

Make yourself at home in Haparanda!

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The refugee crisis autumn 2015

- The straight forward process
 - Syria, Afghanistan and Iraq
 - Negotiations as early as late 2014 concerning establishing a refugee camp in Haparanda
 - August and September 2015
 - The establishment of local refugee camps in Haparanda

The point of no return september 3rd 2015

- Aylan Kurdi



- Church as well as civic society
 - International Red Cross
 - Local voluntary organisations
 - Municipal agencies in Finland as well as in Sweden
 - Open line between Tornio (FIN) and Haparanda (SWE)
 - The Border Control Organisation in Finland
 - Iraqi refugees to Finland
 - Border issues

The Backlash

- Right wing (extremist) demonstrations (two occasions)
 - Close the Border
 - Sons of Odin (!)
- However:
 - The Empire strikes Back through Counter demonstrations
 - More of cooperation
 - Humanism
 - Openness

- The temporary refugee camp November – january.
 - 50 individuals hosted in a public house
 - Arrival in late November
 - The first encounter
 - 48 hours of transportation
 - Translation
 - The gaze – Where am I, What have happened...
 - Activities and support, safety and care-taking

Local organisaion

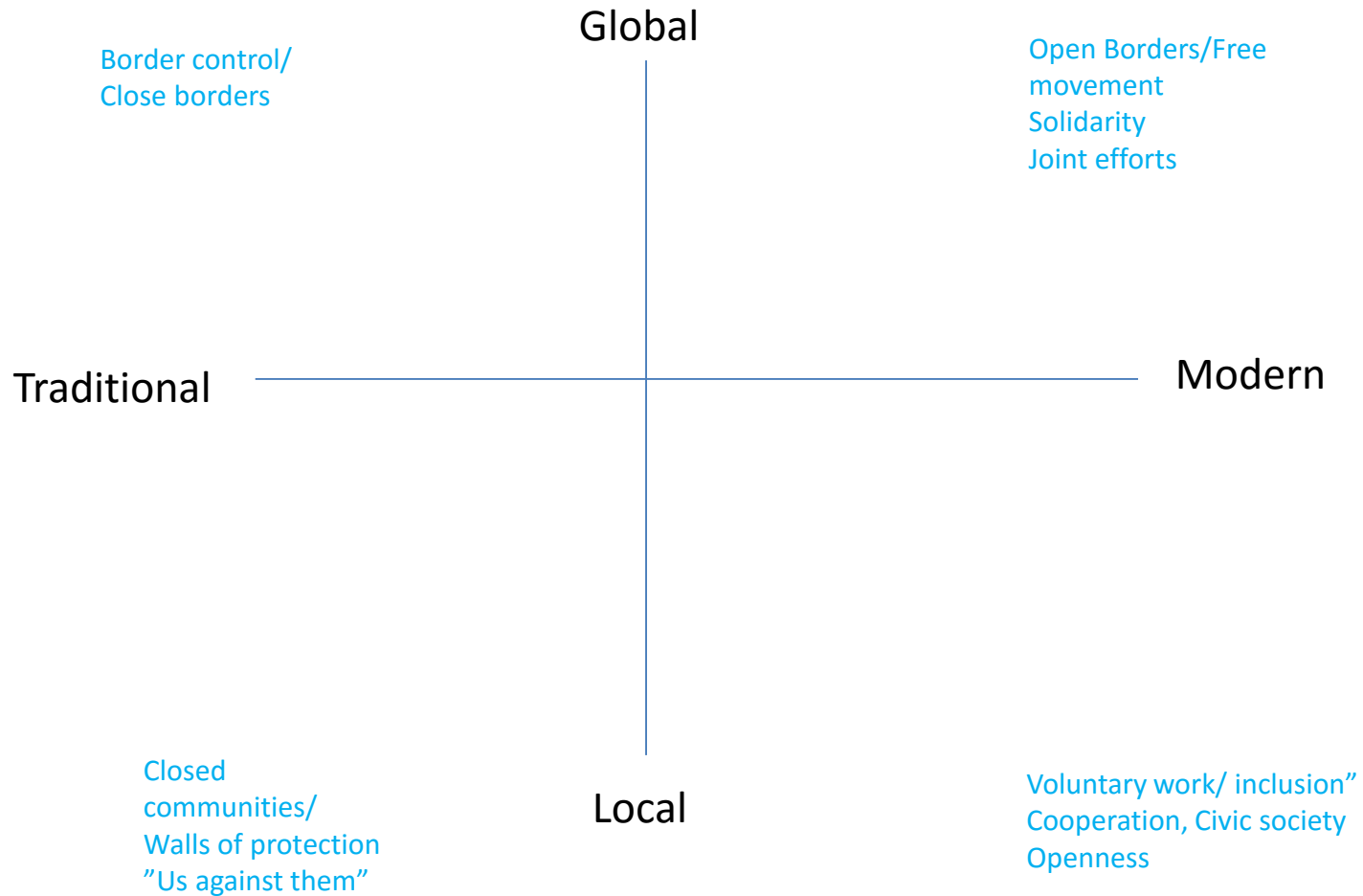
- School
- Health and dentistry
- Activities – combatting idleness
- Networking

