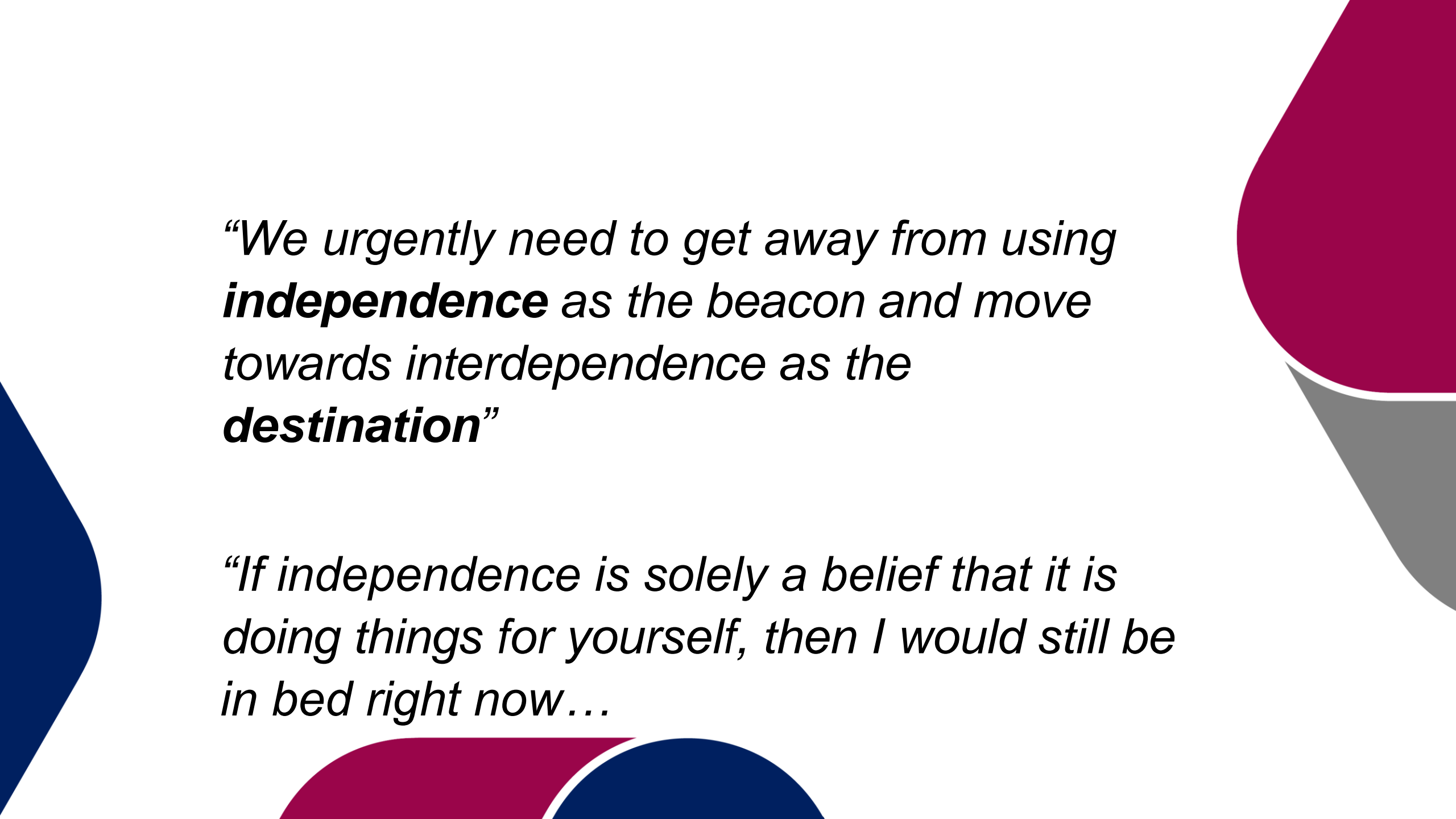




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*“We urgently need to get away from using **independence** as the beacon and move towards interdependence as the **destination**”*

*“If independence is solely a belief that it is doing things for yourself, then I would still be in bed right now...”*


**‘What does home mean to you?’**

*“I don’t think people working in the system understand **how complex navigating the system is just to get a place to call your own when there is such a shortage of suitable housing**”*

