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Getting a Grip!

Mainstreaming environmental sustainability within environmental health practice

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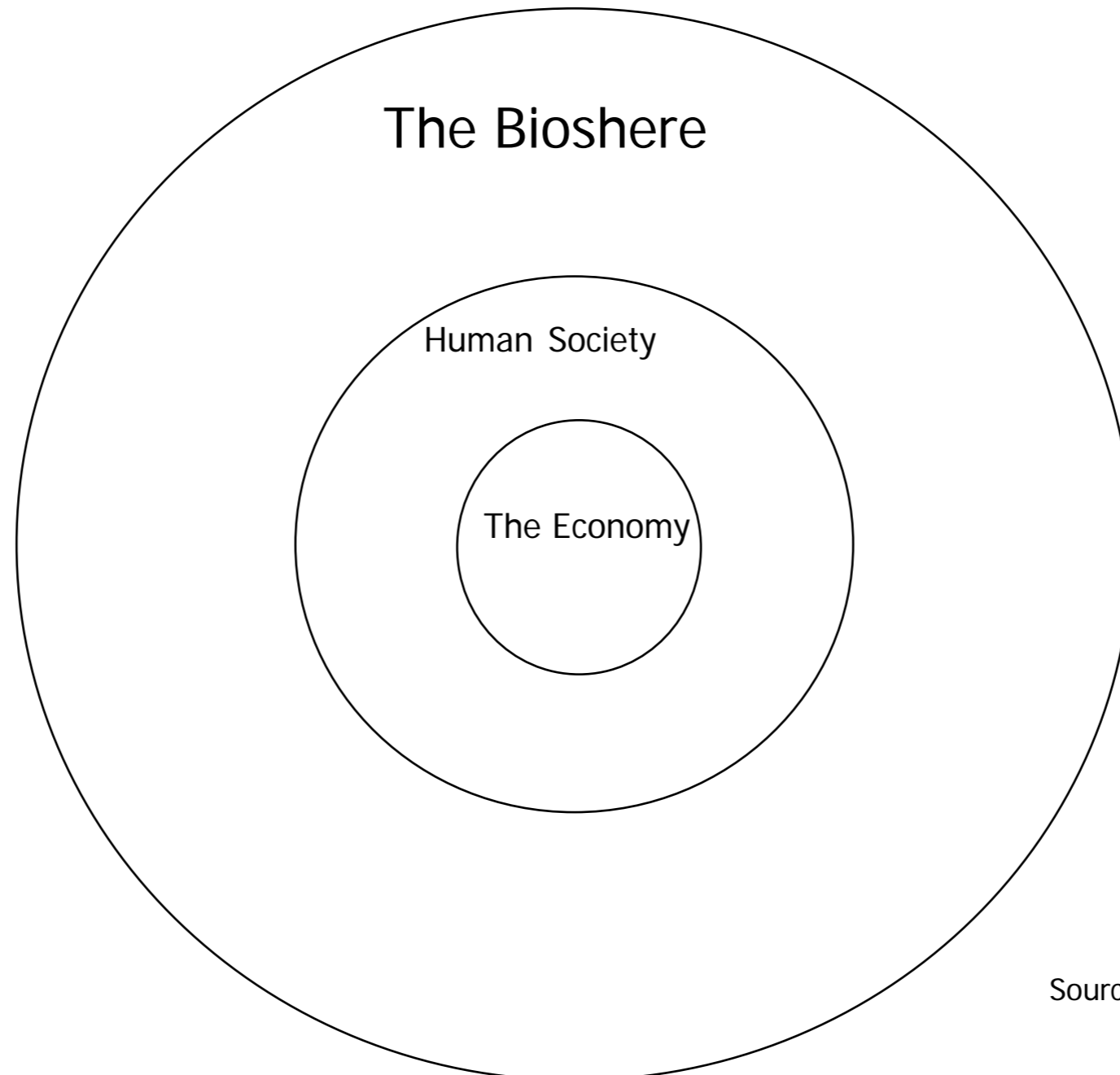
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Sustainable systems – the relationships