- 19.5 mkr (13 months) Government support
 - Education, Social care, Leisure and Culture
 - Civic society

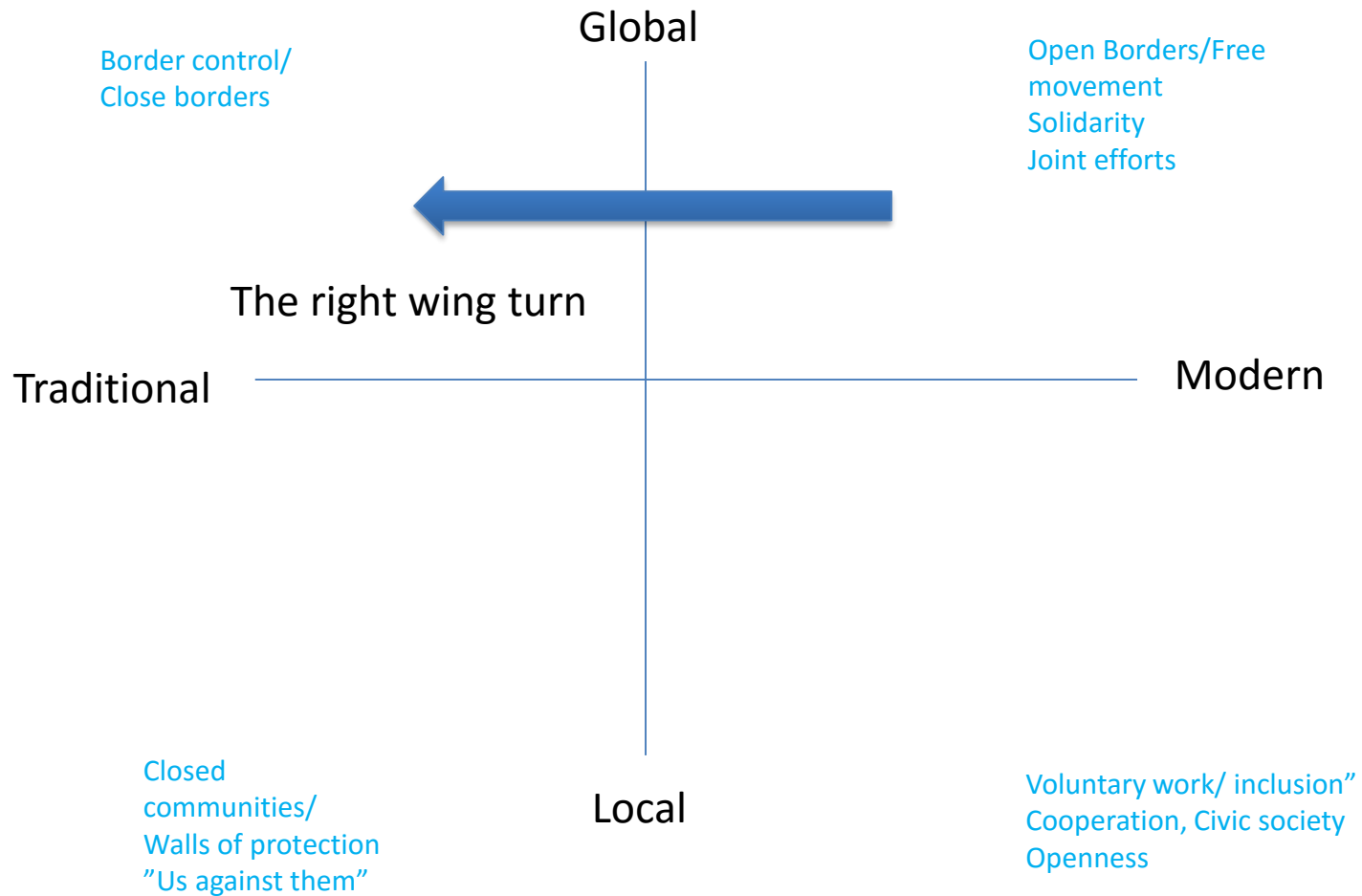
- Internship dedicated to one or two refugees
 - Skills required (CV)
 - Contact with the main refugee camp
 - Contact with the Migration authorities refugee camp (three month contract)
- Wazzi and Leon
 - Division of Culture (Head of Culture)
 - Mayors office
 - Shadowing the political leadership, language..., making Networks, how things work in Sweden

