

The L factor: creating liveable neighbourhoods, communities and homes in the C21

National Disability Authority

Ordinary Homes, Ordinary Places Conference

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‘The nature of an individual’s relationships with others in their household, their community and beyond, as well as with institutions and policies, are fundamental influences on quality of life.’ (Fahey et al, 2003, p.1).

Presentation outline

- The affiliated suburb
- The enduring community
- The meaning of home



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HOUSE PORTRAITS



SUBURBAN AFFILIATIONS

Social Relations in the Greater Dublin Area

Mary P. Corcoran, Jane Gray and Michel Peillon

on Saturday 21st March at 5pm, Gallery 2

RUA RED, South Dublin Arts Centre, Civic Square, Tallaght, Dublin 24

The exhibition continues until 11th April 2015

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social housing,
disadvantage and
neighbourhood liveability

ten years of change in
social housing neighbourhoods



The affiliated suburb

- Factors that support and enhance suburban affiliation
 - Rapport
 - Access
 - Social fabric
 - Collective orientation

The enduring community

- Improved liveability on social housing estates evidenced in:
 - Raising of aspirations
 - Sustained engagement in community
 - Enhanced capacity

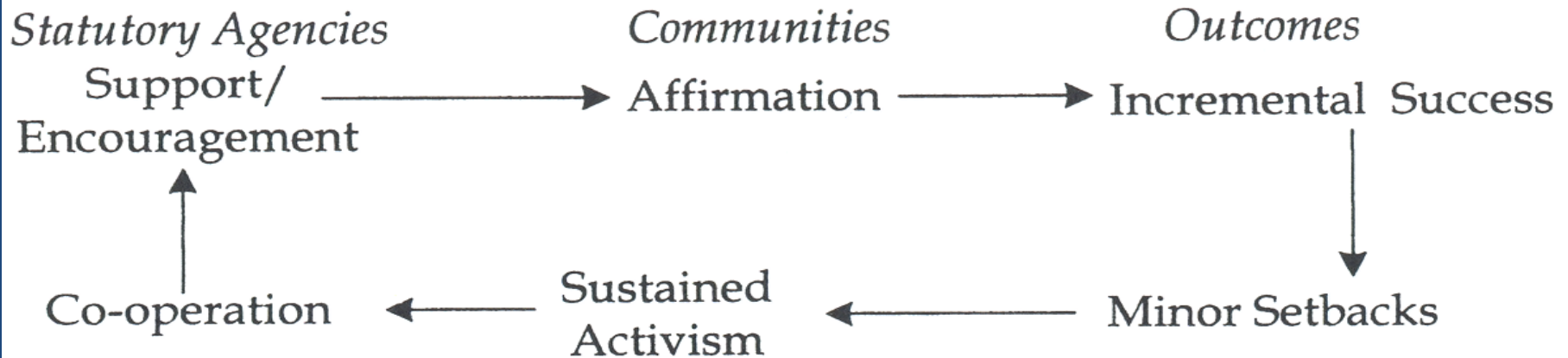
The enduring community

- Continued challenges on social housing estates:
 - Social apartheid
 - Alienated minorities
 - Dependency culture



Social Housing (1997/2007)

The Successful Estate



The Unsuccessful Estate



The meaning of home

- Home as a physical structure
- Home as a territory
- Home as a centre for self-identity
- Home as a social and culture unit

Pets as players



Liveability and disability

- Recognise what is shared in common and work from that basis
- Cultivate a sense of place
- Create circuits of sociability
- Provide opportunities for affiliation and engagement
- See people and places in terms of positive resource model rather than a deficit model