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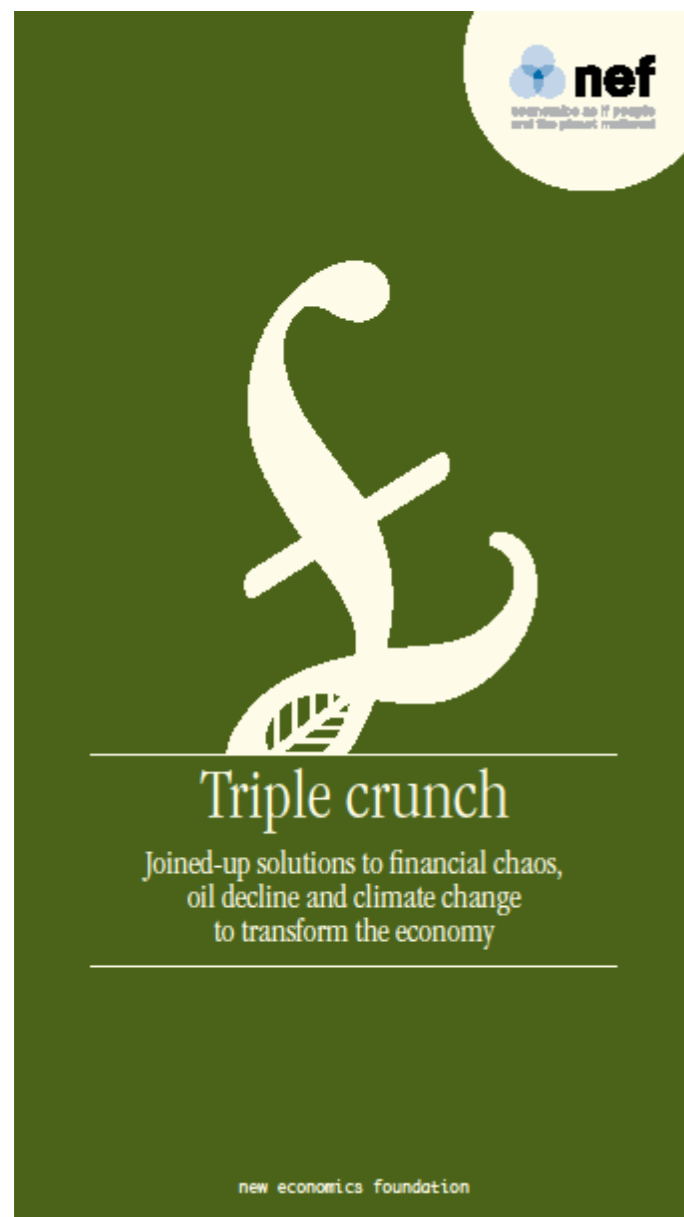


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The imperatives!



- we need to reduce the amount of resources we consume and the pollutants and greenhouse gases we emit – **at the same time and combined with** rebuilding a new economy.
- we need to adapt - our buildings; our environment; our agricultural systems; our communities to be better prepared for change – it is coming!!

Local government MUST be a champion in this!

Action
not
words



SO.....how can EH contribute?

Settings?

Audiences?

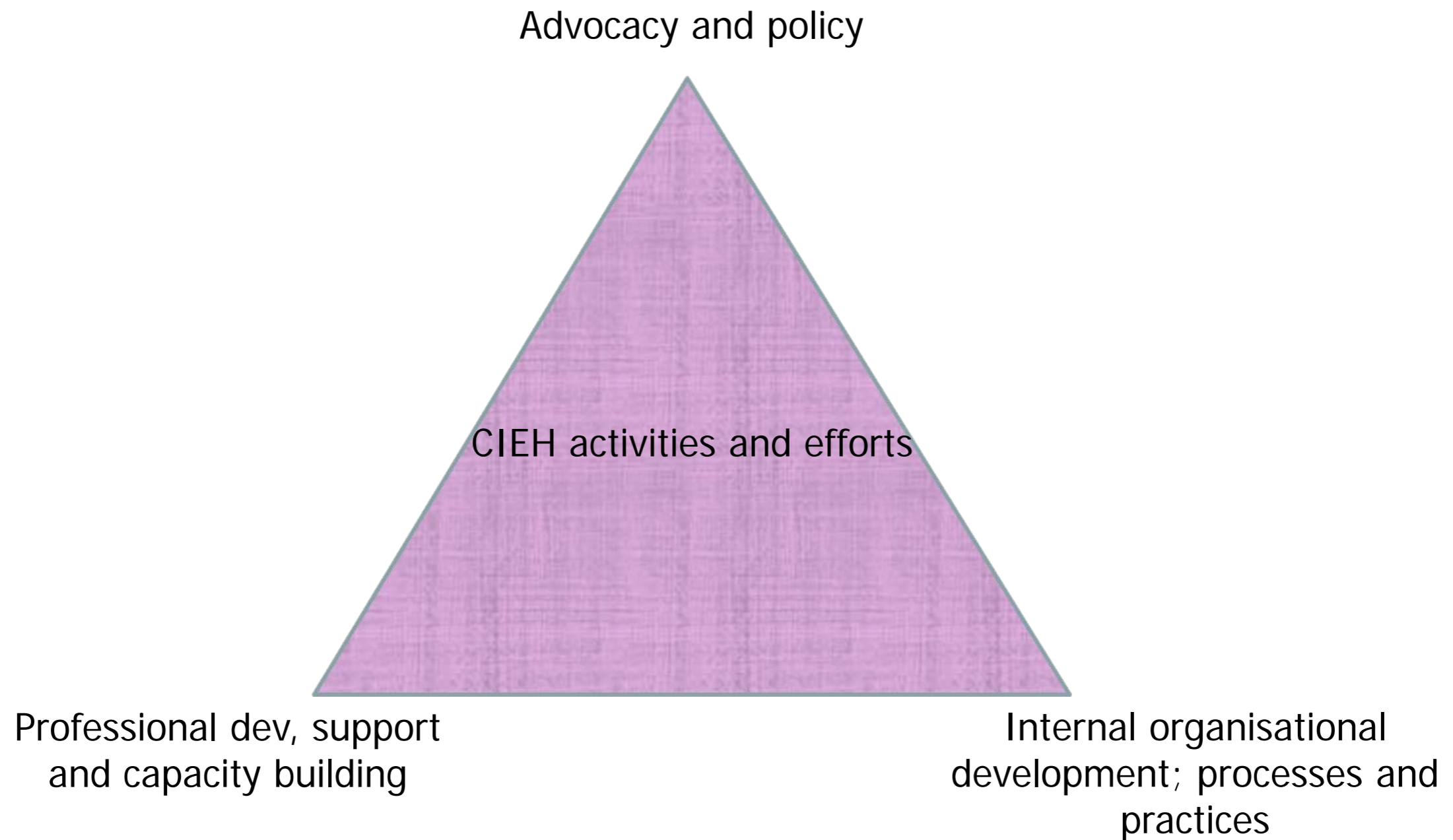
Opportunities?