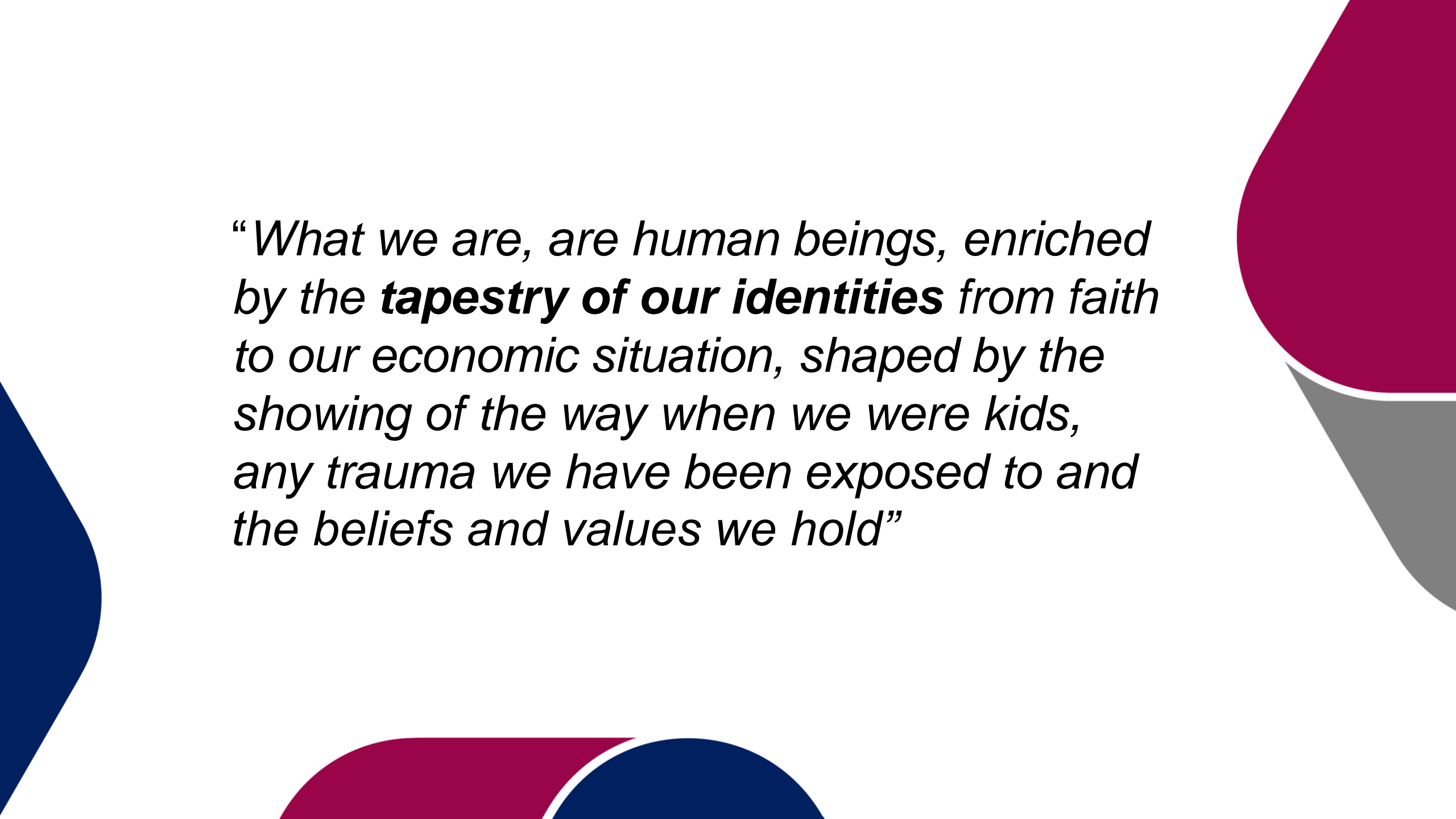
***“Positive interventions are the Discretionary Housing Payment, but it’s taken 16 months to find alternative accommodation”***



*“We should think about **homes as more than bricks and mortar**. We need to see homes as places for **connection**, housing should support **inclusion** not seclusion and **integration** not segregation. **Houses are fixed but people’s lives aren’t**”*



*“Speak about translating government reform, developing system transformation and working smarter with service delivery sounds **a world away** from the human **connection you build with people**”*



*“What we are, are human beings, enriched by the **tapestry of our identities** from faith to our economic situation, shaped by the showing of the way when we were kids, any trauma we have been exposed to and the beliefs and values we hold”*



*“We need to take the same approach that allows a person to bring the richness of their **multifaceted layers**, rather than their lived experience alone”*

*“My top tip for co-production is being aware of what it takes to do coproduction well...*

*What lies behind the engagement is the adoption of coproduction being **understood and embedded** in the culture, a **co-designed strategy**, a **budget for remuneration**, acceptance that it needs to be **led by the process** rather than deadlines. If these aspects are considered with equal importance, then you’ll soon be reaping the rewards”*



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***Thank you for listening***