

A Manifesto

for Rural and Island

Scotland



Virtual Scottish
Rural Parliament

Pàrlamaid Dhùthchail na h-Alba 2021

We held the first ever

Scottish Rural Parliament in Oban in 2014.



400 people attended to help shape rural and island policy.

Since then, we held three more Rural Parliaments.

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2018

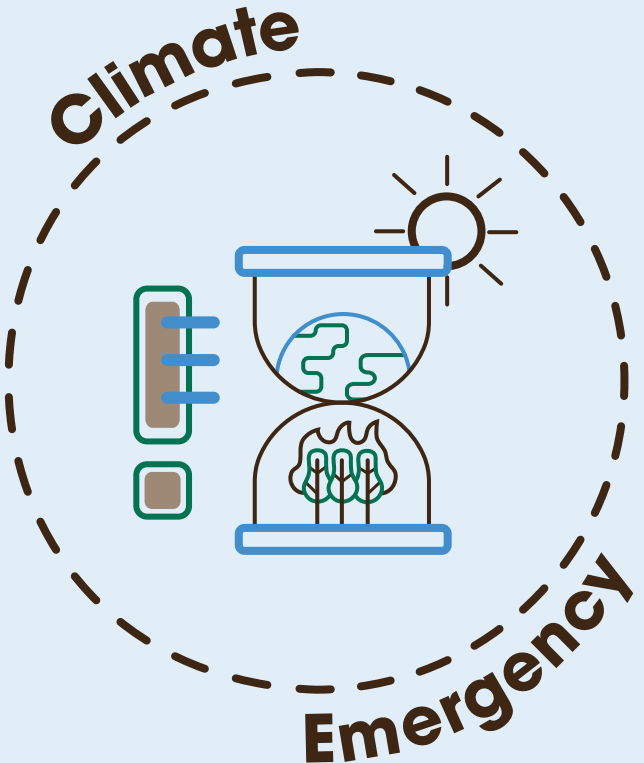
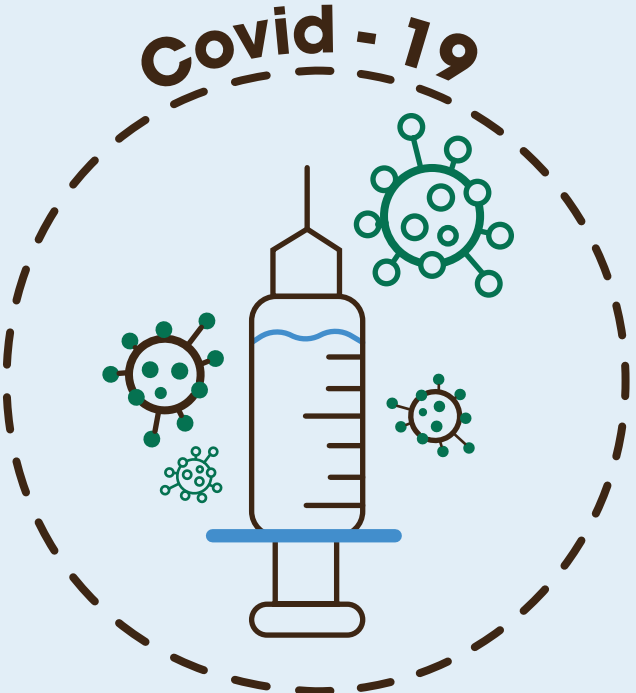
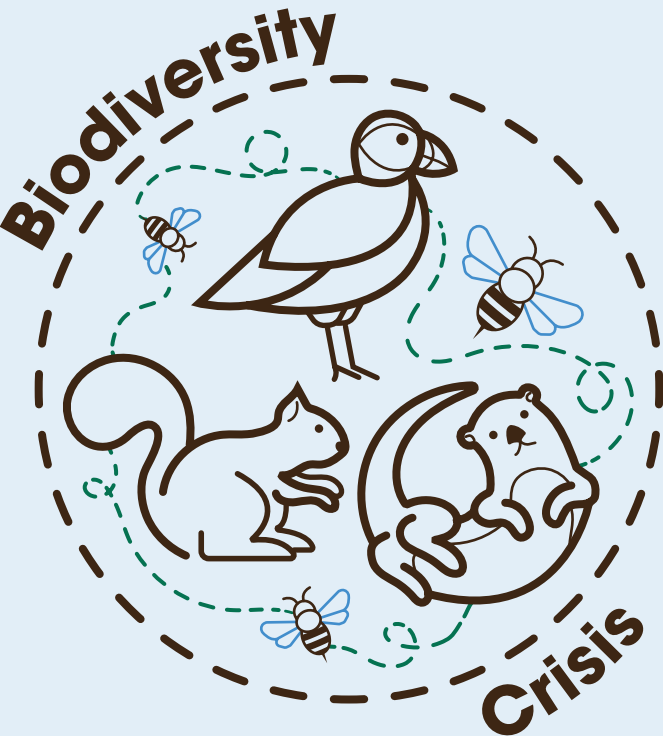
2021

