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Using the Pictor Technique in research with young people

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Presentation Outline

A decorative graphic in the top right corner featuring a green sphere with several smaller, translucent spheres inside it, surrounded by glowing light trails and a grid pattern.

Research challenges with young people

Modifying the Pictor technique for effective interviewing with young people

Examples of Pictor produced by young people

The advantages of using Pictor with young people

Research Challenges with young people



The nature of childhood and adolescence in adult society

- Demands for greater methodological reflexivity
- Creates difficulties for rapport building

Research settings are generally adult environments

- Greater potential for demand characteristics
- Young people may have more difficulty expressing themselves

Young people have different levels of skills and confidence

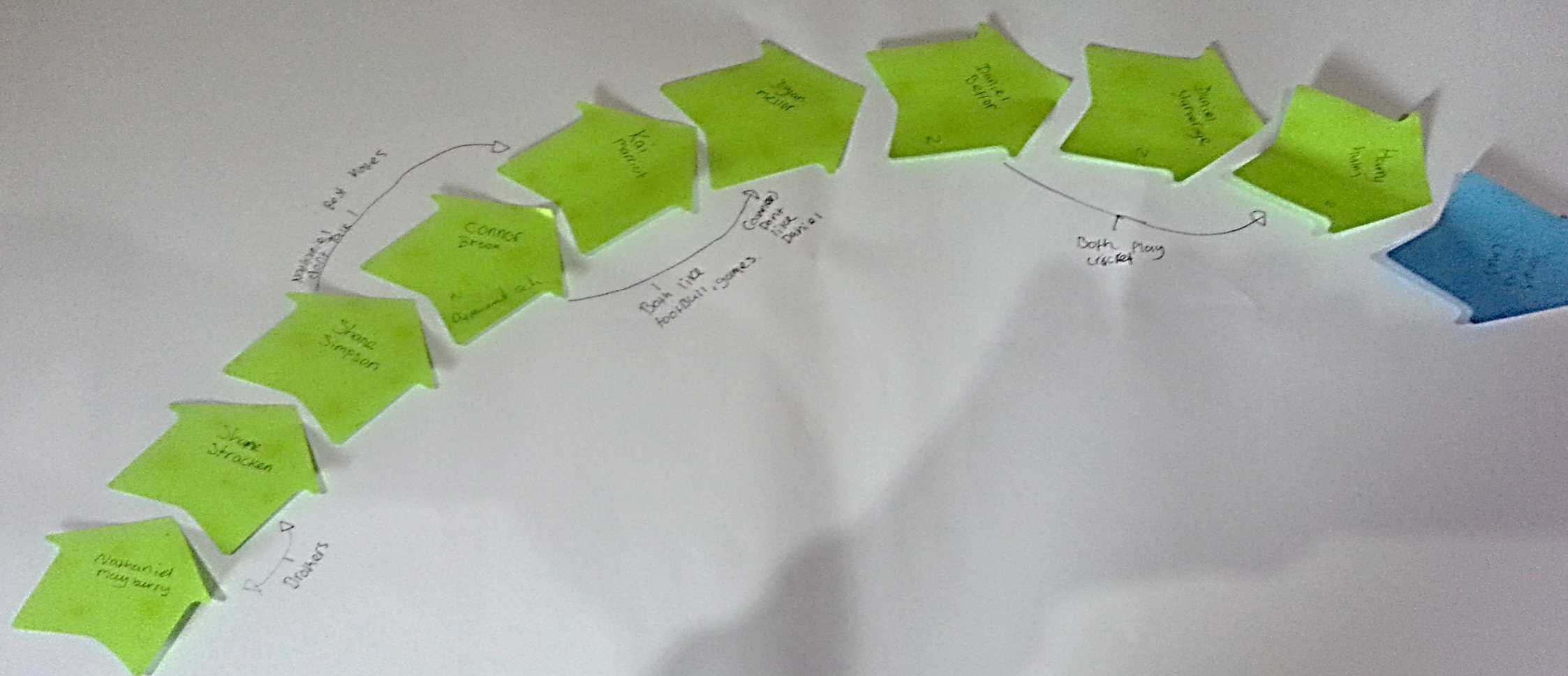
- Requires sensitivity towards their abilities
- Demands consideration of potential language barriers