- Internship → Employment (2 months)
 - Project structure: a survey of living conditions at the refugee camps
- Finishing the project and saying Good Bye and Good Luck
 - Summer...
 - The call from Stockholm!
 - Wazzis further integration...

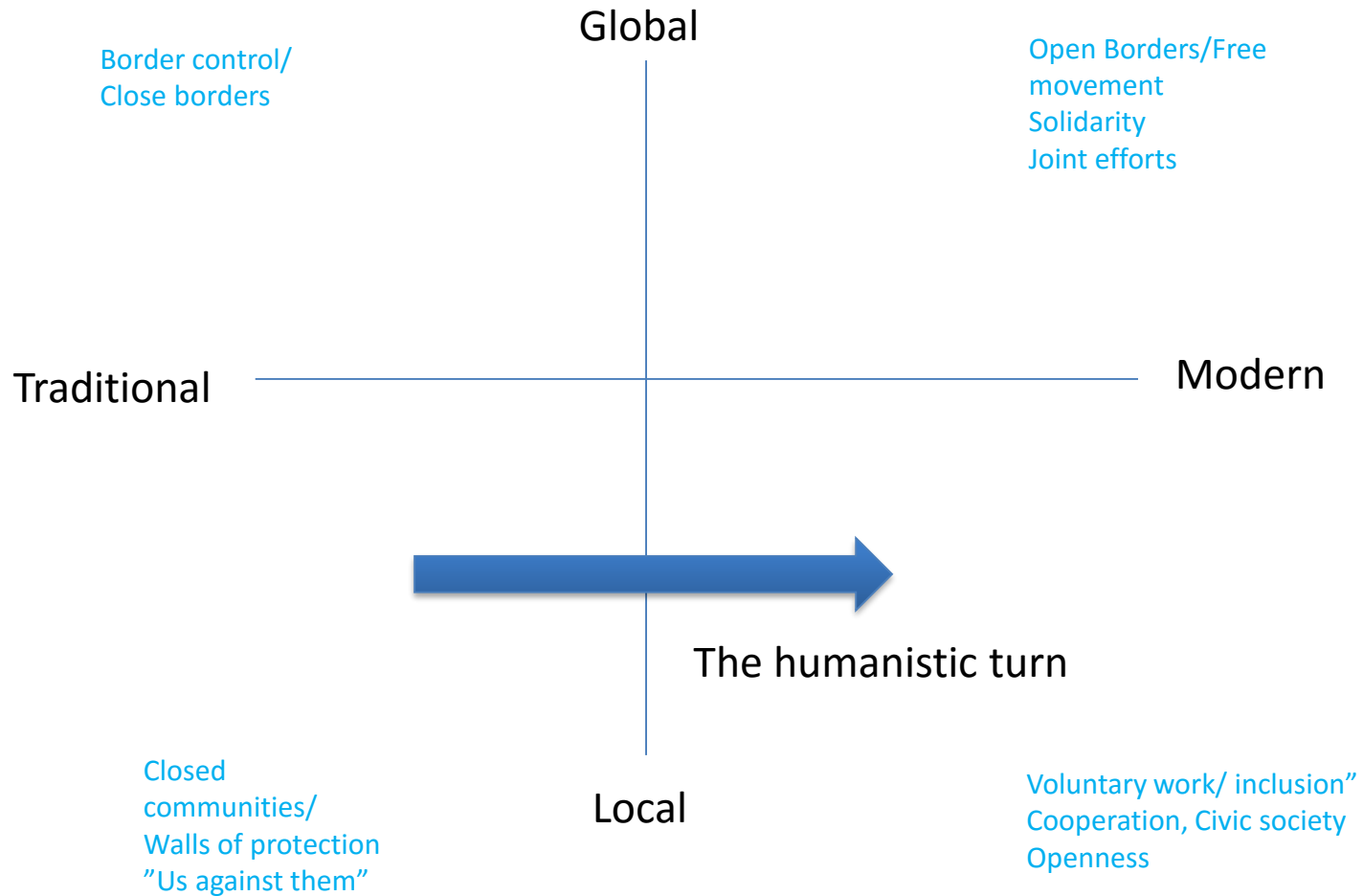