The **2021** Rural Parliament took place online.

Over **1,500** people participated.

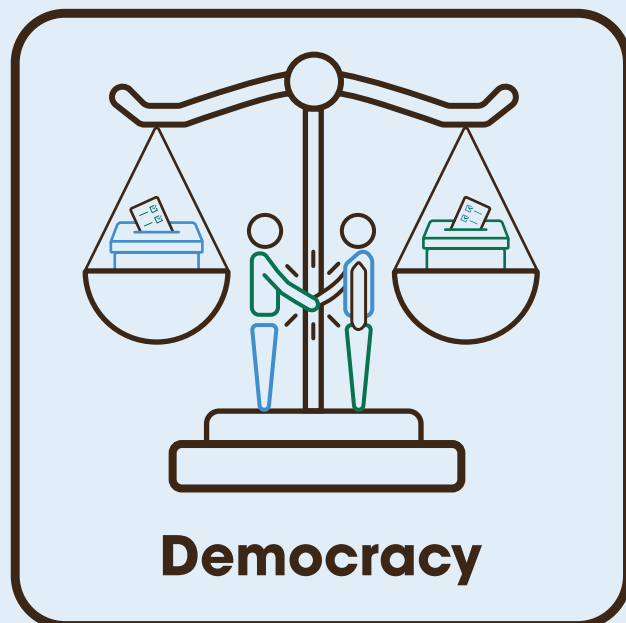
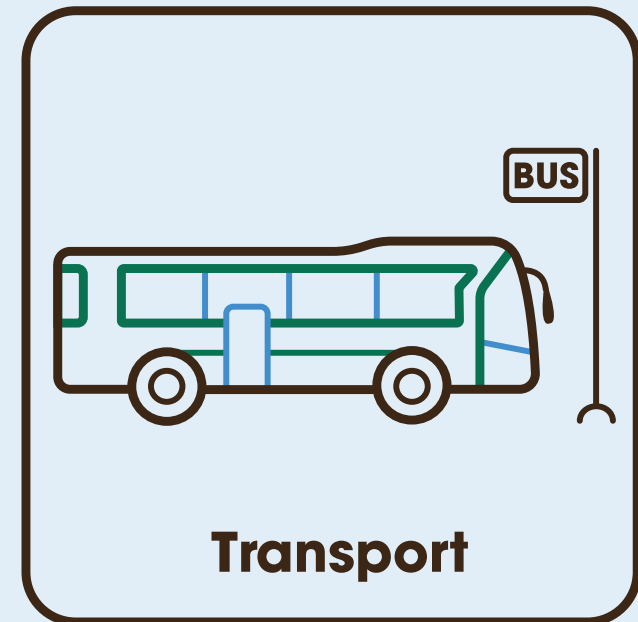
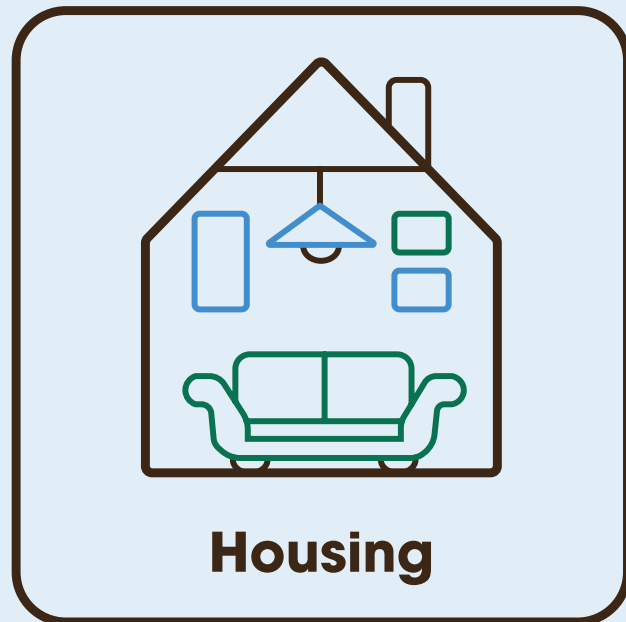
The 2021 Rural Parliament debated

