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Community Cohesion - a children's rights issue?

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Why community cohesion?

- National hate crimes up 100% on last year (Independent, 2017)
- Greater Manchester hate crime reports rise by 50% (BBC, 30/6/16)
- Segregation in schools increasing (DEMOS, 2015; Schooldash, 2017)
- Department for Education funding for community cohesion work after the Manchester Arena bombing.

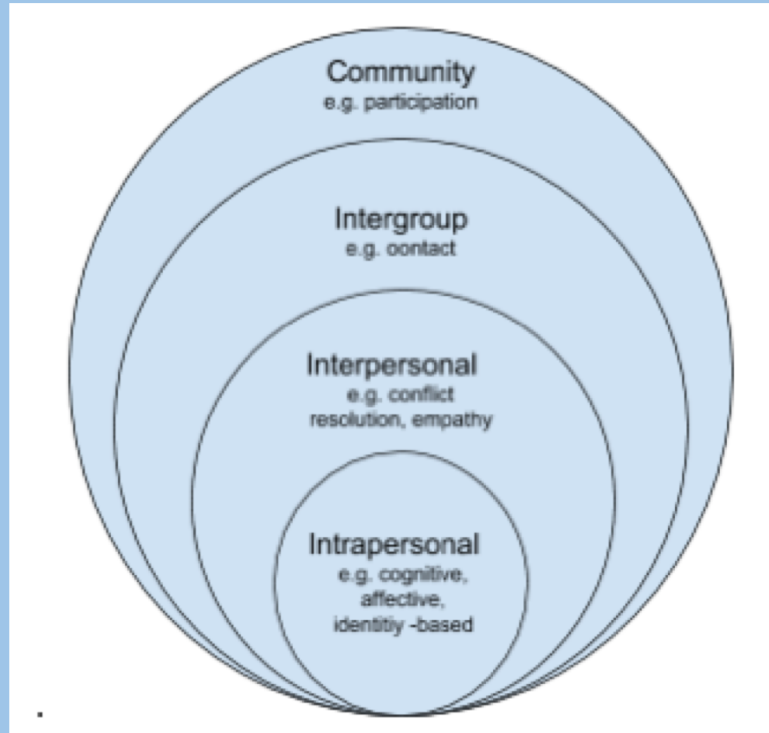
The UNCRC

Article 29 and its associated General Comment (No.1) states that education for children should contain ‘...the preparation of the child for responsible life in a free society, in the spirit of understanding, peace, tolerance, equality of sexes, and friendship among all peoples, ethnic, national and religious groups and persons of indigenous origin’ (UN, 1989, p.9)

Defining community cohesion

'We're doing 'British Values' but it, to me that's not how I would measure community cohesion (...) "Have you sat through a 'British Values' lesson? Have you got a tick at the end of it, have you got a, you know, an A-Star in" - it's about what the schools, the message the school's actually portraying when they open that door.' EP - Focus Group

What does research tell us?

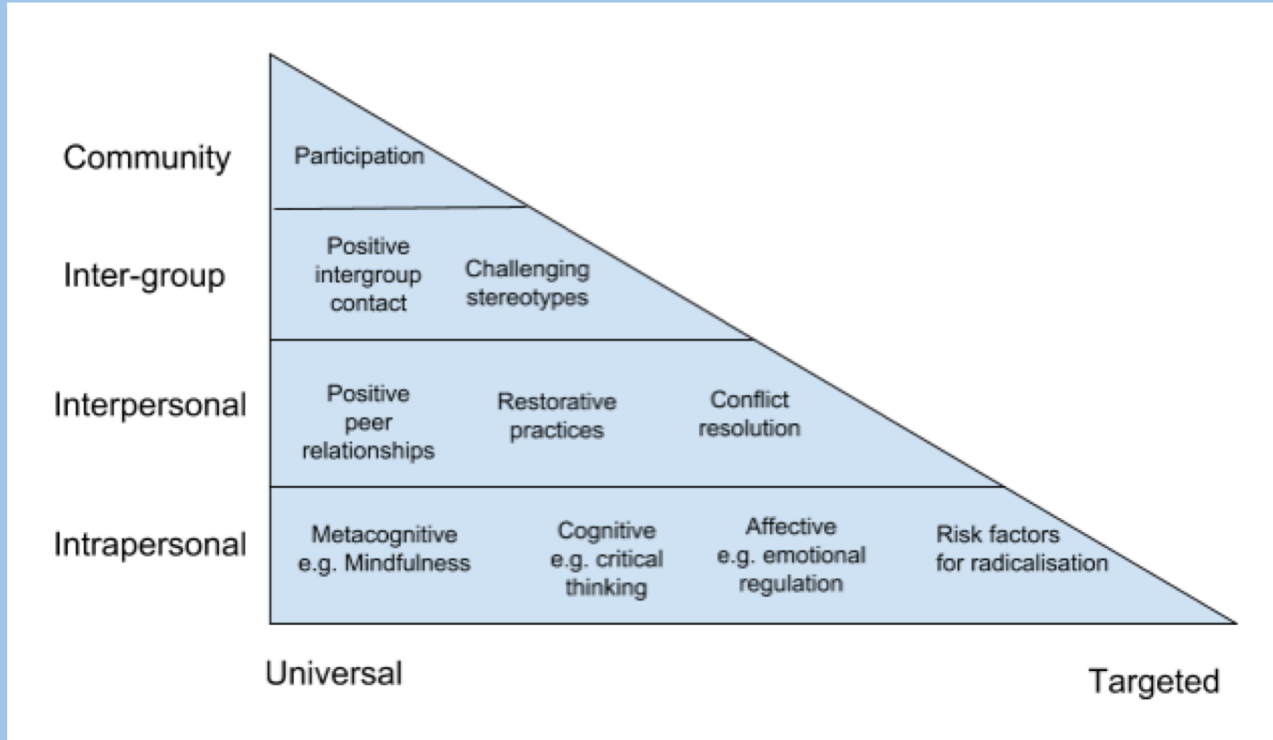


A multi-level approach to the promotion of community cohesion

How might educational psychology contribute to community cohesion?

- EP practices & skills
- Considering context
- Psychological understanding
- Supporting schools as communities

How can schools promote community cohesion?



Questions?
