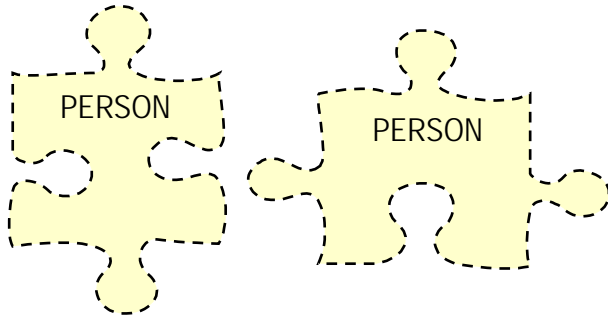


THE PROSENTIA HYPOTHESIS:  
IF a person interacts with nature and another person,  
they are able to maintain a sense of self.

The PROSENTIA HYPOTHESIS specific to dementia:  
IF a person with dementia has a sensory connection to nature in supportive relationship  
with another person, THEN interaction within this triangular dynamic can help the  
person to maintain a sense of self (and may contribute to their positive personhood).  
(Gilleard, 1984; Kitwood & Bredin, 1992; Sabat & Harré, 1992)



**Mechanisms**  
SENSORY STIMULATION and  
COMMUNICATION  
  
**Outcome**  
MANIFESTATIONS OF SELF

Proposed Model of NATURE-BASED INTERACTION facilitating SELFHOOD  
(and providing the potential to contribute to POSITIVE PERSONHOOD)

Two Mechanisms  
**A** – SENSORY  
STIMULATION through  
CONNECTION TO  
NATURE  
  
**B** - COMMUNICATION  
within a supportive  
RELATIONSHIP  
with another PERSON