the **emerging challenges** we face:



We also debated **long-standing issues**

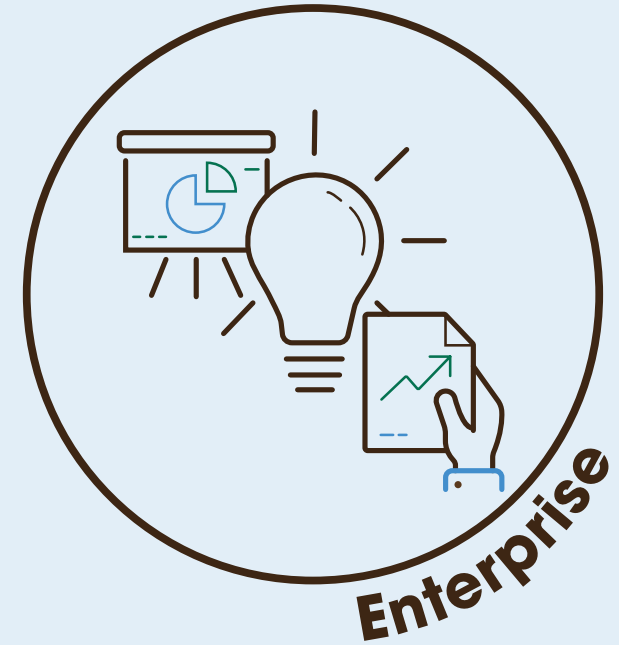
for rural and island communities, including:



Progress on these can take time,
particularly when policy
is framed through an urban lens.

**But when rural and island communities
work with policy makers,
opportunities arise and **solutions** are found.**

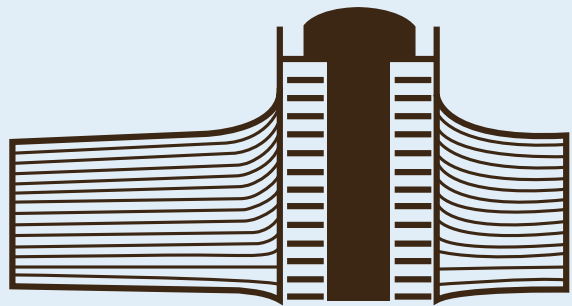
Rural and island places already have many of the **assets** we need to flourish.



A coordinated, **rural-focused policy approach** can support our efforts further.

Neighbouring countries and institutions are showing the way.

European



Commission

And



They are working with their **rural movements** to deliver a

Vision and Policy Framework for their rural and island places.

In Scotland, we already have a basis for our Vision.

It was developed by the Rural Parliament's youth delegates.



(Image: Outcome from Youth-Led Session, 2021)

**We call on the Scottish Government
to build on the youth delegates' work,
to collaborate with the
wider rural movement and deliver a...**

