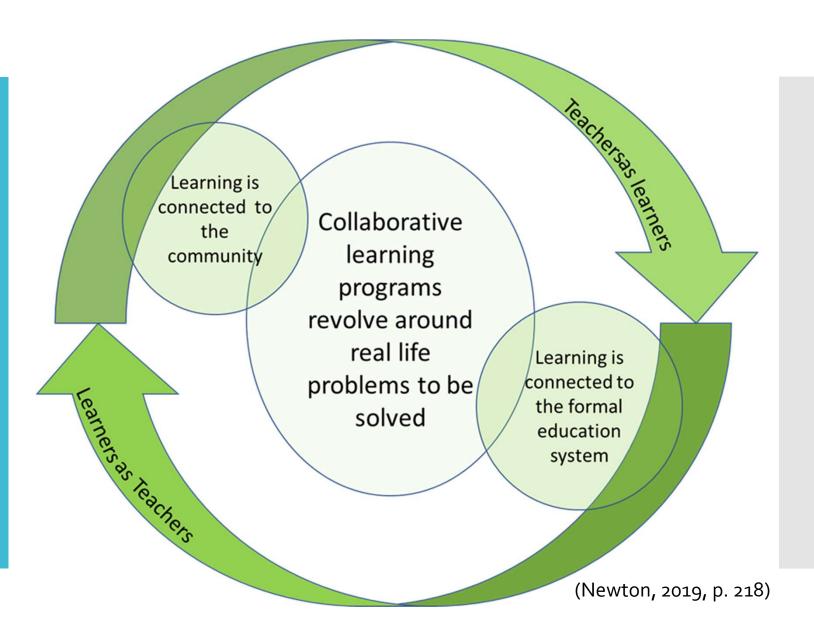
# Disengaged or Disempowered (an invitation to a conversation)

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## Overview of presentation

- Socially-just pedagogical model
- The research underpinning the model
- Justice Capital
- Implementation of the model

Socially-just pedagogy





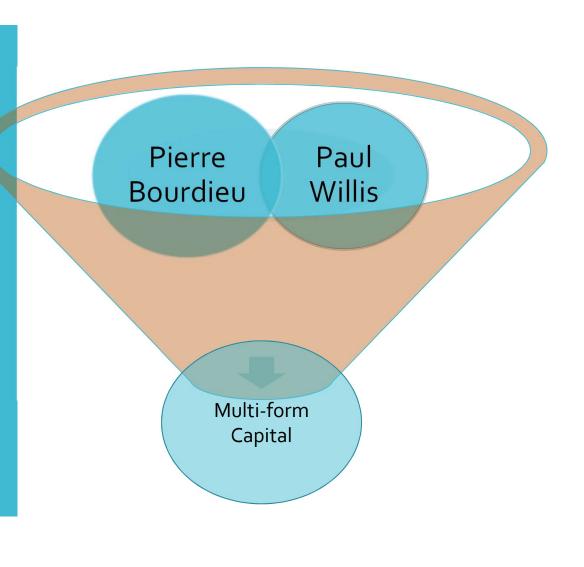
Alternative Education Programs

Acts of resistance are only seen as punishable

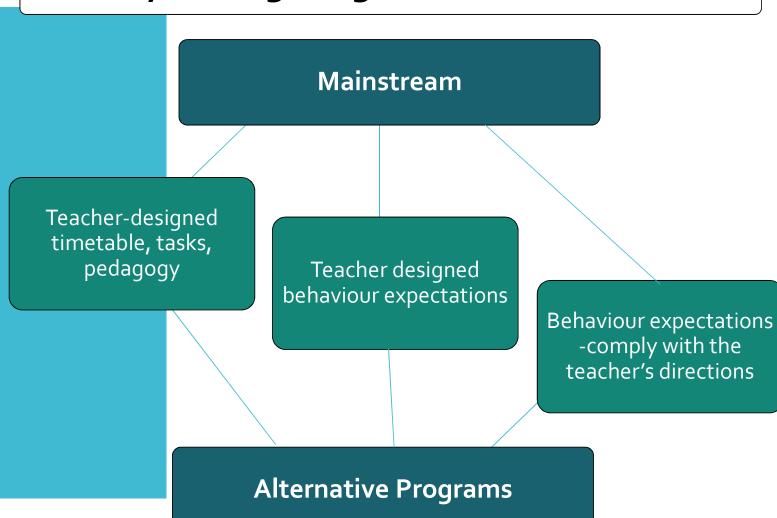
Educational experiences devalue, disempower, marginalise

Alternative pathways that transform educational experiences

Students' resist



## **Key finding - Significant similarities**



### Key finding -opposing capital

Recognised social capital - Pedagogy

I word it in a way that they think they've got a choice but they don't really"

Teachers force you to do stuff that you don't want to do.

