

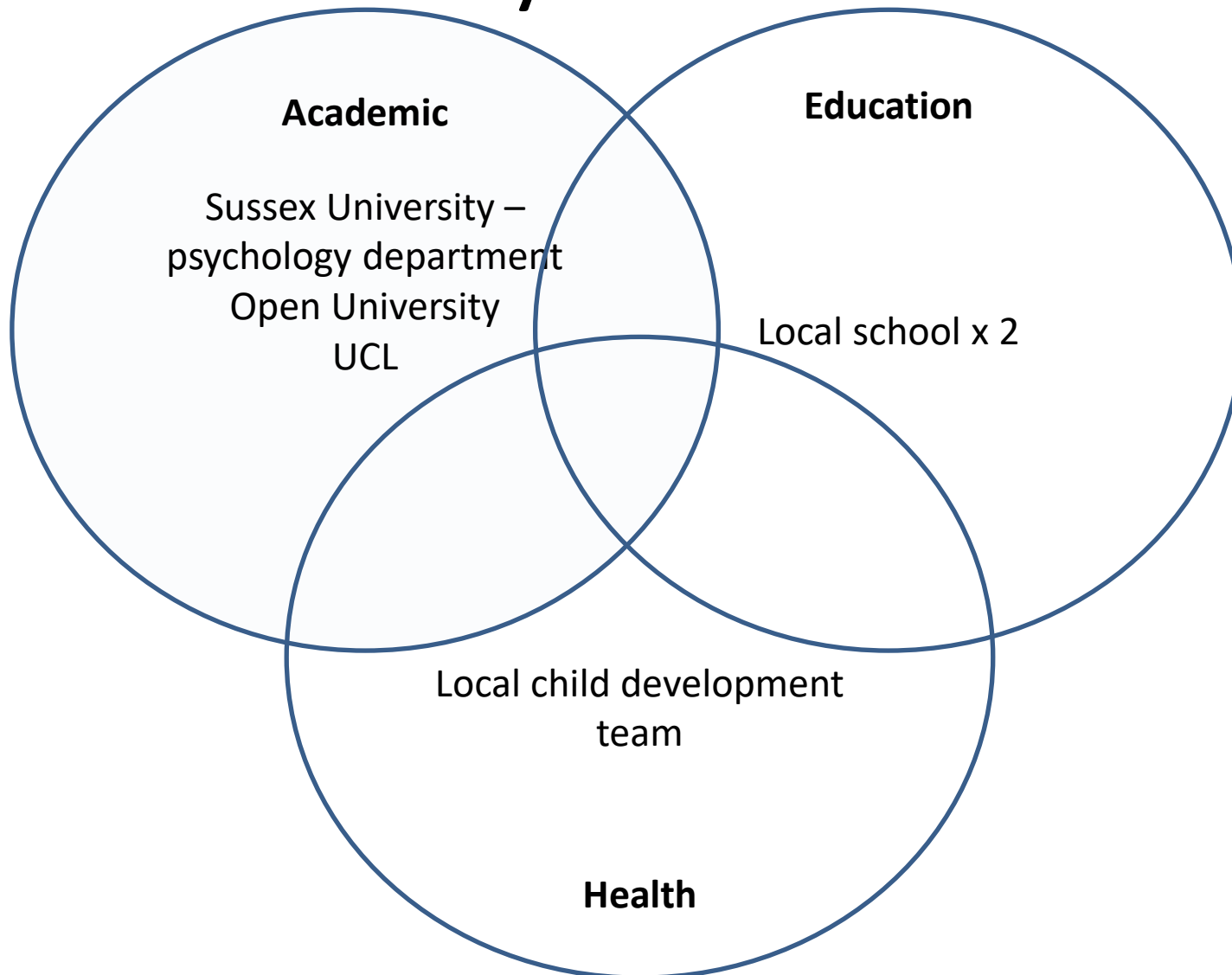
Within a community of practice

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Tangiball project

- Ex Primary school Senco, Deputy head, now Senior Research Fellow in SCFT
- Interdisciplinary
- Also working now with NHS England on changing the pathways to diagnosis for autism nationally
- Born out of PhD, BACD Castang fellowship and visiting fellow at Cambridge
- Seeks through focus group, interview, survey, to compare play with ASD/NT groups using a novel interface and data capture in clinic
- Clinicaltrials.gov registration
- Ethics application
- Novel Tangible User Interface – almost complete
- Establish SOP to clarify task when using the toy to apply for a larger either PDA or EPSRC grant