Acting as champions – how?

- Internally – ie within your own organisations?
- Externally – with businesses and the wider public?
- Personal action and choices

What is CIEH doing?





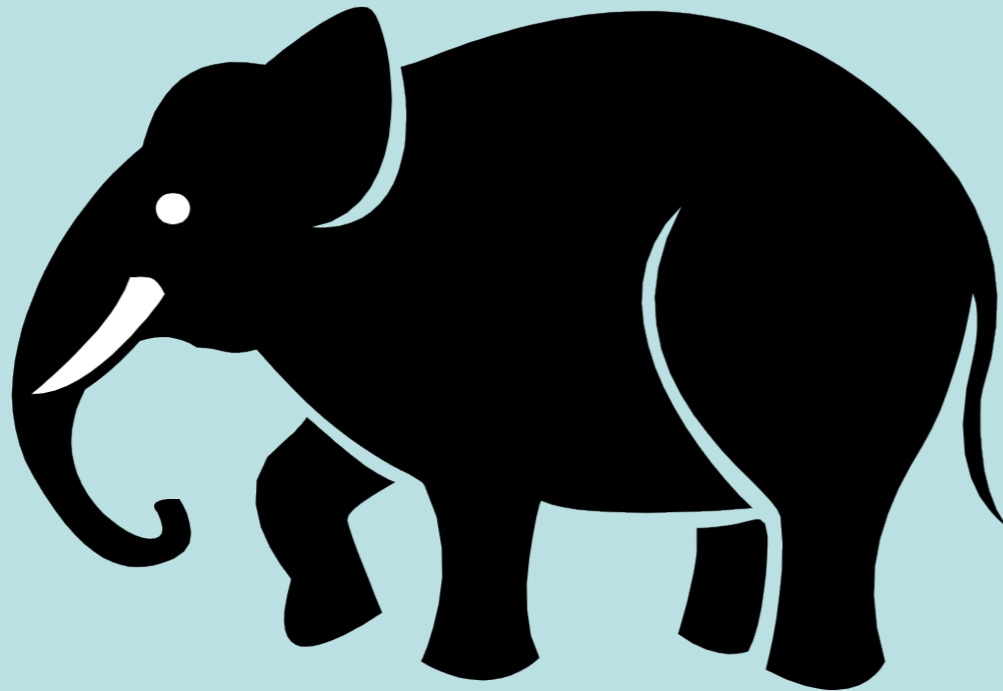
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Are there elephants in the room?

Our professional attitude
towards addressing
Climate Change?



Load of tree hugging
nonsense! Climate change is
natural and anyway its not
real environmental and public
health.

Now lets talk about **real** Local
work. Are all your inspections
up to date?





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“Reciprocal Maintenance”

– we need to look after the things that look after us!



Only when the last tree is cut;
only when the last river is polluted;
only when the last fish is caught;
only then will they realise that you
cannot eat money.

Cree Tribe (circa 1860)



Indifference elicits no response.

Indifference is not a response.

Indifference is not a beginning, it is an end.

And therefore, indifference is always the friend of the enemy

Elie Wiesel,

Holocaust survivor, Author, and Nobel Peace Prize winner

White House Millennium Evening 12th April 1999



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We must learn to live
together as brothers

Or else perish together
as fools.

Martin Luther King



It doesn't matter to which god you pray. Precious time is slippin away

Van Morrison