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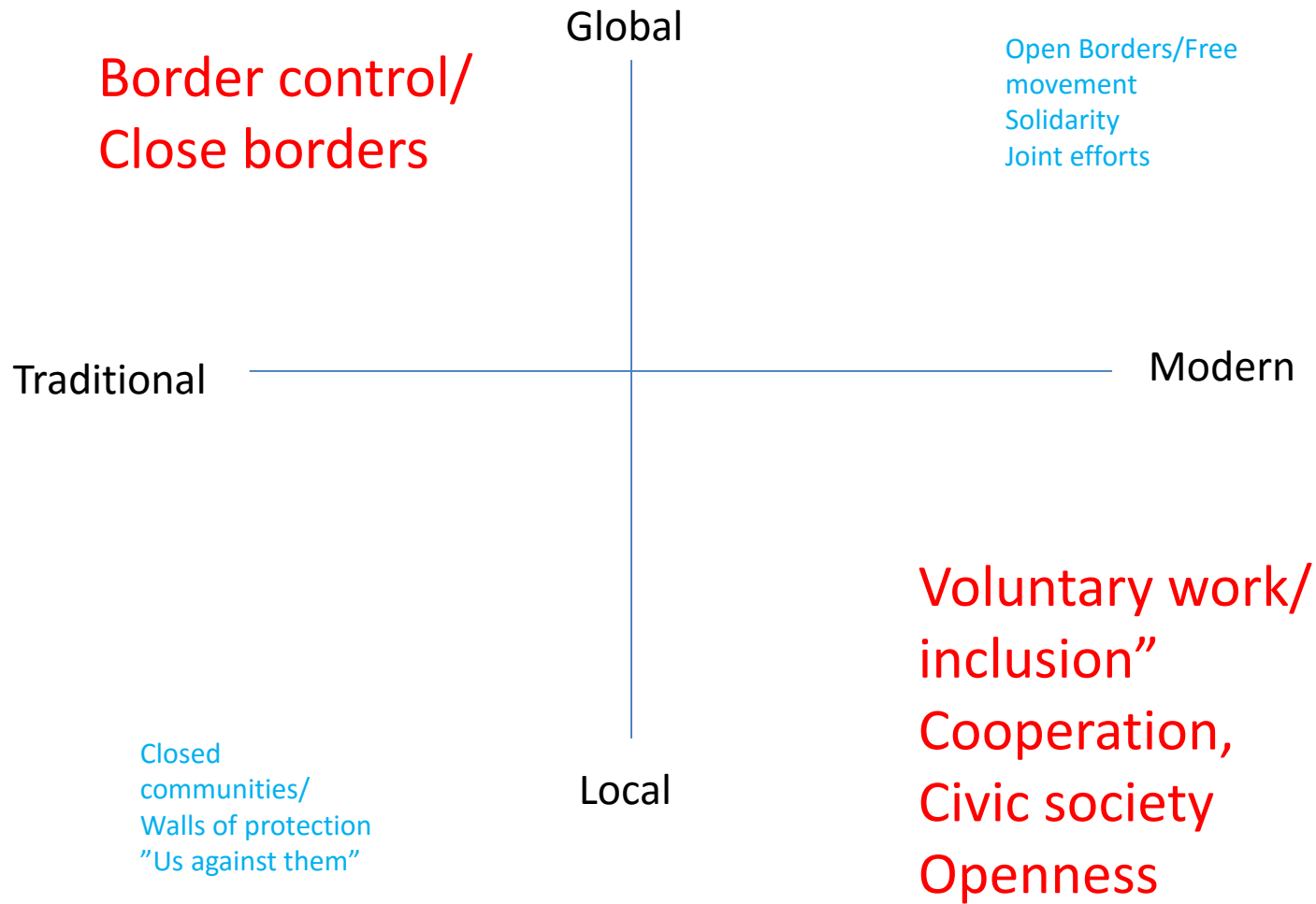
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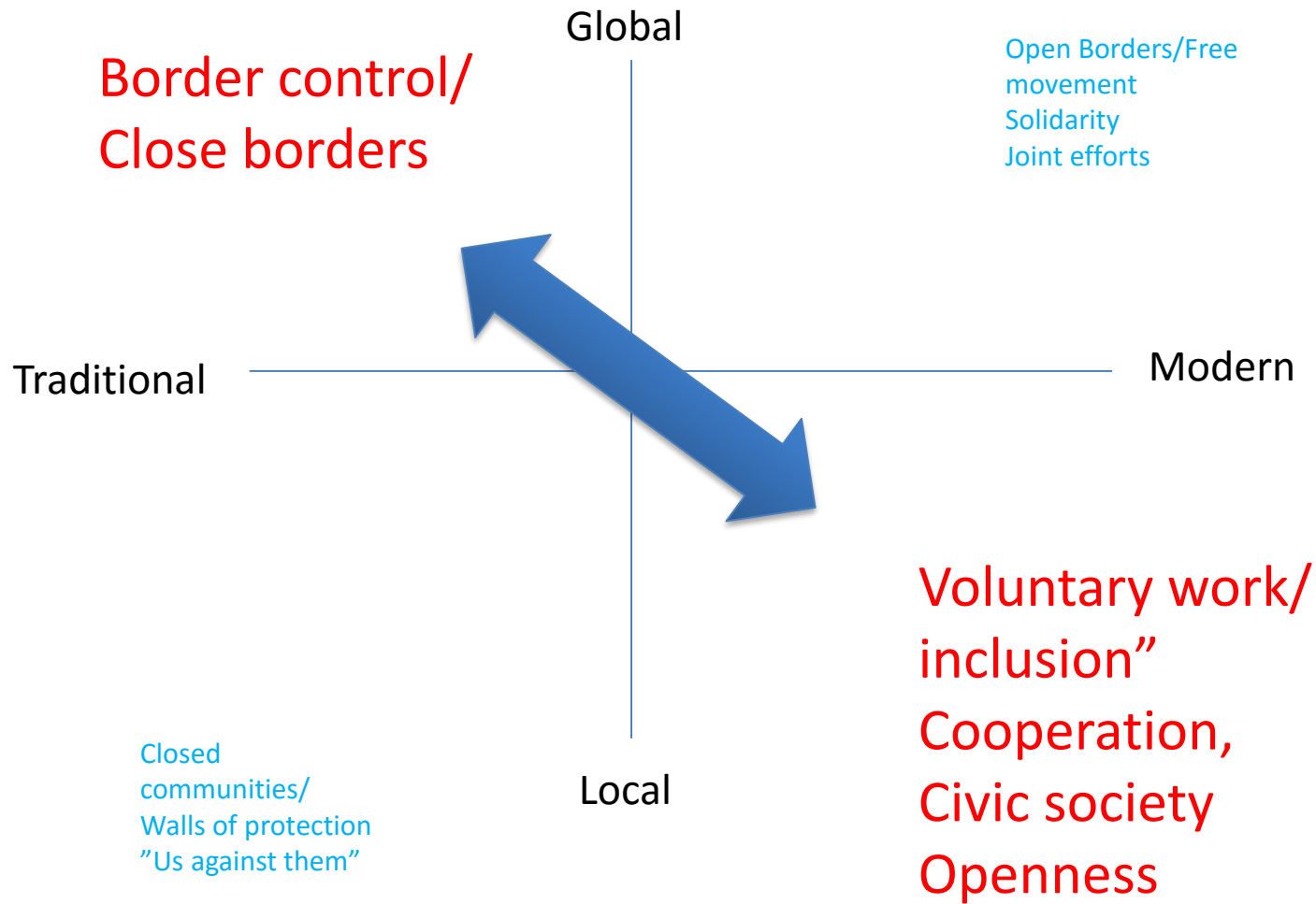
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Concluding remarks

- The open society shall be protected
- Humanism rather the xenophobia
- Defend people who are fleeing from war
 - Refugees are not escaping from medieval times, they are escaping from war and prosecution!
- You never get a second chance to make a first impression

- Thank you for listening