

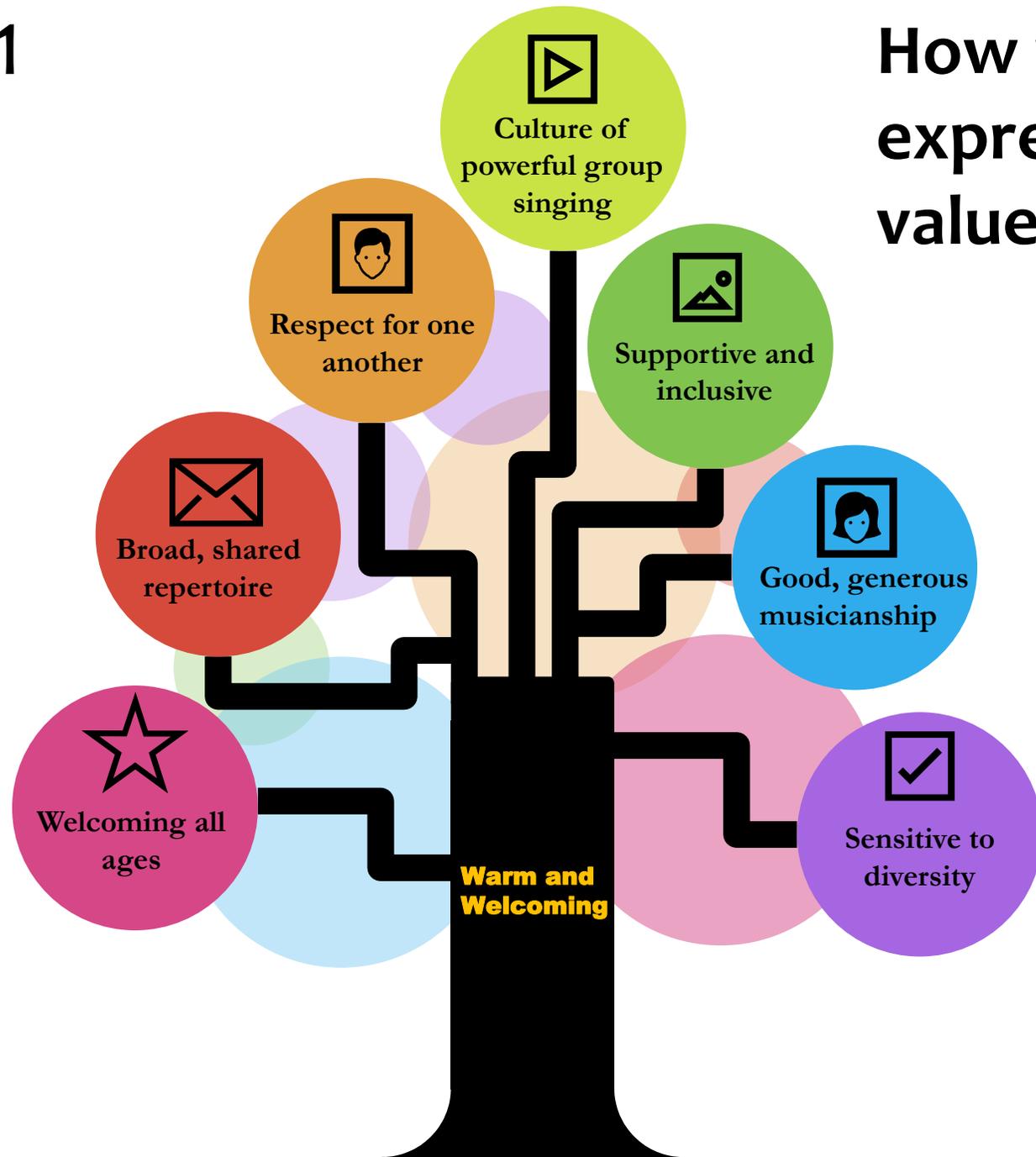
VFSS Core Values 1

Warm and Welcoming

How we experience this value:

The VFSS is:

- * helpful, cooperative, mutually supportive, encouraging, appreciative, and caring
- * inclusive and welcomes diversity
- * collaborative, informal, non-threatening, congenial, and has a family feeling
- * a place we want to come back to for more
- * fun



