# Telling the story of the contribution your organisation makes to improving outcomes

The webinar will begin at 3pm

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#OutcomesInAction

#scvogathering



## **Introducing Matter of Focus**

- We are an Edinburgh-based B Corp
- We work with organisations to:
  - help them to understand and work meaningfully with the outcomes that matter to them.
  - support them to use data and evidence effectively bringing tools and techniques they can use to track change.



#### Some of our clients































#### Aims of this session

- Bust some common myths around outcome evaluation
- Share a practical framework to support telling the story of your contribution to outcomes
- Share some tools to help apply this in your work

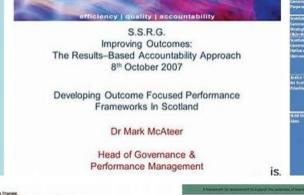


It's easy
to get caught in a
tangle of
outcomes

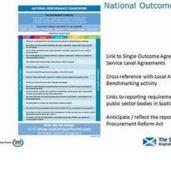










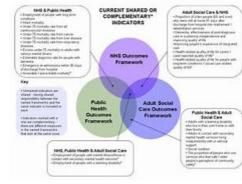




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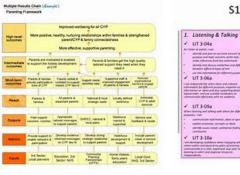
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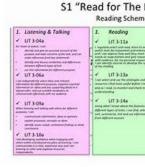




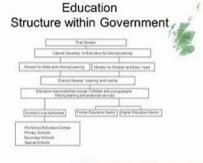








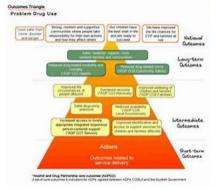








Ministerial Foreword











Curriculum for Excellence in practice II:









'As literacy is the responsibility of all staff, all staff should be clear about their responsibilities and their roles in the

experiences and outcomes will be read by a range of practitioners, including those who work in school library resource centres, who make an enormous