He (a student) is doing what I'm asking him to do, so he doesn't get in trouble but he is not doing what he should be doing.

Why do teachers ask questions when they already know the answer

Unrecognised social capital – Justice capital

Pedagogy – the fieldrecognised social capital

- A set of formalised,
   structured and consistent
   strategies
- Prescribed relationships –
   top down
- Influence restricted to the here and now participants

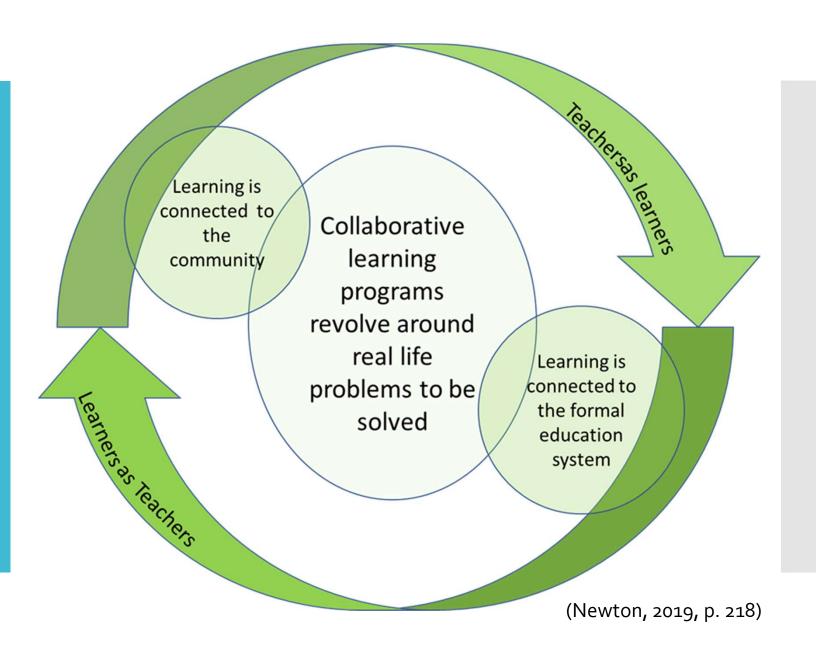
Justice capital – the fieldunrecognised social capital

- Loose, unstructured and fluid set of strategies
- Dynamic relationships –
   adaptive to who is present
- Can be influenced by relationships not just presence

## Justice capital

- · `a challenge to the existing education system'
- 'emphasis on social value'
- students attempt, individually and collectively, to resist the de-valuation of their capital
- is about being recognised for who they are and having such an identity confirmed, or 'accepted' by one's peers, family and teachers.

Socially-just pedagogy



### Reflect on the learning

What did we learn?
What *else* did we learn?
Why dont we assess these learnings?

### Connect the learning

What formal skills have we learnt? How do we share this learning?

### **Identify learning focus**

What are unique interests, capacities and experiences the students bring?

What challenges do they face?

### **Real-Life Problem**

**General Capabilities** 

Co-construct the plan

### Connect to the community

Who will help us achieve?

Who else does this affect?

Who do we trust?

Why do we trust them?

Who has the power to help?

### Connect to school

What skills/conventions learning will help us?

How do we learn these?

Why do we learn these?

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## Shared Implementation

Recognising the 'learners' through a lens of empowerment

- Muck in
- Sharing the decision making
- Sharing in the learning

- Negotiated timetables
- Ongoing

- What are unique interests, capacities and experiences the students bring?
- Focus groups/surveys
- Goals/aspirations
- Conversations

Identify the learning focus

 A real-life problem - why is there is no free (or subsidised) public transport available for students to use to access AEPs?



 Navigating a fluid 'constellation' of social networks

Connecting to community

Critical pedagogy - power - trust

## Connecting to school

- What skills/conventions learning will help us?
- How do we learning these?
- Why do we learn these?

Critical pedagogy - power

## What General Capabilities?

What literacy?





