

# 2024 HAP event

**Then and Now**

Here be's me

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# First things first

- Let's talk, I'm not here to tell you but to talk with you.
- Why are we here ?
- Why are you here ?
- Why am I here ?
- What's the point ?
- Feel free...
- What matters, works?

# Embedded, repetitive, consistency, Values.

- Your own story, tale, etc. then and now.
- Social work - what has it got to do with homelessness?
- Important to you?
- What's it like to feel incompetent, vulnerable, sad, forgotten, important, hopeful....?
- Our roles are and why we do what we do ?
- The things that don't - and do - work ?
- Are you being informed about and have you read or seen this social work framework document ?



# Join the dots

- What do social workers do ?
- What is homelessness?
- Has any country solved homelessness?
- What is the difference between social work in health etc. and homelessness?
- What happens if we solve homelessness ?
- Can we solve homelessness ?
- Do we want to ?
- How do you treat / talk to yourself?

# What's going on ? Legacy

## ☐ Stats:

- In the period Jan 2014 – March 2014, 51% 'presenters' were accepted as statutory homeless.
- Oct 2023 – March 2024, 67% of people were considered homeless.
- An obvious Increase!
- So what's going on!

- Why is it always Gerry ?
- What will happen now?
- What more can and should be done?
- Who's responsibility ?

# Status

- So who am I and why am I here speaking with you ? Then and Now
- Have you felt heard / included?
- Is status important?
- Is there a hierarchy or choice, consequence, etc?
- Who are you and who am I... and why should anyone care / listen?

# Thank you

- First of all Thank you...
  - Thanks to Declan and the Social Care Council for hosting this - that is not an easy task and deserves credit.
  - Thank you to all speakers and Gerry Skelton for organising it... A person of...
  - the joiner of dots;
  - and most importantly my friend. Then and Now..
- ☐ Thank you!