



# What is your perspective?

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# Why am I here?

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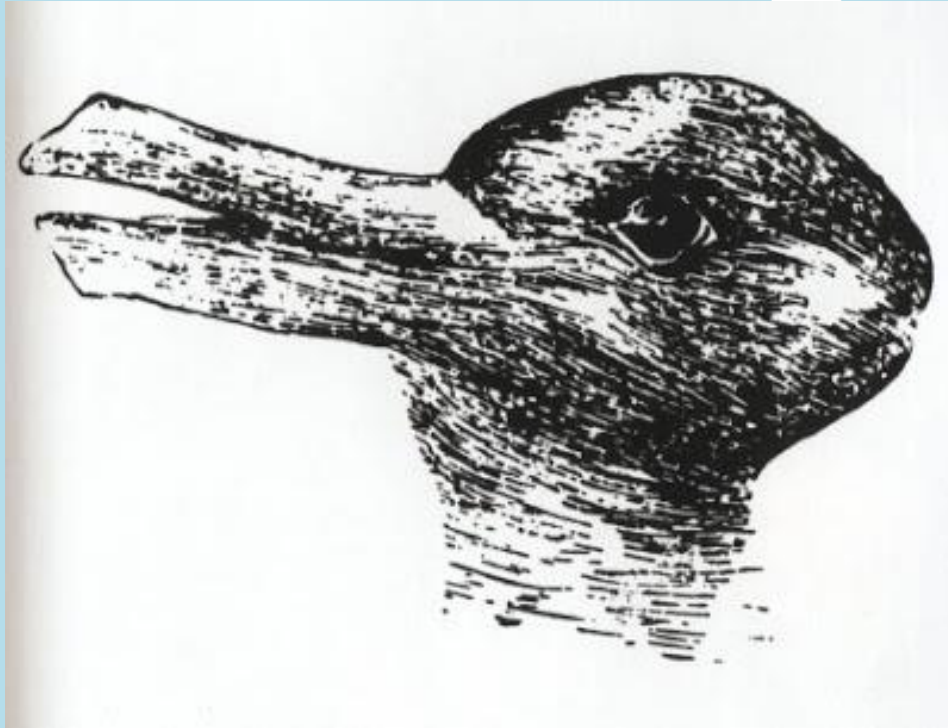
- *Simon Community NI and Gerry Skelton*
- *Director of Homelessness Services and HR & OD*
- *Statutory and Voluntary experience*
- *Social Care Council – Leadership Forum*
- *Passion for homelessness*



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# What do you see?

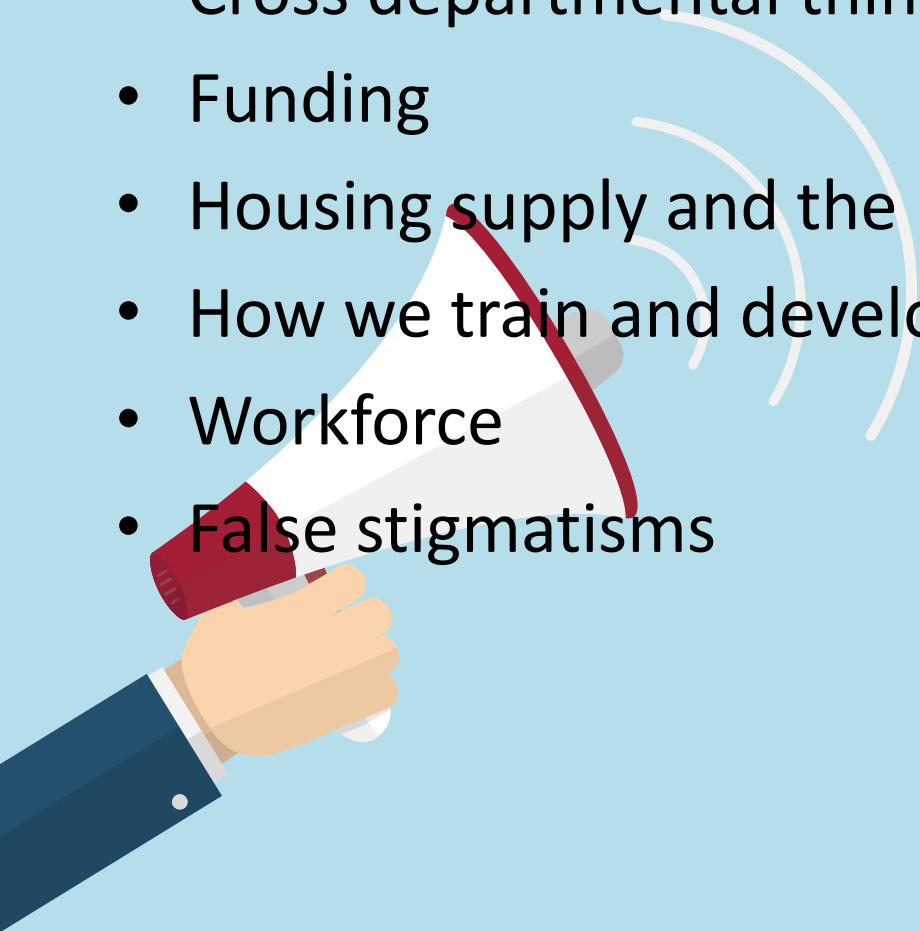






# Our Challenges

- Imposed poverty through welfare reform
- Cross departmental thinking
- Funding
- Housing supply and the private rental sector
- How we train and develop social workers
- Workforce
- False stigmatisms



## What can you do?

- Reflect on your practice
- See the person
- Work across boundaries
- Champion the issue
- Realise....