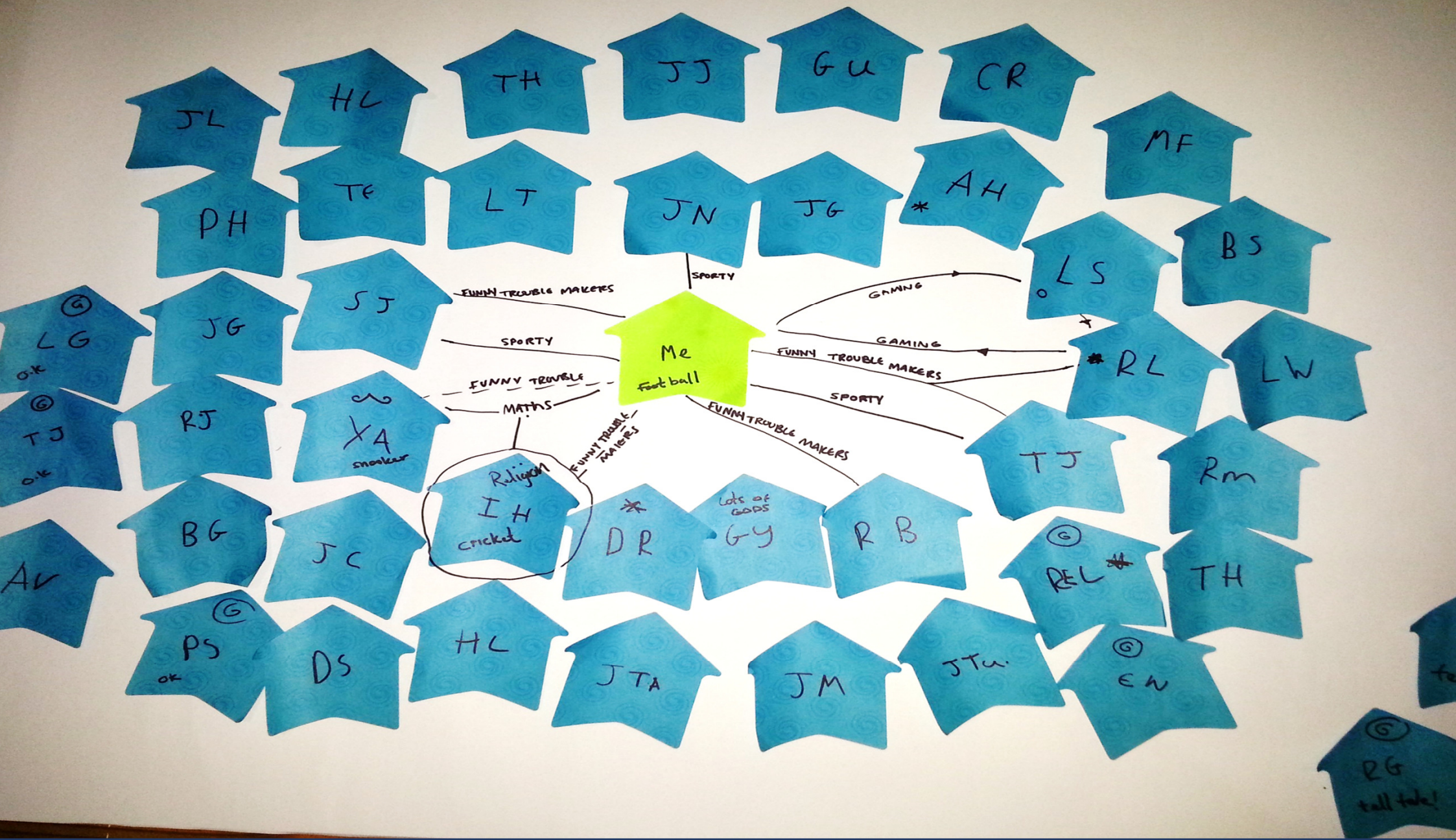
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