



GROUP 15 – EXPLANATORY NOTE AND JAMBOARDS

1. Explanatory note on Group 15's topic

EXPLANATORY NOTE FOR GROUP 15

What topic will we discuss?

This group will be invited to consider the topic below, which relates to vision element L, which was supported by a majority of Assembly members but not adopted by consensus:

Scotland should be an inclusive country where everyone feels safe, valued and respected, where we all have personal responsibility to treat each other with kindness, looking after the most vulnerable in our communities.

Issues relating to values of the country and personal responsibilities of citizens have been important throughout the Assembly. Other groups are unlikely to consider these matters directly although they will cover related issues like leadership, relations between Government and citizen, information sharing and measures to improve outcomes and tackle poverty.

What is the task and process we will go through?

Notes 1 and 2 explain how recommendations will be prepared and provide a worked example. You will review the summary of evidence in the explanatory note and the weekend 6 jam boards and identify the 2-3 areas you want to focus on to develop recommendations. You will then prepare the text of draft recommendations and accompanying information to be included in the final report.

Recommendations should be about either:

- Remit Q 2: how we overcome the challenges facing Scotland and the world
- Remit Q 3: what further information citizens need to take informed decisions

And they should also be supported by evidence: And they should also be supported by evidence:

- Given by or discussed with experts
- From the Assembly process and the experience of participation
- From 'lived experience' of members, shared and discussed over the course of the Assembly

Summary of the Assembly evidence on the issue

The Assembly has not taken specific evidence on this but it has been touched upon across a range of evidence and has been raised by members in discussions about values and vision.



1. In weekend 2 Dr Elke Heins introduced you to the concept of values and how these underpin and shape institutions, governments and individuals' outlook on life. Issues such as kindness arose in discussion on values.
2. When discussing sustainability in weekend 3, the idea of a wellbeing economy and a socially fair climate change transition also touched on how to be socially responsible and caring in economic and environmental terms.
3. In Weekend 4 experts talked about how taxation could be raised or used differently in the future to protect the vulnerable, tax wealth more fairly, encourage fair work or incentivise businesses to be socially and environmentally responsible.
4. In Weekend 5 you considered evidence on the unequal impact of the pandemic on different groups in society, including rises in social isolation, loneliness and mental health issues. You heard about the strong community and collaborative response to the pandemic in supporting the more vulnerable in society and ideas to build upon this. Discussions touched on the rising on need to protect vulnerable groups.

Constitutional implications

The Scottish Government and Parliament could take action in this area where any proposed arrangements applied to devolved matters. Should any recommendations cover reserved matters you may wish to consider whether the evidence supports any constitutional change. For further detail on reserved and devolved matters, please see Professor Nicola McEwen's factsheet [here](#)

Action in hand

- The Scottish Government's Programme for Government 2020-21 places equality and human rights at its heart, helping children and young people, and supporting health, social care and wellbeing services. A Social Renewal Advisory Board is advising on how to build a stronger, fairer and more equal Scotland for the post-pandemic period.
- The National Performance Framework includes values include treating everyone with kindness, dignity and compassion. National Outcomes include growing up loved, safe and respected; living in communities that are inclusive, empowered, resilient and safe; and respecting, protecting and fulfilling human rights and living free from discrimination.



2. Jamboard from Weekend 6 on topic being considered by Group 15

(L) Scotland should be an inclusive country where everyone feels safe, valued and respected, where we all have personal responsibility to treat each other with kindness, looking after the most vulnerable in our communities (from area of consensus: Being socially responsible and taking care of the most vulnerable)



What is at the heart of it? What are you really trying to say to Scotland your vision for the country is?

We would want to have a safe Scotland

Addressing isolation and loneliness

Kindness and community mindedness

Health of older people and most vulnerable, including people with disabilities and young people

We all have to be socially responsible, being mindful and respectful towards others

Q: What could be key actions or recommendations?

Addressing young people's mental health



Recommendations to enable Scotland to be an inclusive country where everyone feels safe, valued and respected, where we all have personal responsibility to treat each other with kindness, looking after the most vulnerable in our communities

**Addressing
young
people's
mental health**

Other

**Reform of
criminal
justice system
so people feel
safer**

**Revisit legislation
about inclusion in
order to ensure we
meet the objective
about being safe,
valued and
respected**