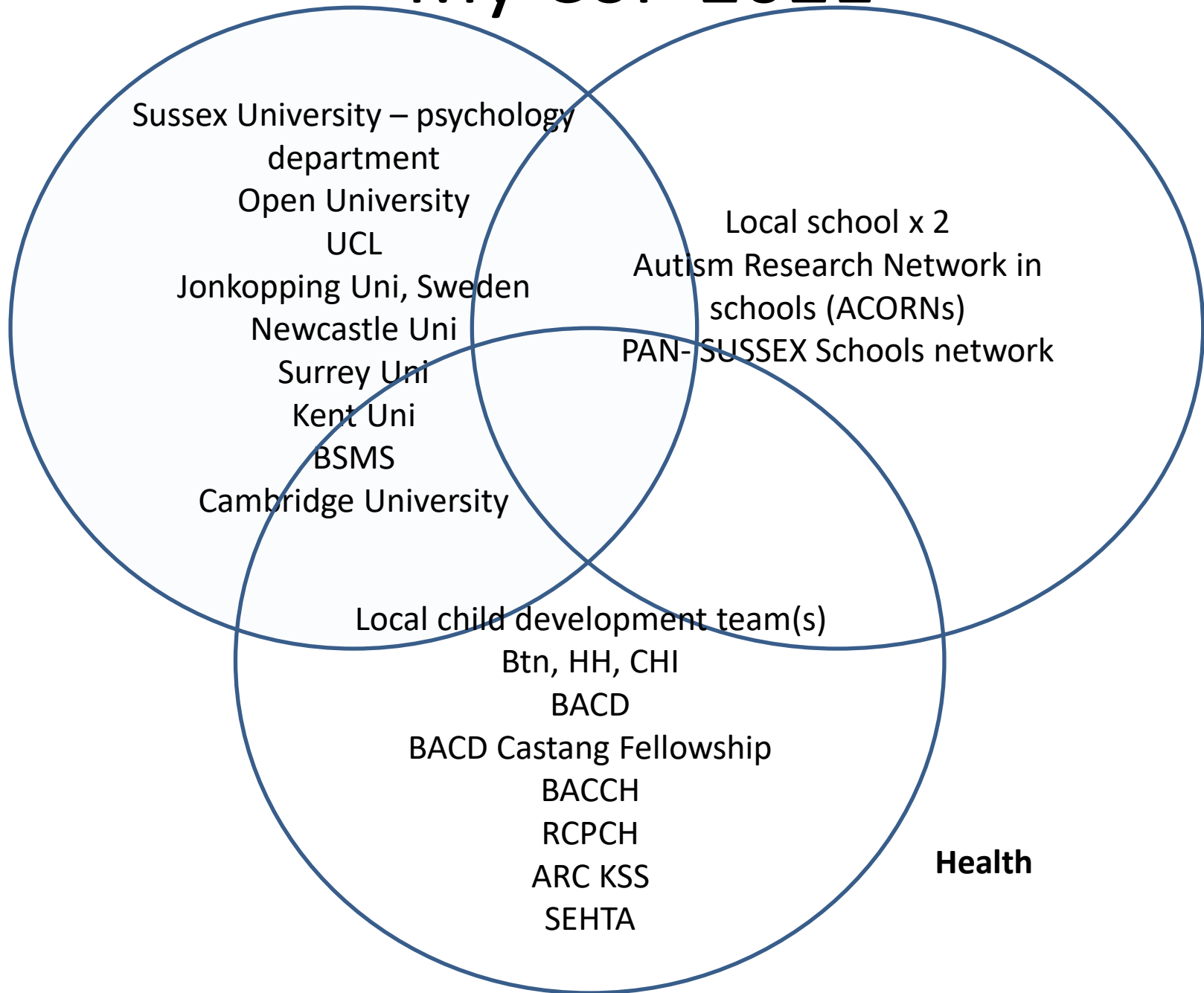
My CoP 2015



Academic

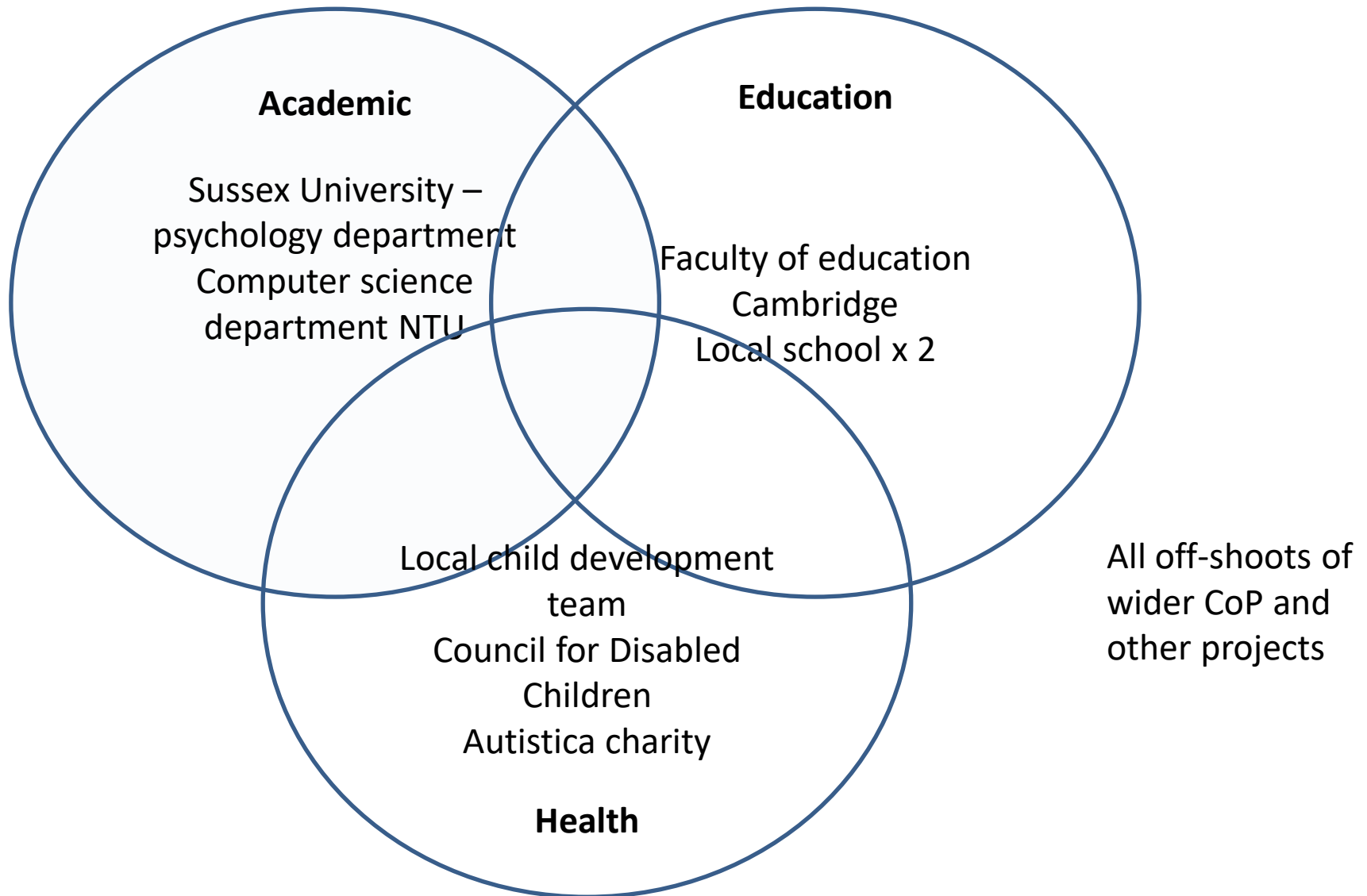
My CoP 2021

Education



Health

ARC KSS IDA



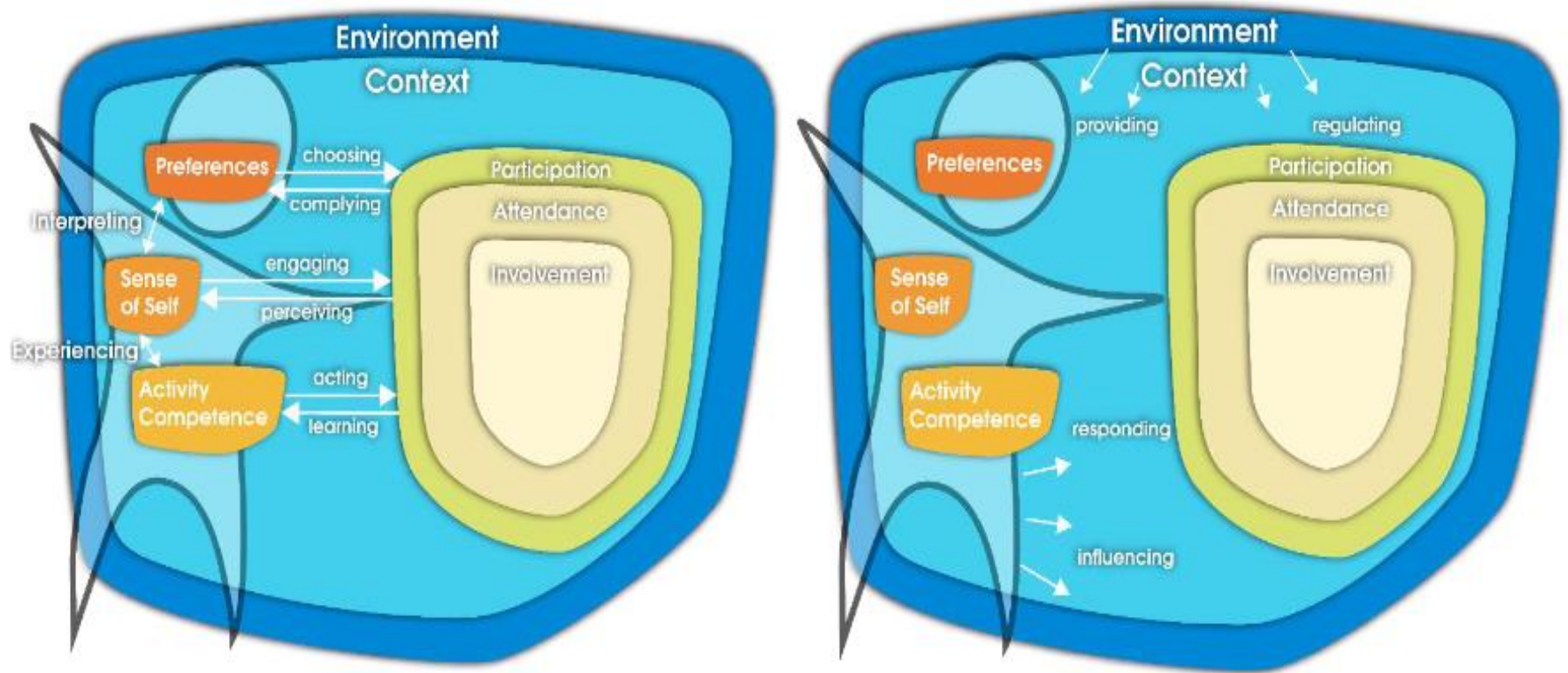


Figure 1. The family of participation-related constructs. Panel A displays the **person-focused** processes and Panel B displays the **environment-focused** processes. From: Imms, C., Granlund, M., Wilson, P.H., Steenberg, B., Rosenbaum, P., & Gordon, A. (2016). Participation - both a means and an end. A conceptual analysis of processes and outcomes in childhood disability. *Developmental Medicine & Child Neurology*, 59(1), 16-25. DOI: 10.1111/dmcn.13237

How to build your CoP: Person Focus

- Involve yourself in multiple conversations - only 1/7 will be useful
- Keep going – no matter the road block – keep having conversations – someone knows the answer
- Participate – if the group sounds interesting (internal/external) – stick with it and attend
- Make yourself available e.g. interviews, other project groups
- Look to integrate your work with Clinical teams early – but check they are ready to take part without internal problems – talk talk talk

Environment Focused

- Reach out and get involved in meeting people in your field e.g. if you are physio get in touch throughout region – arrange a meet and greet
- Look to integrate your work with Clinical teams early – but check they are ready to take part without internal problems
- However long you think jobs will take – add at least 20% more time – ethics always takes longer, access always takes longer, recruitment always takes longer
- Don't be afraid of knockbacks –the majority of the time this kind of work is full of them
- There are tons of naysayers – try and surround yourself with those who are positive about your work – criticism is good (cheerleaders are better though, leave the criticism to reviewers!)

Preferences - Sense of Self - Activity

Competence

- Don't let go of your guiding principles – no matter what e.g. if policy drivers intervene
- Know when to cut back, call it off, follow your instincts – otherwise you can get badly burned
- Think about task management e.g. Trello, Slack
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- Be clear with funders early if you think you need to re-jig timelines, and repeat yourself
- And Write! – it only has to be good enough – then publish