# 2. Developing Strategic Thinking

- Resilient leadership
- Developing strategic thinking
- Partnership management

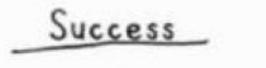
Robert Foster, <a href="mailto:robert@redochre.org.uk">robert@redochre.org.uk</a>



helping you to help others



#### A quick reminder









what people think it looks like

what it really looks like



#### Content of this session

- Safe space
- An introduction to strategy
- Strategy and its relationship with impact
- Practical tools and approaches
- Implementing a strategy





#### Approach to the session

- Safe, open and frank
- Concise and practical
- I'm here for follow-up if needed











# An introduction to strategy Action **Future** Now

Top tip: 50% of strategy is deciding what NOT to do



**Impact** 

### Steps to develop & implement a strategy

Framework	Implication
Aspire	Vision
Where do we want to go	Strategic objectives/ targets
Assess	Capability platform
How ready are we to go there	Identify/diagnose ability to
	achieve vision
Architect	Portfolio of initiatives
What do we need to do to get there	Beneficiary deliverables & performance improvers
Act	Delivery model
How do we manage the journey	Execution and correct approach
Advance	Continuous improvement infrastructure
How do we keep moving forward	



**Source:** McKinsey

#### What does this mean in practice?

- Thinking / planning
  - What is the vision of the charity?
  - What are the charitable objects?
  - What are the values of the charity?
- Doing / supporting others to implement
  - How to communicate them
  - How to monitor them
  - How to evolve them
  - Pratfall: Do NOT get involved in operations or delivery







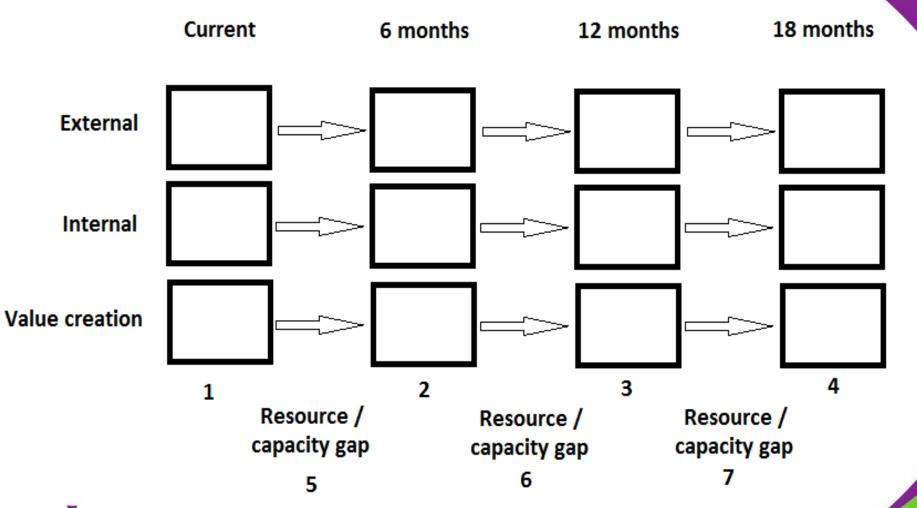
#### Strategy and impact

Theory of Change 101

directory of social change

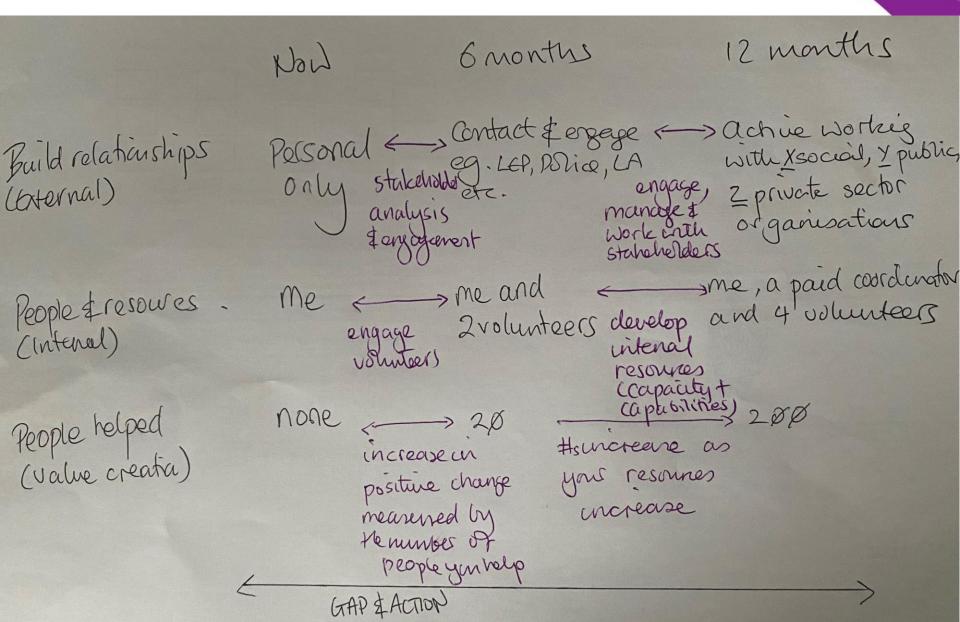
Planning, measuring and monitoring (social) change Problem Activity Solution but ... RESOURCES/ **ACTIVITIES OUTPUTS OUTCOMES** IMPACT **INPUTS** 

#### A practical approach





## A (very simple) worked example



#### Moving from planning to doing ...

#### MISSION OUTCOMES WITH A DEADLINE - 3 YEARS



- ~80% of strategies fail (in some form)
   due to poor implementation
  - So, how do we support implementation?
    - 1. Most important
    - Next most important ...
    - Next most important ...
    - 4. Next most important ...
    - 5. Next most important ...



**Source:** Chaos Report, Standish Group, 2014





helping you to help others

# Your speakers today were Robert Foster, Paul Brollo and Cathy Shimmin

If you'd like to work with them on further training and development do get in touch with us at DSC

Did you know DSC offer an In House Training Service on a huge range of topics?

Or that we can provide Performance Coaching and Mentoring?

Contact us to find out more or visit <a href="www.dsc.org.uk">www.dsc.org.uk</a>
Cathy Shimmin, Senior Training Consultant
<a href="mailto:cshimmin@dsc.org.uk">cshimmin@dsc.org.uk</a>
07967 027304



helping you to help others