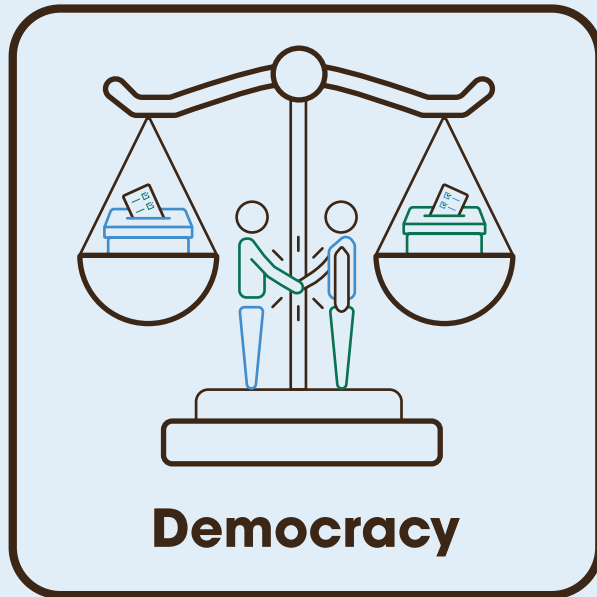
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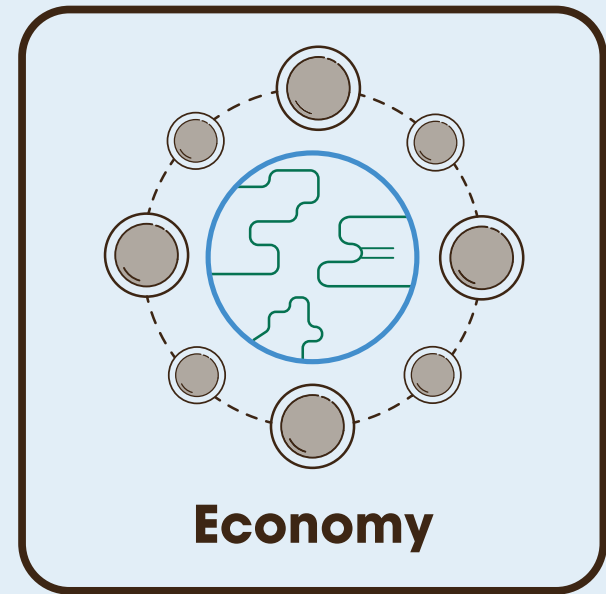
And within this **Policy Framework,**

we need action on the following:



