

# TOOL 11 – ASSET MAPPING TOOL

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*'You can't know what a person or community needs, until they first know what they have'*

John McKnight, Co-Director, ABCD Institute

## Community Assets include:

- Skills & talents of local people
- Associations – the network of relationships that they represent
- Institutions, agencies & professional entities
- Physical Assets and Infrastructure – land, buildings, green spaces, roads, access to transport
- Economic – local economy, productive capacity, working age population
- Cultural – ways of knowing eg agricultural traditions

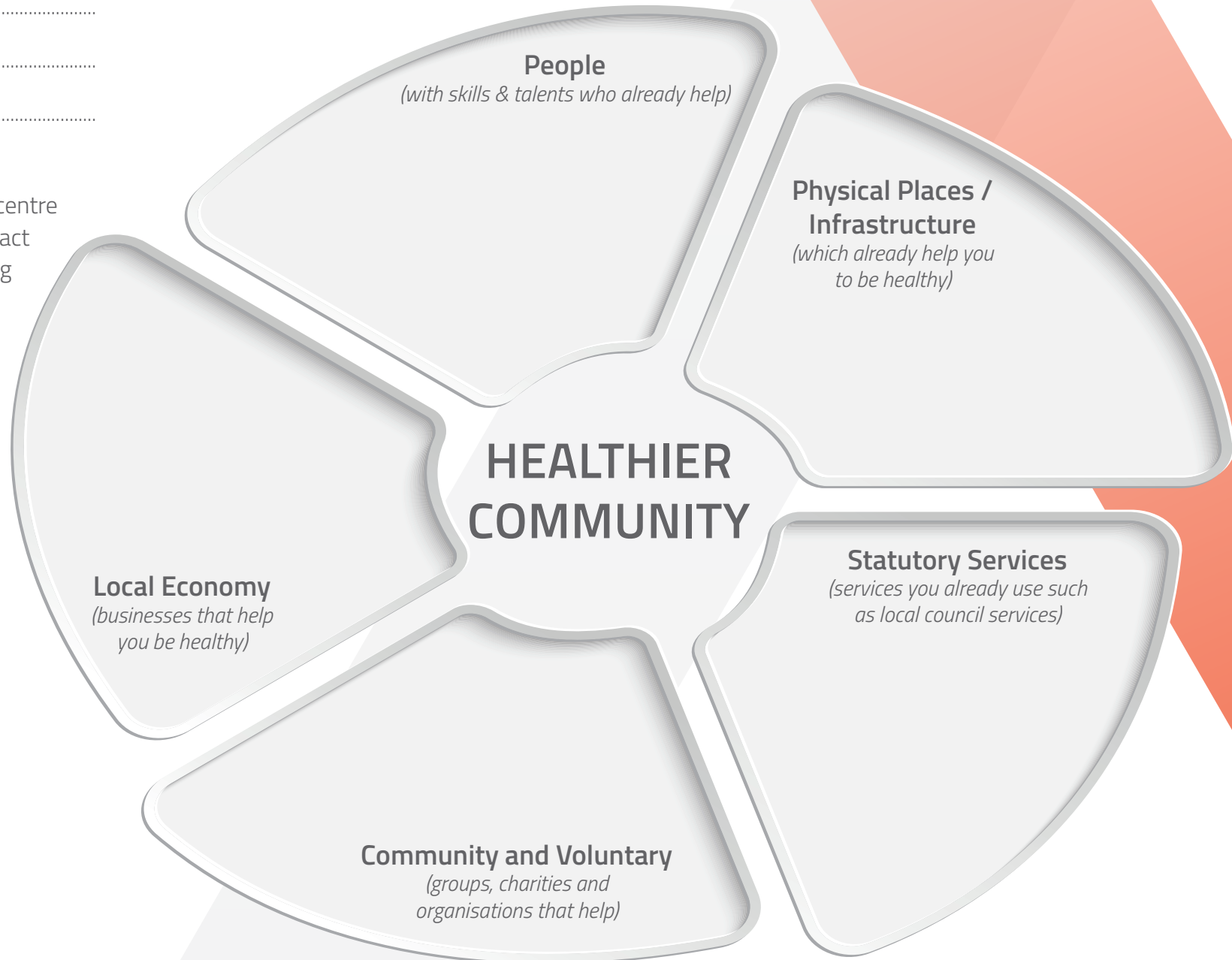
**Notes:** This tool can be used with groups and/or individuals at events such as community events to identify what and who already helps to keep the community healthy. Once this is completed, this may also be used by the groups to find out if there are any gaps on the map or areas with not many existing assets. This may help to identify gaps.

Group Name: .....

Town: .....

Council Area: .....

1. Draw a solid straight line from the centre to those you have regular contact with and/or know well ie strong connections.
2. Draw a dotted line to others that you would like to work closer with ie loose connection which could be strengthened.
3. Reflect what this has shown you and what you would like to do next to improve your community assets by building on what you already have



See also Tool 24.