tribution to the development of the teracy skills of children and young

assessment of literacy." "It is expected that the literacy

### Some common myths about outcomes

We can simply measure the outcomes of our work

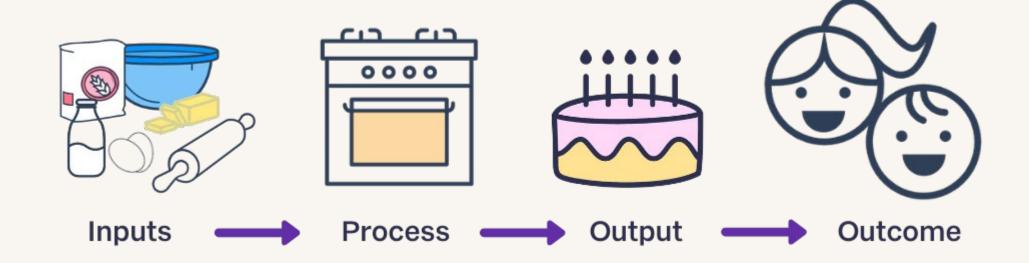
We 'deliver' outcomes for people

We can be held accountable for outcomes



#### What are outcomes?

Outcomes are commonly defined as the end result of an intervention





#### Outcomes as a framework for action

Vision of where we want to get to

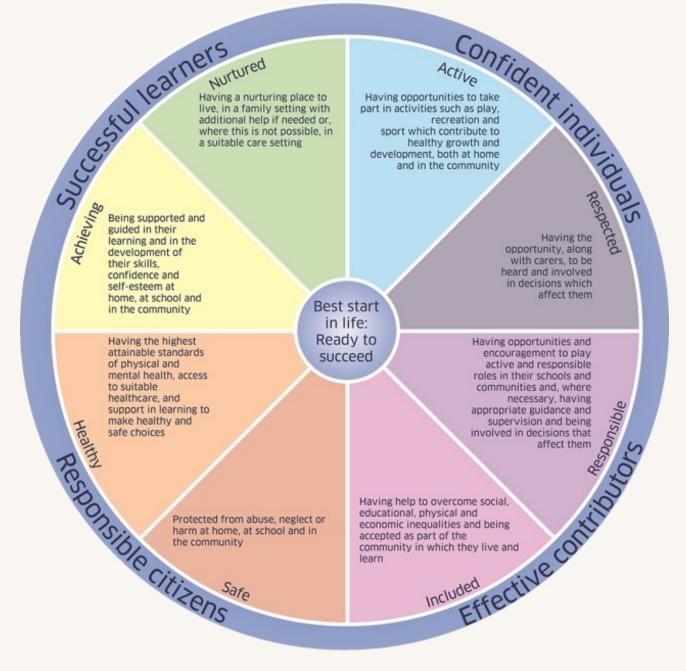
Plan of how we can work together



Way to check on progress - flex as required

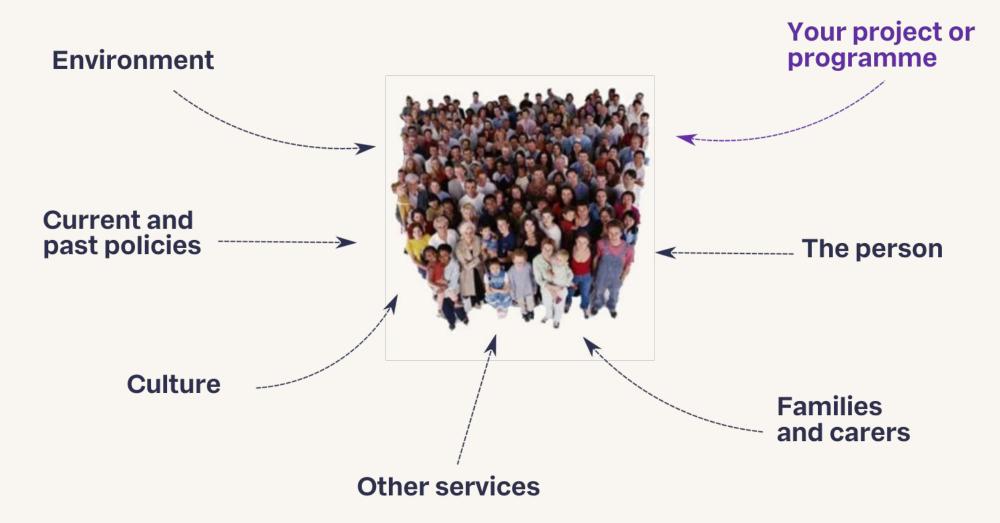
 Reflect on the process and share and embed our learning

# Outcomes that matter are hard to measure





### Multiple factors influence change





## Understanding cause and effect

#### **ATTRIBUTION**

Relationship between intervention and outcome is linear and direct



System is closed. External influences are predictable



Outcome can be attributed to the intervention

#### CONTRIBUTION

Intervention interacts
with multiple other factors
to influence outcome



System is complex and adaptive, influenced in unpredictable ways by internal and external factors



Intervention contributes to outcome



# Our response...



#### Tell your contribution story

What we do

Who with

How they feel

What they learn and gain

What they do differently

What difference does this make?



What are the key activities?



Who is engaged and involved?



How do they react? What helps positive engagement?



What knowledge, attitudes or skills develop?



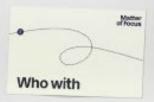
What behaviours, policies or practices change?



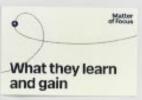
What is better for people or communities?















Run 20 outdoor sessions over two weeks Children from families who are struggling financially Children have fun, feel safe and are more confident outdoors Children develop an understanding and respect for nature children are more physically active

children are healthier and more active

Spend time with children outside as a group

Children who have limited access to outdoor play

Children
enjoy spending
time outdoors
with other
children

Children learn bushcraft skills Children are more confident and enjoy playing outside

