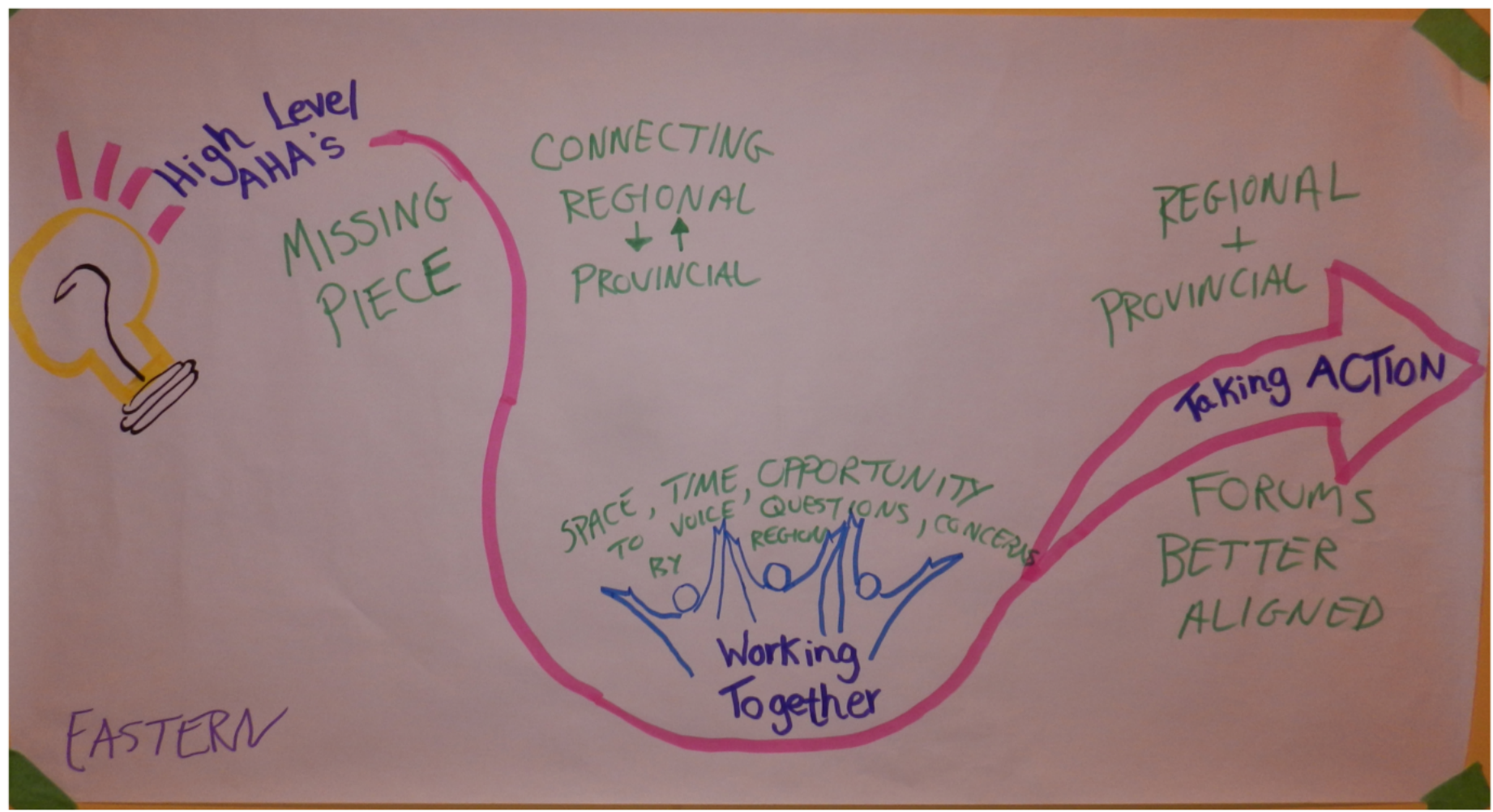


# Appendix A

## Regional Plans- Western

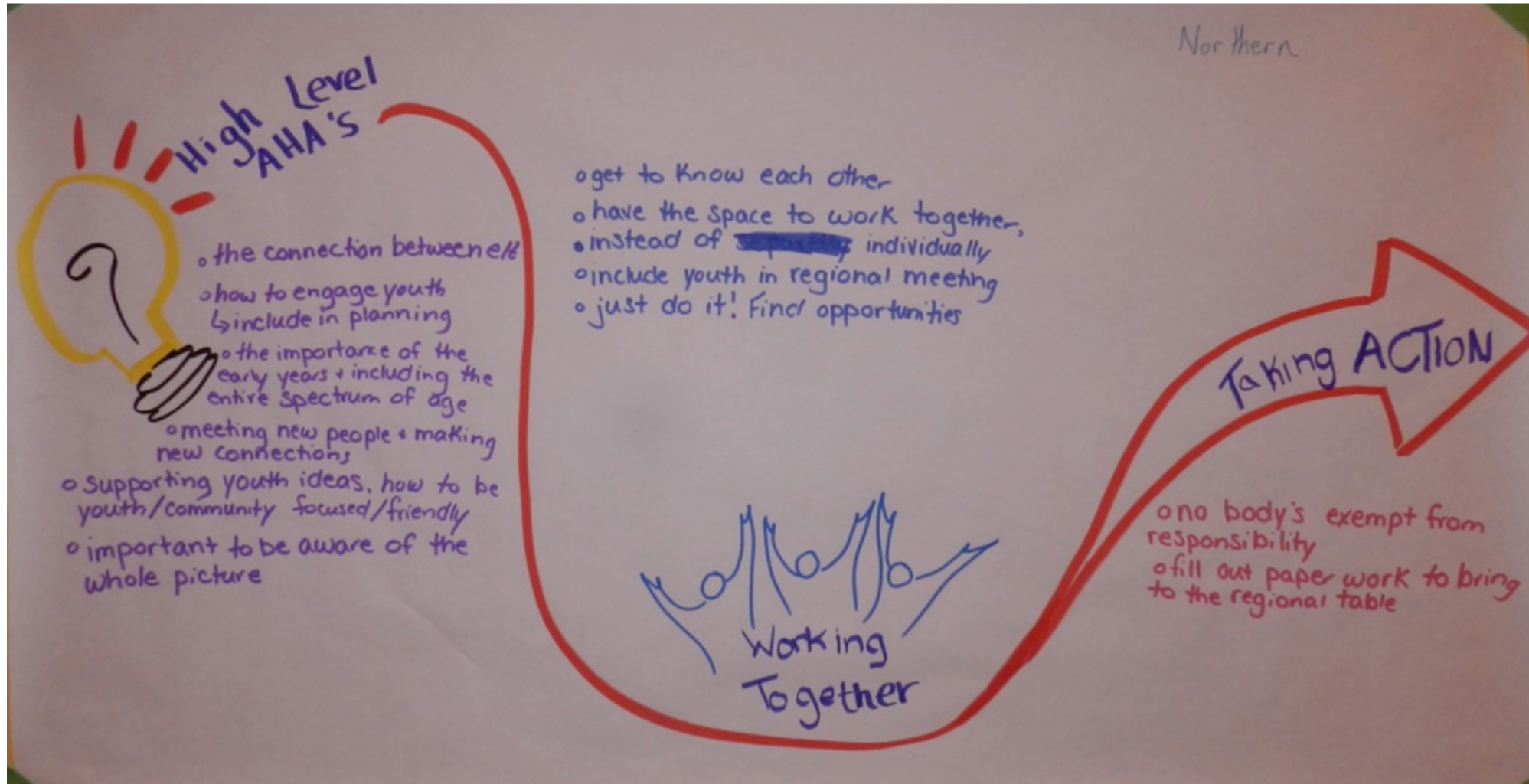


# Regional Plans- Eastern





## Regional Plans- Northern



## Regional Plans- Central

