

# Identity and Belonging

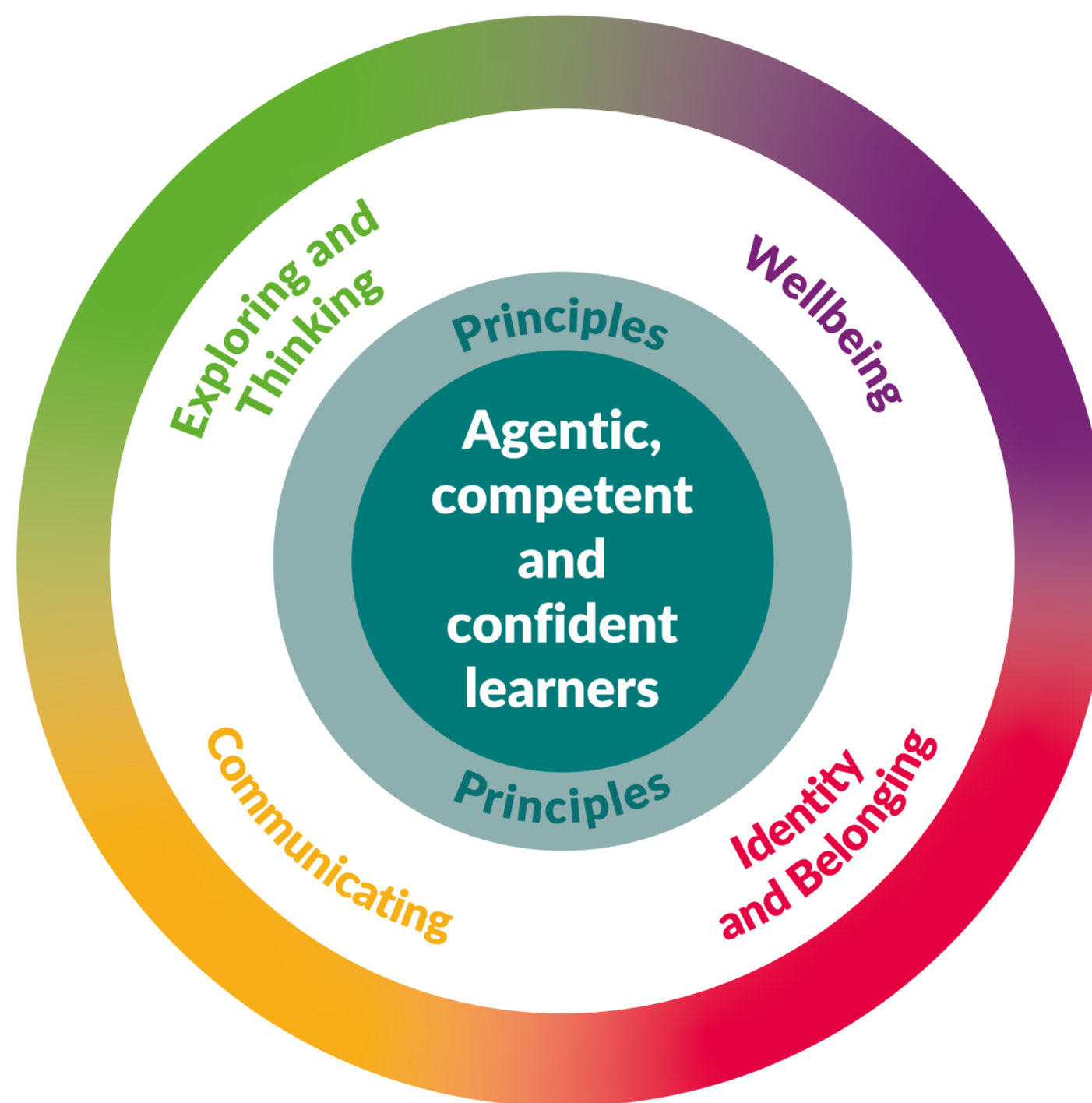
Aistear uses four interconnected Themes to describe how babies, toddlers and young children learn and develop. **Identity and Belonging** is one of these Themes.

## Aim 1

Babies, toddlers and young children will have strong self-identities and will be respected and celebrated as unique individuals with their own life stories.

## Aim 3

Babies, toddlers and young children will express their rights and will be supported to develop an understanding and regard for the identity, rights and views of others.



## Aim 2

Babies, toddlers and young children will have a sense of group identity with *cairde* (friends), peers, educators, their family and community.

## Aim 4

Babies, toddlers and young children will see themselves as agentic, competent and confident learners.

Aistear's Theme of Identity and Belonging is about babies, toddlers and young children having a positive sense of who they are. It involves knowing they are valued and respected as part of their family and community, and feeling supported by a sense of *meitheal* (community spirit of coming together).

