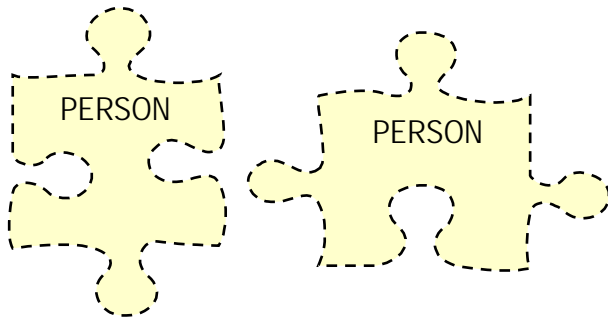


THE PROSENTIA HYPOTHESIS:
IF a person interacts with nature and another person,
they are able to maintain a sense of self.

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