VFSS Core Values 2

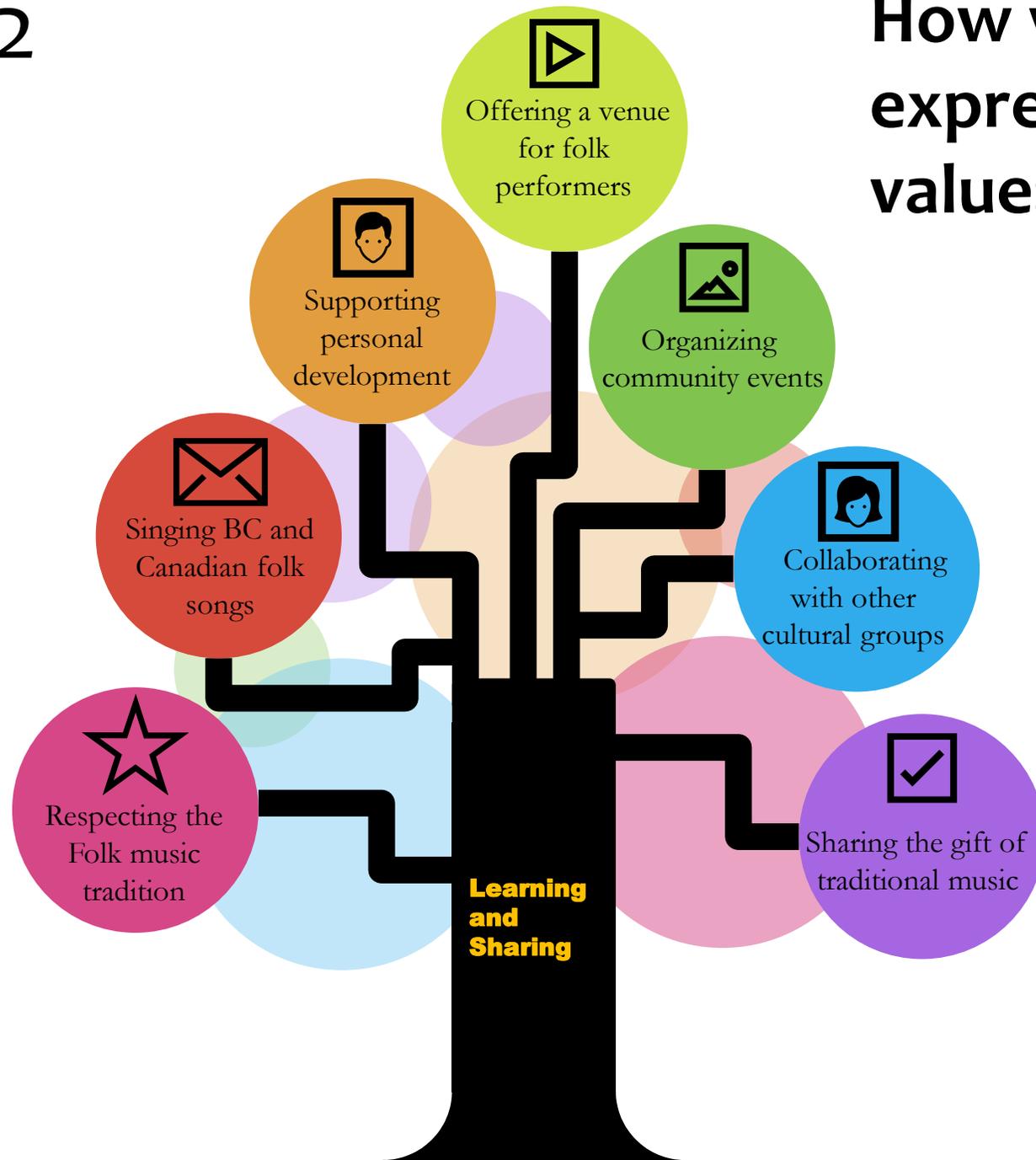
Learning and Sharing

How we experience this value:

The VFSS promotes:

- * a feeling of being rooted and connected to the folk tradition
- * a place that encourages learning about this folk tradition and sharing it with others
- * having a rich historical perspective
- * a social context for our singing
- * daylighting the “underground river” of the folk tradition in our culture

How we express this value:



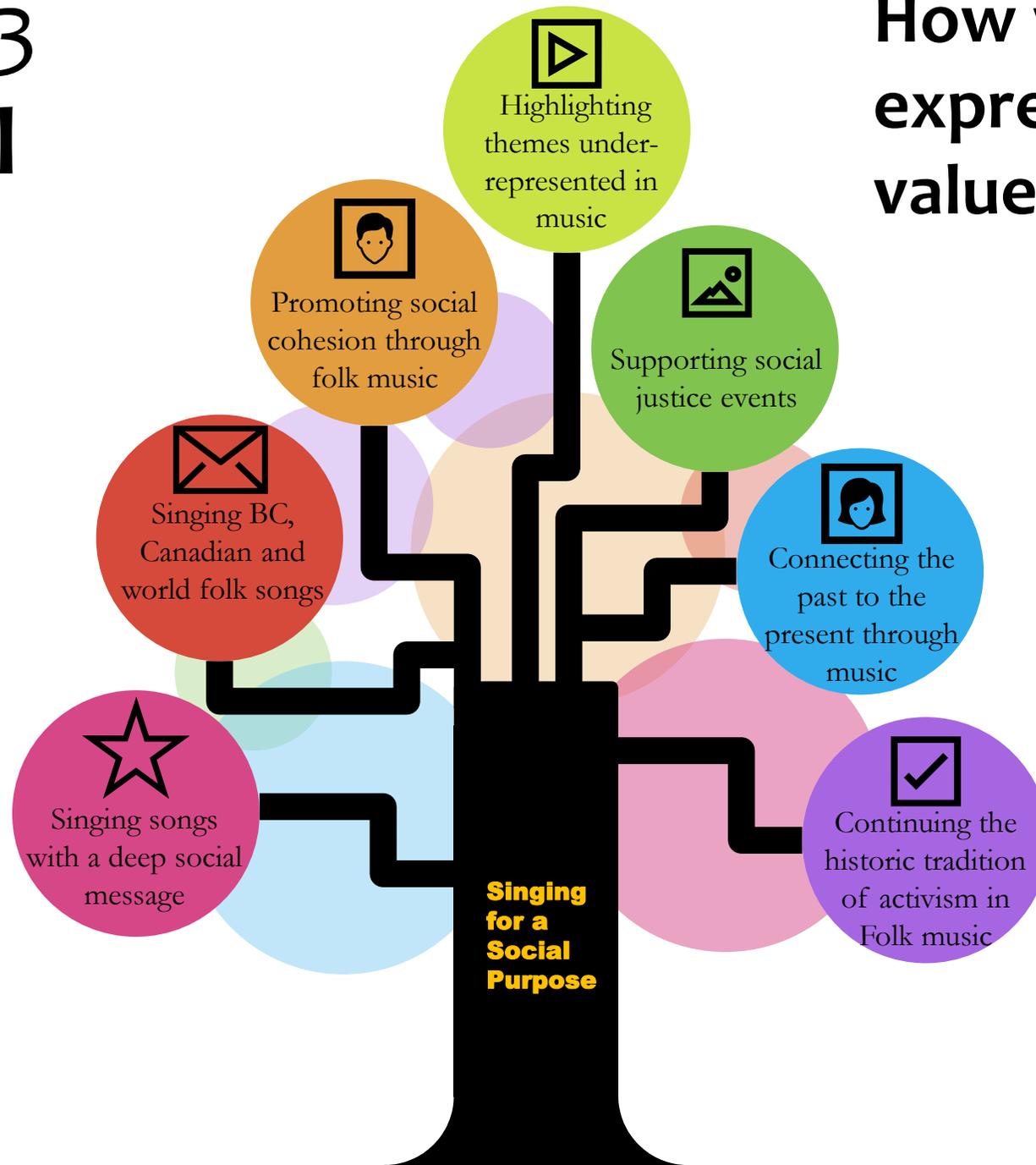
VFSS Core Values 3

Singing for Social Purpose

How we experience this value:

The VFSS recognizes and values:

- * traditional music representing everyday people's struggles, tribulations and victories
- * Folk music as art – as important as any other art form
- * the long history of traditional music giving a voice to progressive ideas
- * Folk as a welcoming place for songs about labour, equality, justice, ecology, peace, and democracy.
- * songs that highlight the voices of the underdog that are rarely expressed in commercial music
- * music as a vehicle for making a difference in the world, as well as for entertainment
- * singing together as a form of comradeship and solidarity



How we express this value: