

A New Politics for Health:
Birmingham Regional Pre-event
Workshop discussion summaries



Promoting Healthy Public Policy

Original themes are still relevant but connections need to be made more clear.

Empower, enable, advocate

Consideration of economic models needs to be more explicit

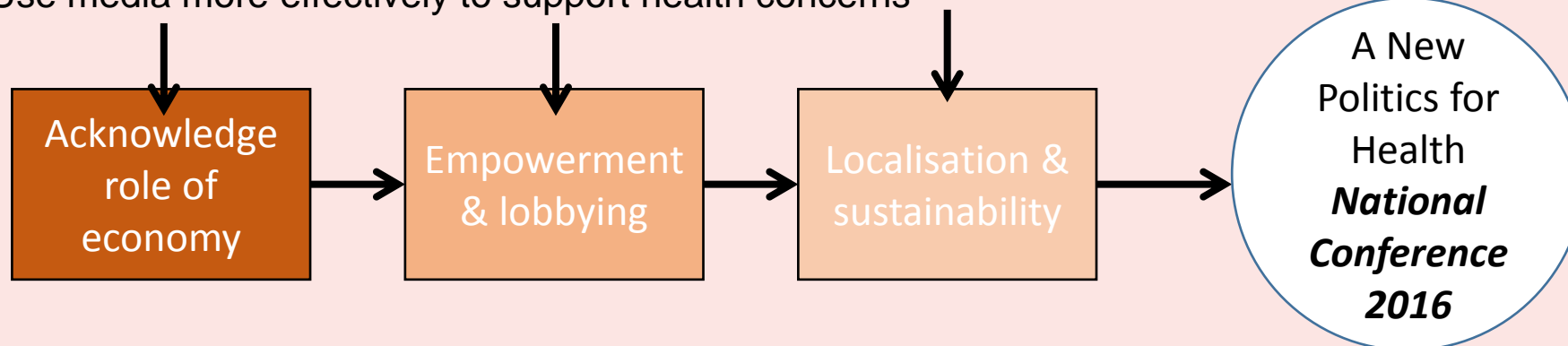
More emphasis on localisation and sustainability

Universal basic income

Food & people's relationship with it

Empower communities for lobbying

Use media more effectively to support health concerns





Creating Supportive Environments

Should retain this theme for Birmingham Charter

Deprivation as focus for action /interventions

Area-based initiatives → ?

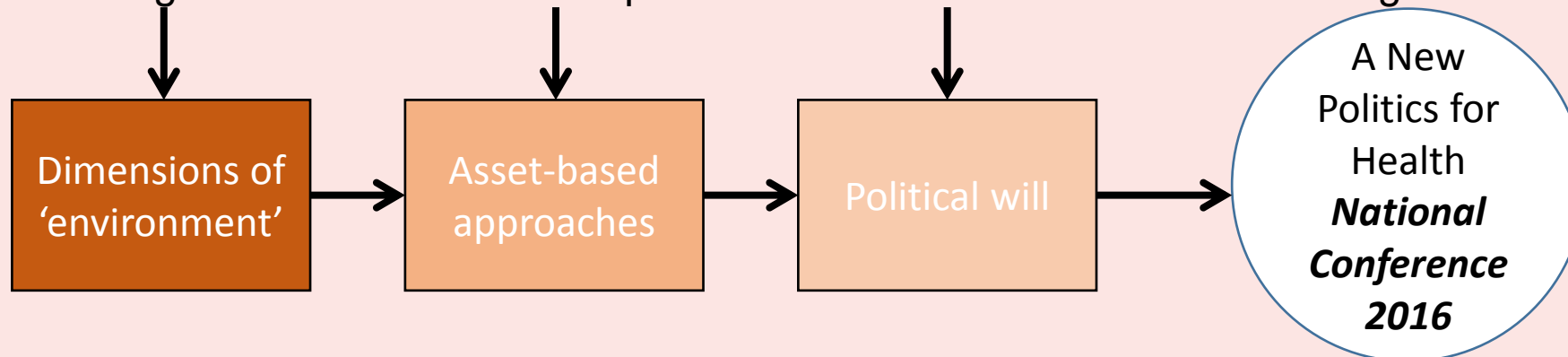
Asset-based approach (positive rather than e.g. 'problem families')

Environment = emotional+social+physical+political+economic

Environmental stressors

Policy & political will – some positive impact examples

Planning as essential link. Impact of marketization on decision making



Strengthening Community Actions

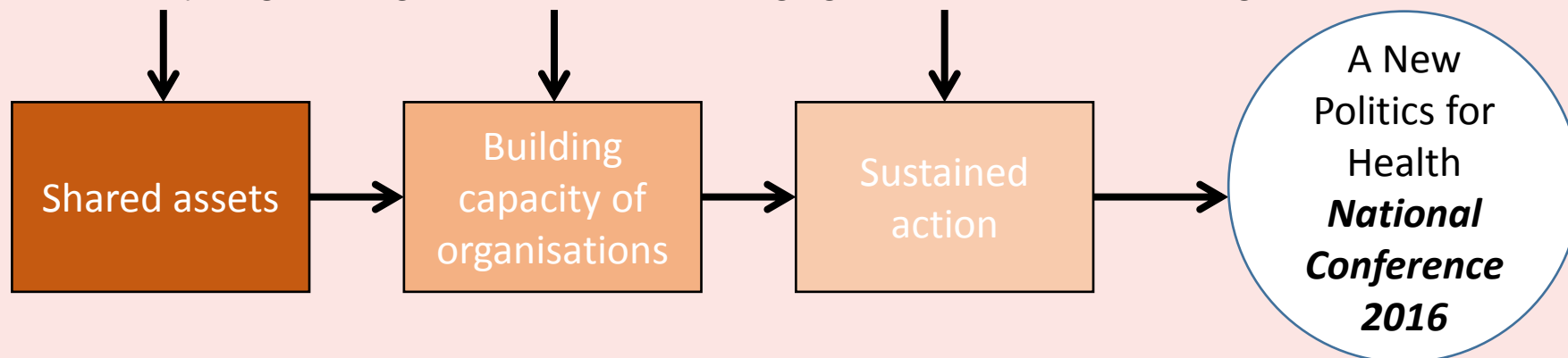
Businesses, organisations, etc. sharing assets for community use

-Change receptiveness of organisations that have power & assets towards meeting community needs

Delivery through mainstream organisations, businesses and services

Should no longer be seen as short-term

Community organising as a method of engagement – need training /support



Developing Personal Skills

Inclusivity of approach- practitioner skills for diversity

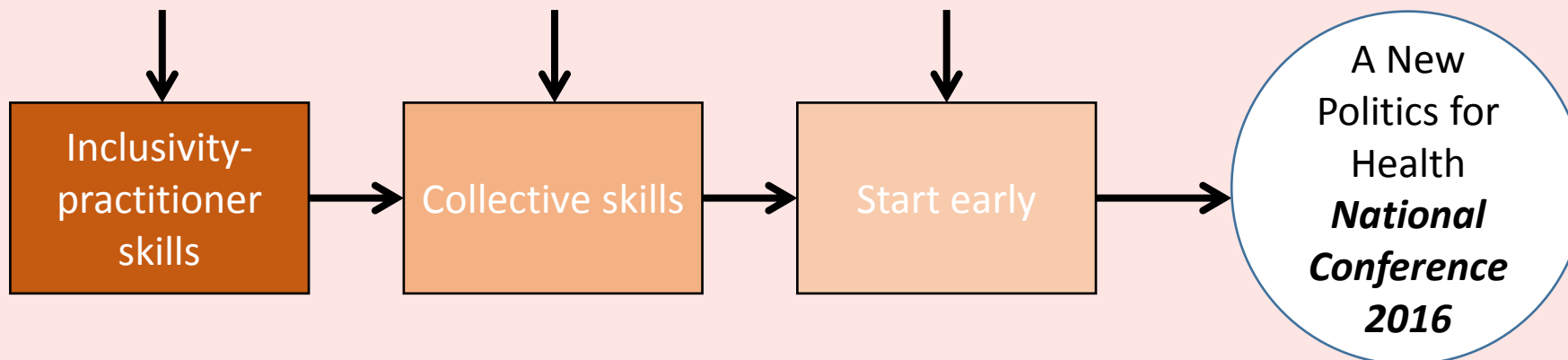
Communication –

Empowerment and aspiration

Skills development and education from the youngest age

Personal skills should be collective rather than individual

Global perspective



Reorienting Health Services

Where 'health' services are located

Communication and 'joined up' services that meet needs of super-diverse society

Potential loss of health promoting services to 'health' services

Vulnerable groups and maintaining appropriate services