Children are more likely to spend time

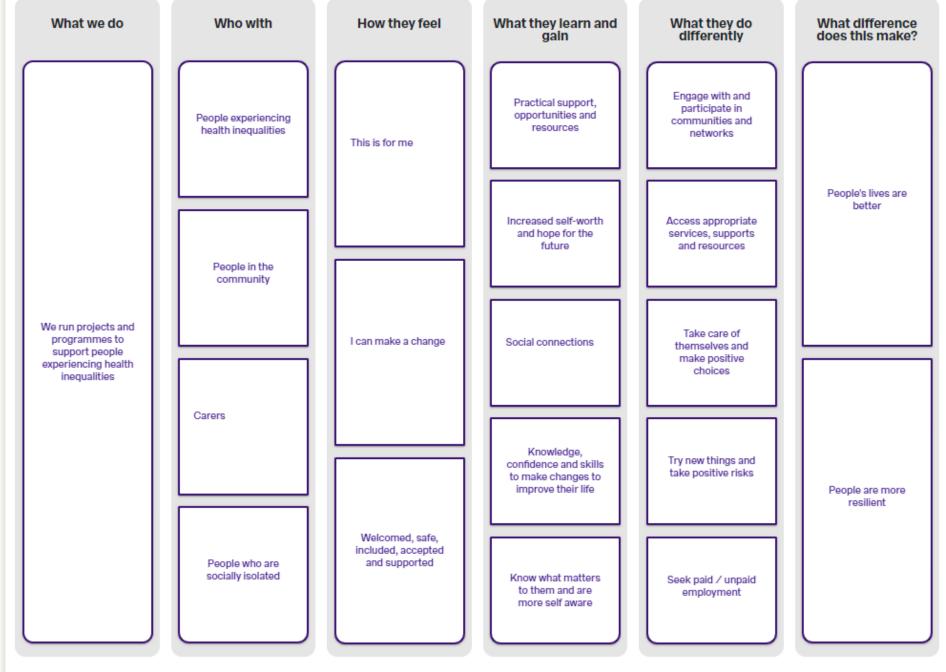
out doors

children are able to enjoy the rural environment

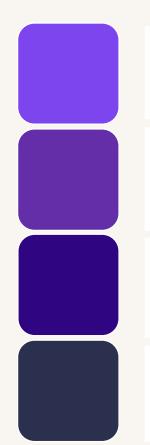
Mapping your success stories

#### **Outcome map:**

Contribution of community health organisations to improving outcomes



#### Our process to put outcomes into action



#### Map context and outcomes

Map the outcomes that matter to the programme and how they are influenced by context

#### Audit evidence and develop plan

How will you know your project is working and how will you get this evidence?

#### **Track progress**

Bring together data and information to assess how well the programme is progressing to outcomes

#### Ongoing discussion, reflection, analysis and reporting

Embed learning to improve the project

# Evidence your contribution



#### **Evidence your contribution**

Routine data

Social media

Feedback about experiences of service/programme

Notes from staff meetings about key risks/assumptions

Reflective logs

Focus groups

Online surveys

Case notes

Creative feedback

Videos/photos



# Reflective Impact Logs

- A simple tool to evidence success
  - Capture case studies
  - Reflect on key activities
- Get a copy here
  - <a href="https://www.matter-of-focus.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Matter-of-focus-Reflective-Impact-Log.pdf">https://www.matter-of-focus.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Matter-of-focus-Reflective-Impact-Log.pdf</a>



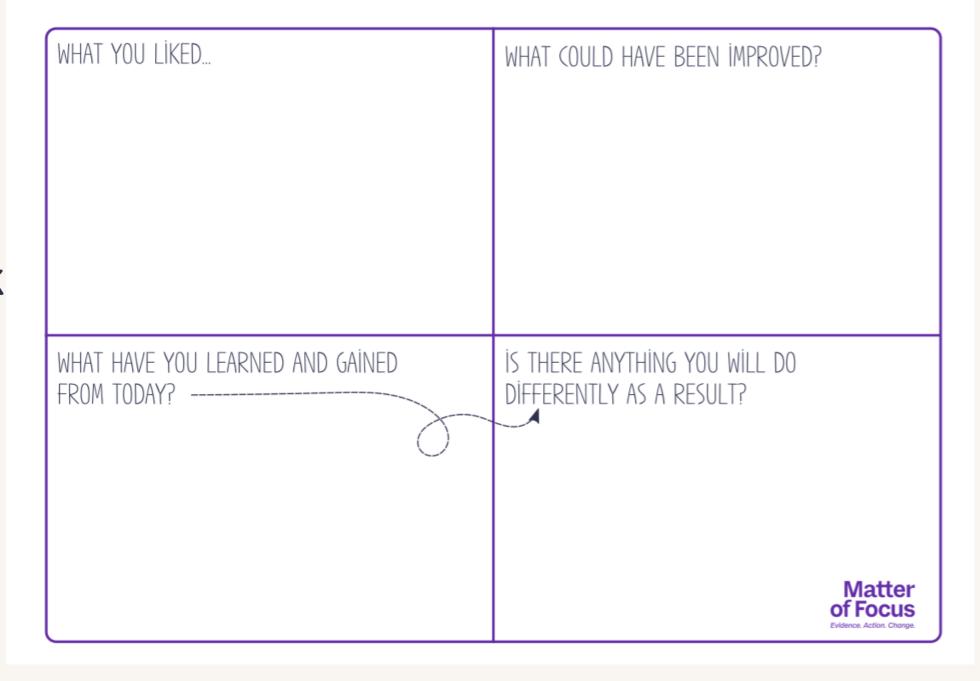
### Reflective Impact Logs

- Systematically captures reflections to use as evidence for..
  - Data gathering for evaluation
  - Reflective practice
- Great for activities where getting feedback is hard
- We like to analyse them collectively and write up findings on a flip chart