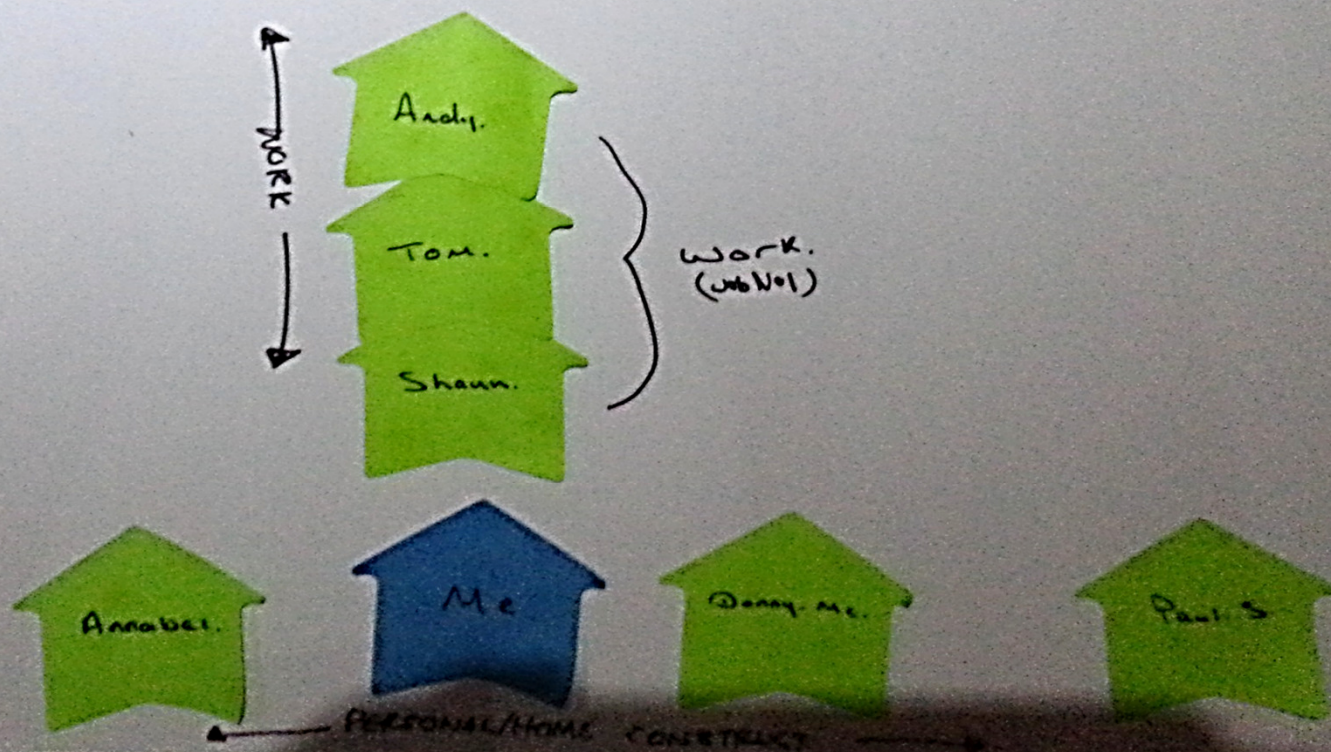
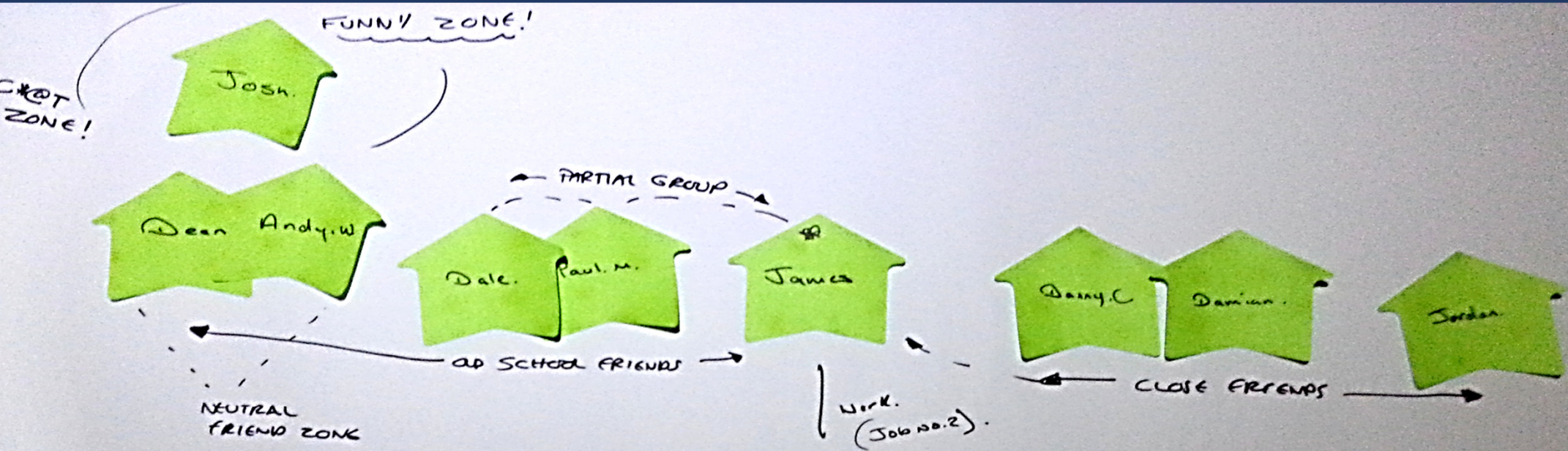


