



REFLECTIONS *on* DAY 1

AMBIVALENCE

(FAMILY VS. INDIVIDUALS)

- Individual wellbeing only – practical, simple, no discrepancies

and/or

- Child wellbeing – galvanises policy, can be agreed on, not conflated with marriage or the ‘one best family’ like ‘family wellbeing’ might be



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REFLECTIONS *on* DAY 2

AMBIVALENCE resolved
(FAMILY VS. INDIVIDUALS)

- BUT place of children and child wellbeing
- are they at the centre? Or should they have a separate, although linked framework?



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BUT... Enthusiasm...near consensus
worth doing & must not miss

- trade-offs and dynamics within families,
- relationships and the things connecting individuals
- the influence the family has (over and above dyads or individual factors) on societies, economies, and individuals



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REFLECTIONS *on* DAY 2

Tackling difference and valuing diversity >
Questions of how, why and pragmatics.

As a guide to action

Setting priorities – strategic

Suites of frameworks?

BUT... concerns

mothers place and responsibility

Missing the wider structures –communities,
economies, neighbourhoods



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REFLECTIONS *on* DAY 1

GAPS

Remember!

Love, feelings, relationship qualities

Health

Adolescents and school aged children

Childless families



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REFLECTIONS *on* DAY 2

GAPS

Power

Culture

Exclusion of the elderly – thinking, from family life (institutions)



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and REMEMBER FAMILIES

The framework must
be true to what matters to families
(including different cultures, different
family forms)

... and must include the positive



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REFLECTIONS *on* DAY 2

ASK FAMILIES

What matters?

Families use of, engagement with the measure

Address family functions and capacities to do them



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NEW THOUGHTS

Family social capital

Transactions

AS WELL AS

a wealth of existing data & thinking

(need to harness)



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REFLECTIONS *on* DAY 2

The measure can have an integrative function

The way it is developed – consensus building

Stakeholder:

Agreement on priorities

Agreement on action



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GOOD GUIDANCE

Principles:

Concise but comprehensive

Multi-dimensional

Value diversity

Keep the purpose in mind



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REFLECTIONS *on* DAY 2

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Keep the action in mind

Strategic

**The process matters – inclusive,
integrative, iterative (*not* perfect)**



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Next steps – some thoughts – input please



- Now: Digest – compare and contrast models, look at the gaps and utility
- Very soon: Publish where we got to in this gathering

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- Very soon ? Set up a working group from across stakeholder groups (which?)
- Then.. Develop the first working iteration of the framework and road test
- Down-stream: Leading to a strategy related to the framework and possible State of the Family Report



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