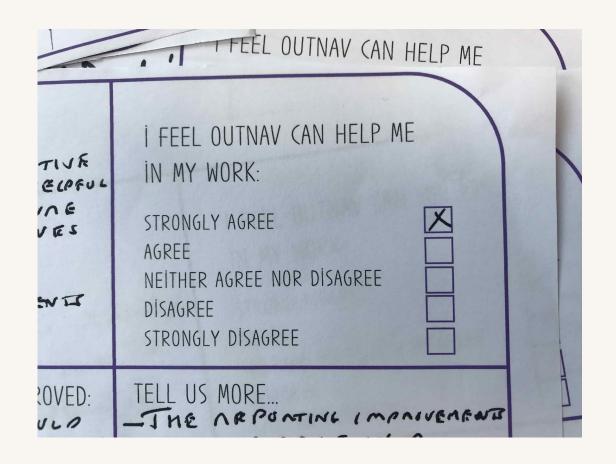
# 2 minute feedback form





#### Good feedback quick

- Great for activities where you are in the room with people
- You don't need lots of time to get good feedback
- Don't forget to ask about what people will do with their learning
- Alter the questions over time,
   e.g. add likert scales

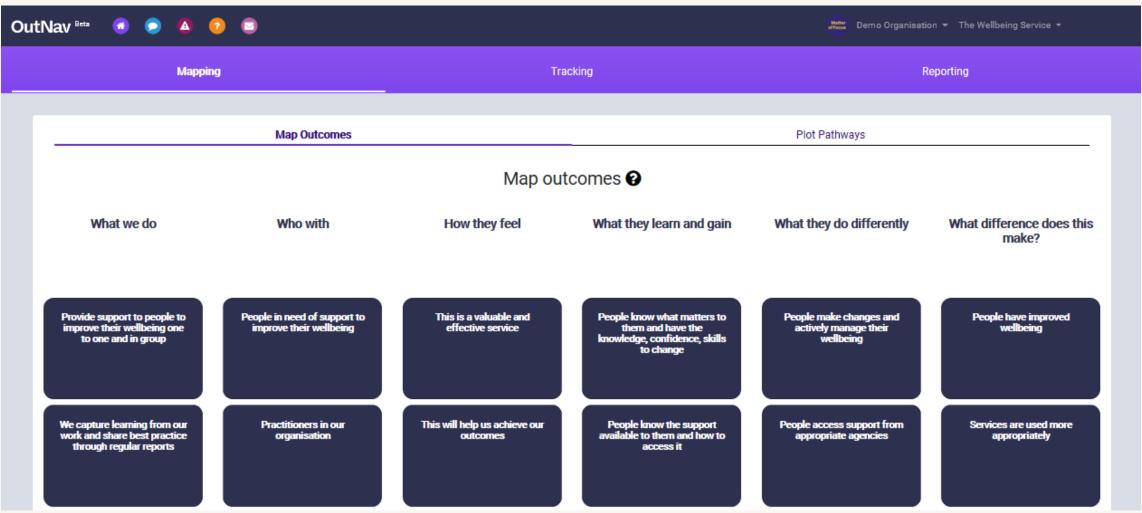




# Making sense of your data and feedback – tracking progress



# **Introducing OutNav**

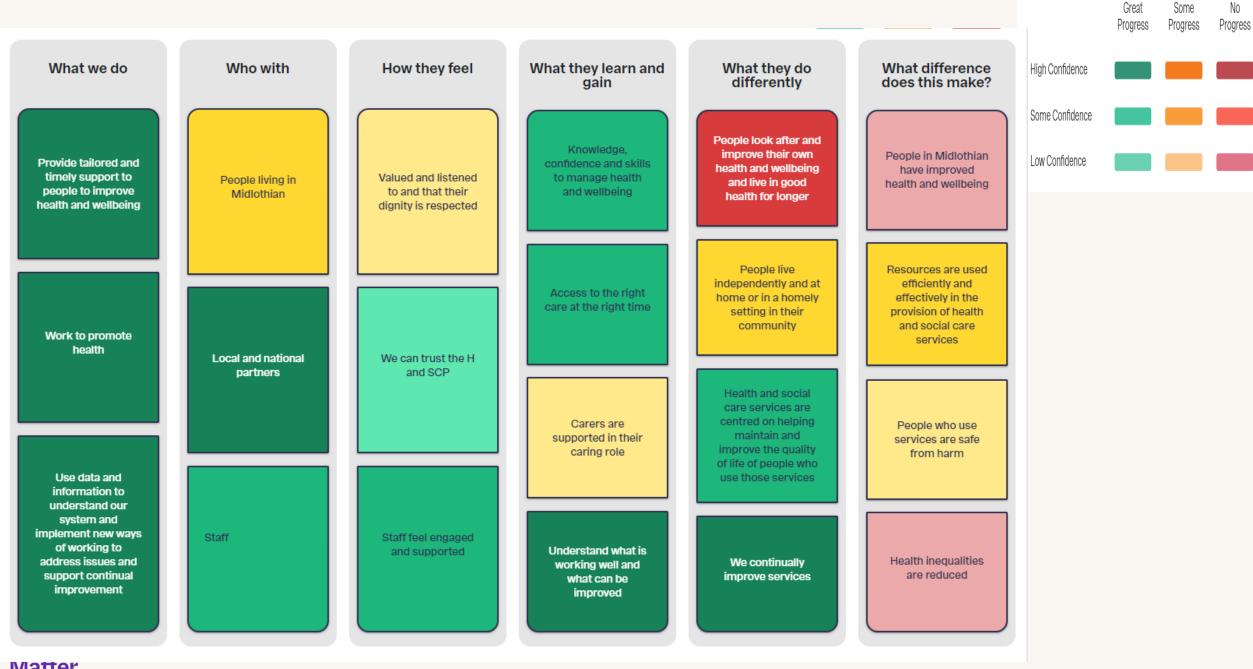




#### How OutNav can help

• Provides a quick view of progress across your project





#### Rate progress and evidence

Progress

#### Traffic lights

Good progress Some progress



Confidence in evidence

Density of colour

more confidence.....less confidence



#### How OutNav can help

- Provides a quick view of progress across services
- Supports a collaborative approach to collecting data and feedback and helps keep everyone on track



#### Evaluation Manager •

< Back to Project

#### Strategic outcomes

The stepping stones, success criteria and sources will be listed here, along with links to add evidence for them.

#### What we do

Success criteria	Source	Evidence	
Libil We have systems in place to identify people at risk of a preventable admission to hospital	⊱ Frailty programme plan	+ Add Evidence	
	+ Add Source To This Success Criteria		
Lill We offer an appropriate balance of services and supports in line with our strategic plan	○ OutNav		<b>000</b>
		+ Add Evidence	
	+ Add Source To This Success Criteria		
ևևև % of adults who say they had a say in how their help/care was provided	<b>▷ ISD data</b> Shared biannually		<b>000</b>



#### How OutNav can help

- Provides a quick view of progress across services