Modifying the Pictor technique for effective interviewing with young people

- ! **Define the topic to ensure an autonomous Pictor creation**
- ! **Include re-engagement tasks for those who struggle to focus or reflect**
- ! **Be shrewd with the timing of the creation of the participant arrow to reduce arrow order effects which may impact Pictor analysis**







Classmate
that often
talked to

Ashely

Cabin

Daniel
Heaney

Went to
School every day
↓
Together.

Sarah
Rose
Farrall

Ally
Gibson

Charlie

Cathy

Shelley

Conor
O'Donoghue

School Teacher
as well as
classmate

Clayton
Atkinson

Classmates
which did
room activities
with.

Charlie
Cartmell

Luke
Alder

Luke
Huntley

Jin-Yang

Me

Blair
Cordwell

Chloe
Crisp
Friends

Dianna
Lopez

Additional
friends from
the main group
of friends

Alana

Samuel
Wright

Carlos
A.

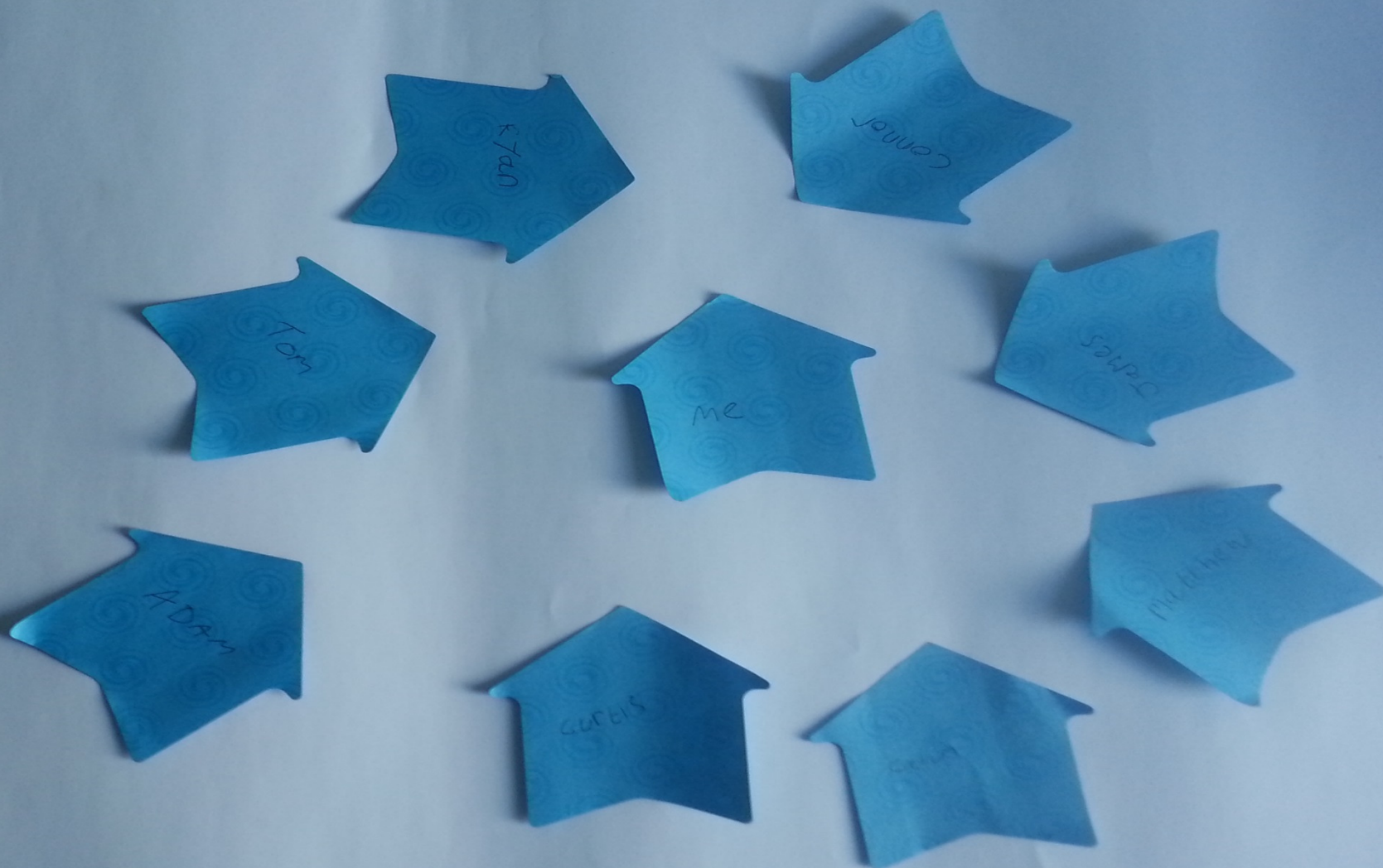
David
Parker

Additional
friends from
the main
group of
friends

Thomas
+ Shannon

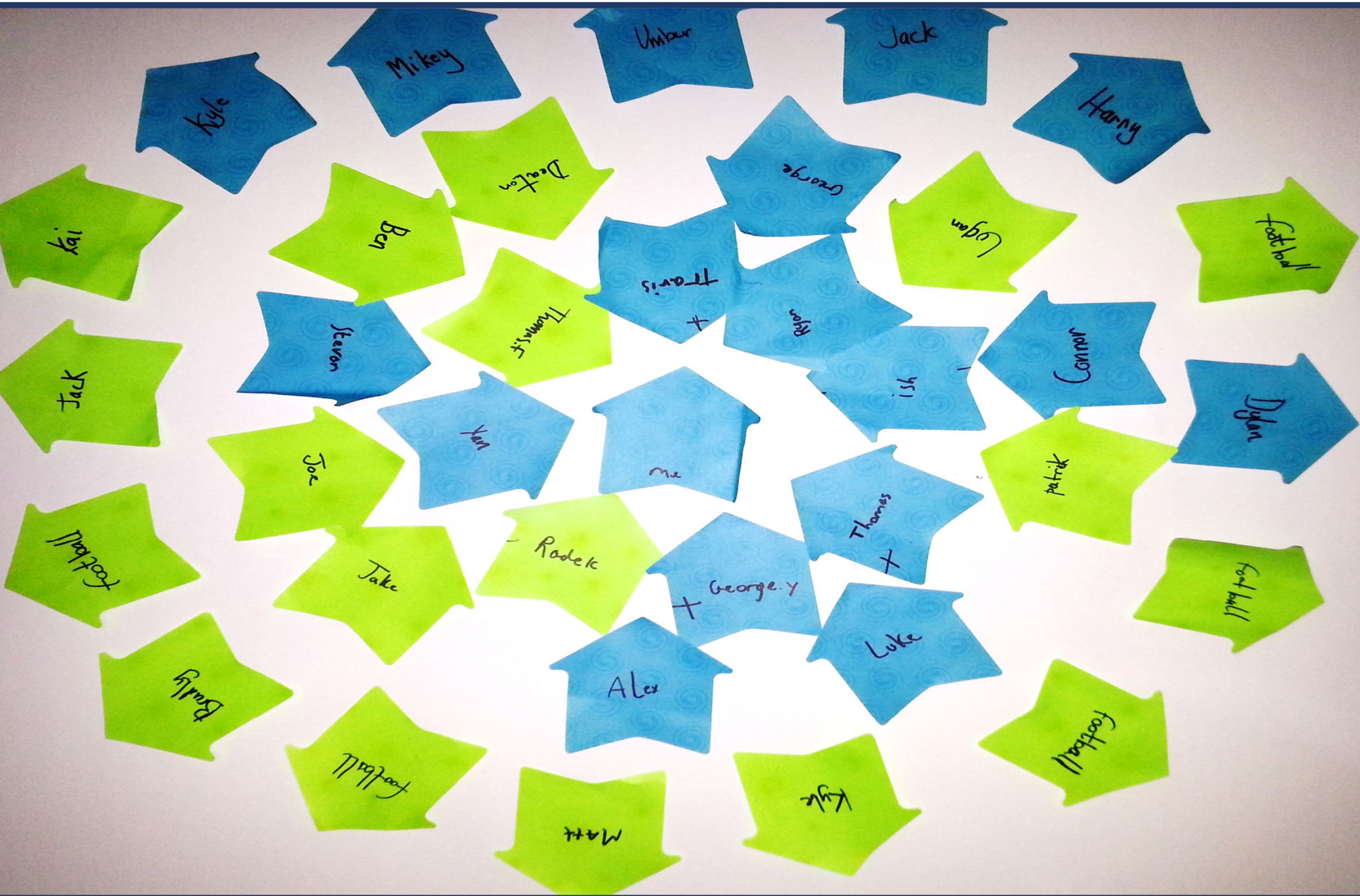
Laura
Tomlinson





Ayaka

Claire	Reece	James	Dan	Chloe	
Leah	Louis	Harry	Lucy	Louis	Declan
Megan	Joe	James	Nicholas	Keelan	
Nicole	Alex	Joe	Andrew	Michael	
Wafek	Byron	Nile	Cammern	James	
Jordan	Kendal	Abbi	Sean	Abbi	
Ewan	Rachel				



College
Tutors

Stan

Connor

Tom

me

Stress

Adam

Mum

DIABETES
TEAM

DAD

HELEN

MEGAN

MOLLY

SPANS

Emma

Tim

e advantages of using Pictor with young people



**ids rapport
building**

**Promotes
reflexivity and
accountability**

**Clarifies
understanding
of social
networks**

**Facilitates
exploration of
more difficult,
abstract
meaning**

**Increases
participan
autonomy
control**