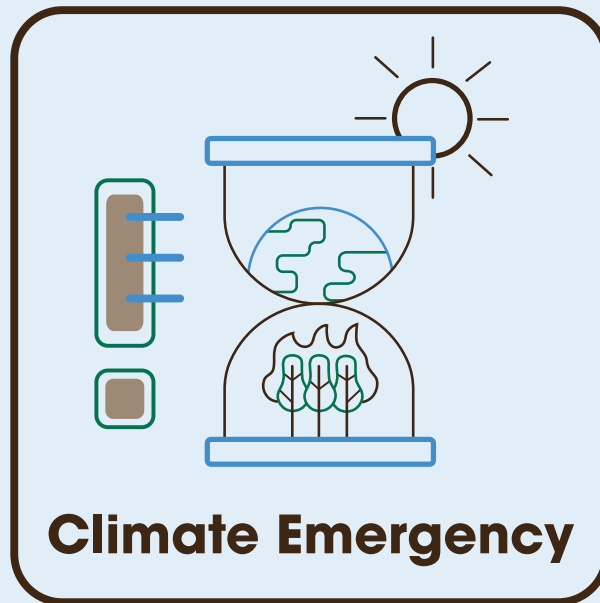
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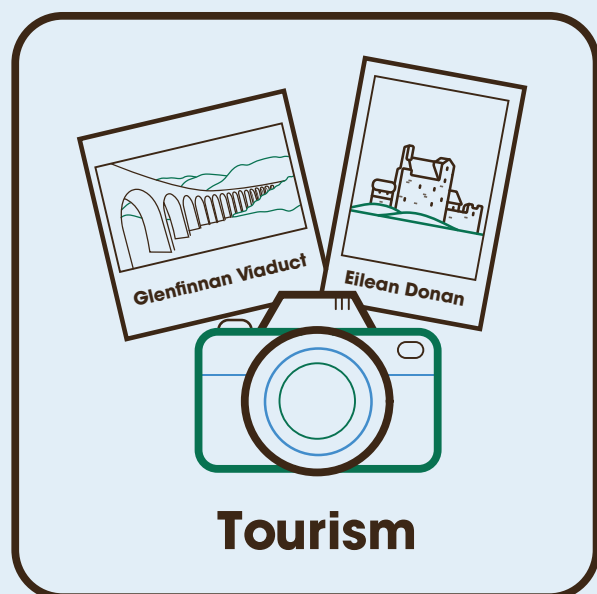
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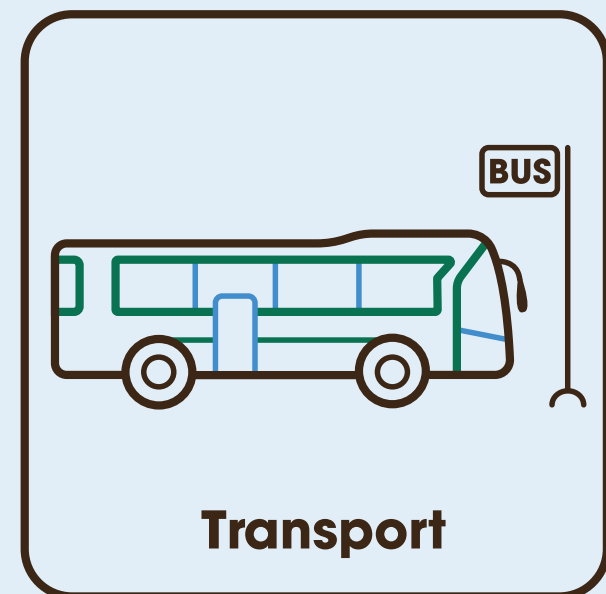
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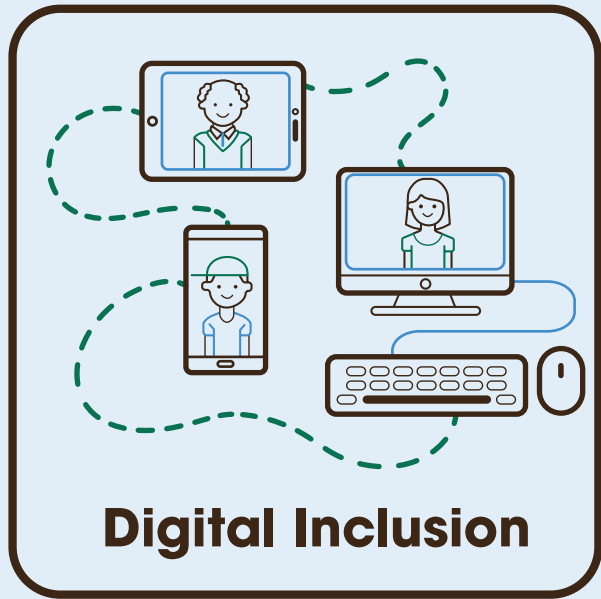
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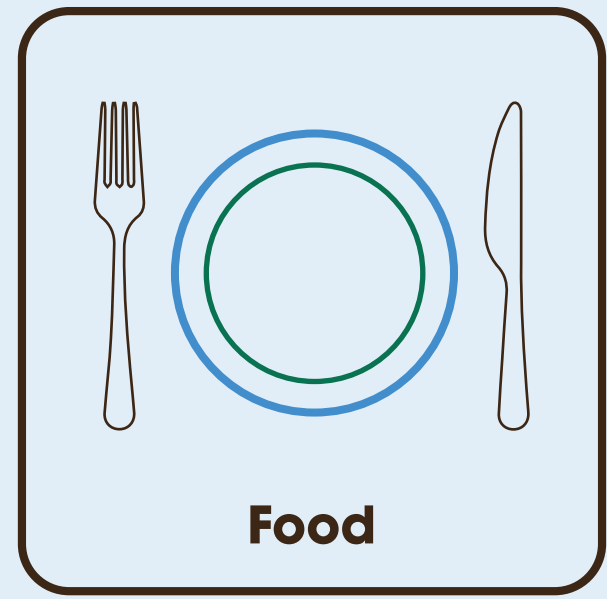
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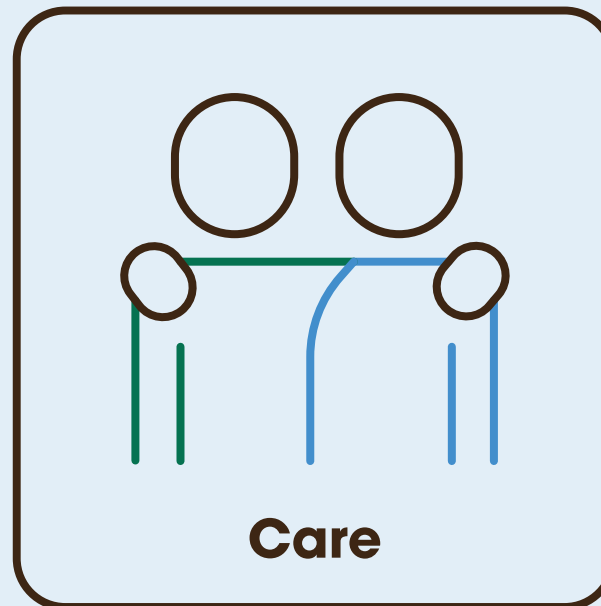
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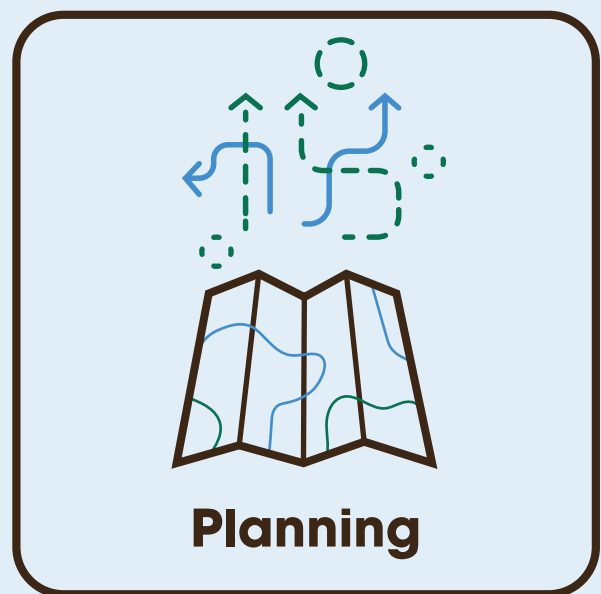
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Care