- Supports a collaborative approach to collecting data and feedback and helps keep everyone on track
- Brings together qualitative and quantitative data and bring your analysis to life



#### Staff feel engaged and supported -

Of the 669 staff who completed the iMatter survey, 65% reported feeling supported in their role.

All of the practitioners supporting people are invited to the six weekly analysis meetings.

In total 18 practitioners out of a total of 20 have attended these meetings with 10 people attending all four.

Of the practitioners who have attended the analysis sessions and completed a reflective impact log, the majority of reflection have been positive about the session and its benefits in engaging practitioners in capturing and sharing learning and building learning into the reporting resources.





#### How OutNav can help

- Provides a quick view of progress across services
- Supports a collaborative approach to collecting data and feedback and helps keep everyone on track
- Brings together qualitative and quantitative data and bring your analysis to life
- Report at the click of a button
- https://www.outnav.net/view-livereport/g/nlzyexVgPgXqtvgKvfBf2wJvIjw5syiM



# Make data everyday

- We need to talk more about what we do AND how we do it
- Embedding data, evidence and feedback into everyday work helps:
  - Learning, reflecting, improving
  - Being sure you are making a difference to the people you care about
  - Being able to tell a well-evidenced story to funders and stakeholders
- It is everyone's job, not just for evaluators or management



# Thank you!

#### Let's keep the conversation going:

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