

Dream Statement – Scotland FG

Scotland comes together to achieve UN Sustainable Development Goals using the spirit and practice of Open Government to develop a plan that leaves no one behind, can fulfil everyone's potential and be fully responsible to the planet.

Developmental statements that led to the above were:

V.1 Open government created the link between government and SDGs to lead government on multiple levels to be active players and massively increase the response to the point to achieve the SDG indicators

Developmental thinking:

- Will people know who open government is?
- Is this the story behind a headline – giving some substance?

V.2. Scotland mobilises to set its plan to achieve SDGs that involved citizens to create. Everyone can get involved.

Developmental thinking:

hmmm, lots of not sure's about this one – should be building on the good work of the young people in this process and show how young people are leading thinking? But not been led by young people – maybe in the future based on this good work? Others have been leading? Project facilitates and integrates

V.3. Scotland comes together to achieve UN Sustainable Development Goals. Our children will fulfil their potential and leave no one behind.

Developmental thinking:

Like the 'leave no one behind', but is it negative? Feedback says need to relate to it so if feeling left behind this will encourage to read on. Is also the SDG strapline.

V.4 Scotland comes together to achieve UN Sustainable Development Goals with a plan to leave no one behind, fulfil everyone's potential and be fully responsible to the planet.

Developmental thinking

Prefer to see a dream statement that made clear the link to effective open government (and none of us really like the use of the word government when we mean something much broader, none the less it is the word used internationally).

Dream Statement (s) – Northern Ireland Focus Group

Following the RHI Inquiry and other matters that expose corruption, Open Government delivers.

The Northern Ireland Executive commits to open government (with proper record keeping).

Government adheres to citizens' call for open government.

Northern Ireland expects openness and democracy (= good governance and behaviour).

Developmental discussions that led to the above were:

- Danger of thinking corruption is just a 'third world' issue but it is in fact led by the so-called 'first world'
- Organising the 'Reimagine Democracy' conference was time consuming but we would like to look at how to develop and think about what's next
- What could be the role of the Democracy Games events, the young people's project?
- Sustainability is key – so important to continue to build partnerships, for example discussions are underway with the Irish Environment Network about a possible webinar and the UK Links about an SDG conference in London later in the year

Dream Statement – England

Government recognises SDGs as a key national goal and introduces a programme of commitments and actions that would include Open Government, transparency and accountability

Developmental discussions that led to the above were:

- Is the dream impossible but it would be fantastic for organisations to be engaged and this remains the aspiration?
- UK Stakeholders for Sustainable Development (UKSSD) network – drawing together monitoring report on SDG 16 and measuring UK performance, to be published in July
- Potential for introducing Open Government to the groups involved and other networks
- Way of raising awareness and possibility of sessional workshop
- In England the work is not ‘community’ related in same way as Scotland and Wales – issues of size and capacity
- Involve does not have networks like SCVO/WCVA
Feels that link to local communities hasn’t (yet) been made in England as well as possible
- Local government – closer to communities – maybe possible to get commitment, possibility of piloting, e.g. data, do hackathon, etc.
- OG action plan implementation updates with government report back and shared with network
- OGN Steering Group and lead organisations meet government officials – very informal
- Multi-stakeholder Forum implement from April but challenge to get engagement
- The work has been a learning curve for Andreas
- Big contrast to Spain (where he worked before joining Involve)
- England = more top-down
- Lobbying law is a constraint but signs of activism, particularly around housing post-Grenfell