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Planning

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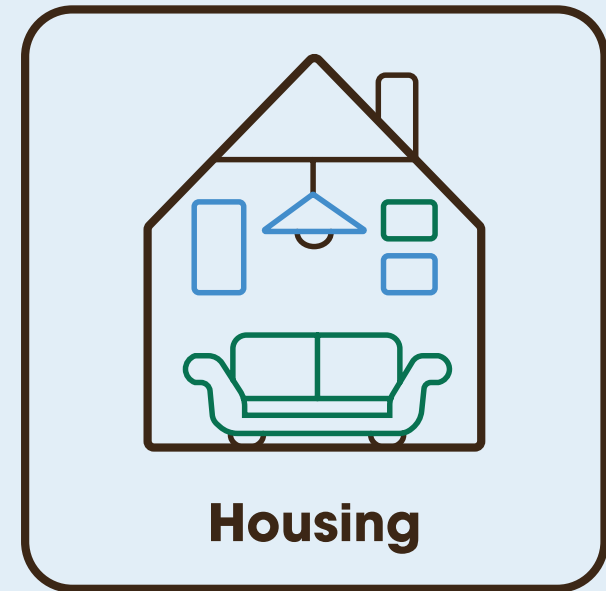
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Mental Wellbeing

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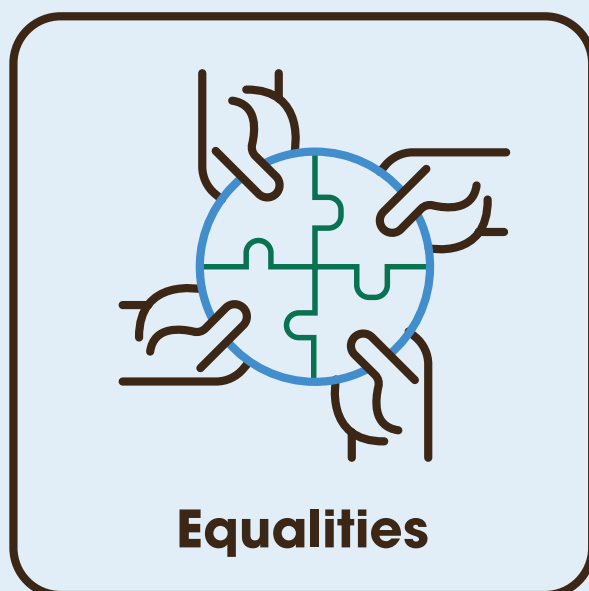
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