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read and view learning area texts	navigate, read and view simple texts with familiar vocabulary and supportive illustrations	navigate, read and view texts with illustrations and simple graphics			Year 6, students: navigate, read and view subject-specific texts with some challenging features and a range of graphic representations	Year 8, students: navigate, read and view a variety of challenging subject-specific texts with a wide range of graphic representations		Typically, by the end of Year 10, students: navigate, read and view a wide range of more demanding subject- specific texts with an
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nterpret and alyse learning area texts		interpret and use to explore topics information and is some obvious inf using comprehen strategies	texts gather nake erences	interpret literal information and make inferences to expand topic knowledge using comprehension strategies	information and opinions presented interpret and analyse information and ideas, comparing texts on similar topics or themes using comprehension			opinions  interpret and evaluate information within and between texts, comparing and contrasting information using

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Grammar knowledge element												
Use knowledge of sentence structures	use simple sentences to record ideas and events with emerging knowledge of word order	use simple and compound sentences to record observations, and make connections between ideas	use simple, compound and complex sentence structures to describe, explain, report and make connections between ideas and events	use simple, compound and complex sentence structures to record, explain, question, describe and elaborate ideas and events	control a range of simple, compound and complex sentence structures to record, explain, question, argue, describe and link ideas, evidence and conclusions	control a range of simple, compound and complex sentence structures to convey complex ideas, build and support arguments, and change emphasis						
Use knowledge of words and word groups	recognise that texts are made up of words and groups of words that make meaning	recognise and use nouns that represent people, places, things and ideas in the learning area and expand nouns to achieve greater precision	recognise and use adverbs and prepositional phrases that provide detailed descriptions in the learning areas	expand and sharpen ideas through careful choice of verbs and phrases and elaborated tenses	recognise and use aspects of language to suggest possibility, probability, obligation and conditionality	develop higher order concepts in academic texts through language features that compact and generalise ideas						
Visual knowledge element												
Understand how visual elements create meaning	recognise the different meanings of words and images in imaginative and informative texts	describe how images add to, contradict or multiply the meanings of words in a text, and compare images with the accompanying print text	identify the effects of choices in the construction of images, including framing and composition	explain how analytical images such as figures, diagrams, tables, maps and graphs contribute to understanding of factual information in texts	analyse the effects of different visual elements upon the reader/viewer, and how visual texts such as advertisements and informative texts draw on and allude to other texts to enhance meaning	evaluate the impact of different visual choices in the composition of images, including symbolic images and movement of camera or light, to achieve different nuances						

## Co-construct the plan

- Find, read/view at least 3 different sources of information relating to public transport(content)
- Find, read/view at least 3 different sources of information relating to persuasive arguments (process)
- Discuss how relationships differ between peers, parents, teachers and other adults, and identify the skills needed to manage different types of relationships
- Draft 2 pieces of persuasive communication (verbal, nonverbal, digital)
  - giving reasons to support your thinking, and address opposing viewpoints
  - communicating an intentional and consistent message across different contexts to different people

## Connecting the learning

- Connecting to the formal education system.
- What formal skills have we learnt?
- How do we share this learning?
- Forms of assessment?

Reflecting on the learning

- What did we learn?
- What *else* did we learn?
- Why don't we assess these learnings?

### Reflect on the learning

Self assessment of teacher vs student vs community connections.

Discuss and recognise perspectives Introduce forms of personal reflection.

Link to self-esteem/self-image, self-directed learning.

### **Connect the learning**

Formalised assessment vs Self assessment

Compare and discuss why we assess and report.

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#### **Identify learning focus**

Brainstorm - How do we have the worst day possible? Map/compare/contrast the students and teachers day - Graphic organisers/Venn diagrams. Complete strengths/weaknesses inventory. Read & review the news. Share various images of young people around the workd - stimulis for conversations. Conduct focus groups/surveys. Goals and aspiration activity. Where do they want to be in 10 years?

### **Petition for free transport**

#### **Personal and Social Capability**

Social awareness and social management

#### **Critical and Creative Thinking**

Generating ideas, possibilities and actions

Reflecting on thinking and processes

#### Literacy learning

Composing texts through speaking, writing and creating

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## Connect to the community Identify 5 key people

Allow students to direct the connections - leave the school, tour the community, invite people to the school.

View/use/create lists. Use timetables/schedules/maps.

#### Connect to school

Teacher directs the connections, invite students to allow this.

Introduce graphic organisers/sociagrams
Introduce the curriculum links -

literacy/numeracy. Explain how, when these are needed - connect to life outside of school.

•Increase the flow of capital and change the student's relationship with education

## Thank you

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