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## Rediscovering Rural Ireland: The Case for Prioritising Rural Interventions to Return Resilience to Rural Communities.

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# Paradigm Shift Evidence

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- ***[We] are living through a period of profound change and transformation of the shape of society and its underlying economic base ... The nature of production, trade, employment and work in the coming decades will be very different from what it is today***



# Paradigm Shift Evidence

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- Recent prosperity is vulnerable
- Increasing relative disadvantage and marginalisation
- In-security of fall-back industries
- Increasing primary product price fluctuation
- 'The Market' out of control
- Economic underpinning fragile

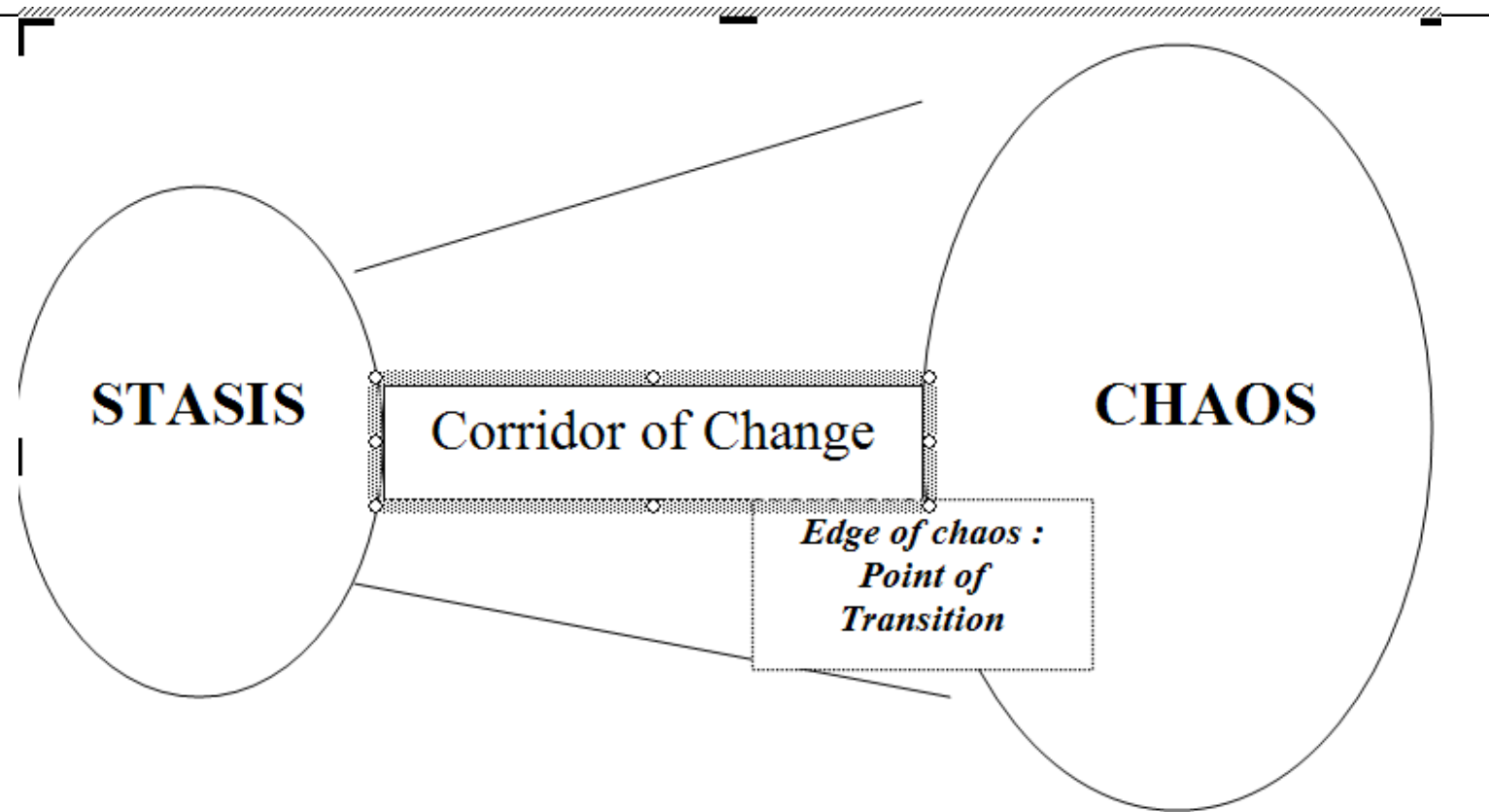


# Rural Position

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- Rural areas experience disproportionate impacts +ively & -ively
- Rural areas have the longest experience
- Rural areas have resilient assets

# Model





# IRL:Carnegie Trust UK

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- Consultation over 5 jurisdictions UK & Ireland
- Lack of soft & hard skills to manage change
- Inadequate social and economic entrepreneurship



# IRL:Carnegie Trust UK

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## Skills of

- Organisation
- Management
- Socialisation
- Innovation
- Visioning
- Governance



# Evidence

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Ireland has experience of

- 5,000 years of resilient rural community
- Integrated and multi-faceted community
- Primary production and secondary processing
- Open/protected/closed economies





# Vision

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- Renewal of social science knowledge and innovation focused on rural community
- Focus to enhance the resilience of rural society in a time of uncertainty
- Innovative partnerships for renewal of rural community
- greater focus on resilient organisation



# Vision

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- Social Economy projects
- Integrated communities
- Eco-sensitive communities
- Basic community managed service provision



# Vision

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- Bottom up reform of governance
- New form of education
- 1<sup>th</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> level studies
- Radical re-organisation