



Another Generation Awaiting Regeneration

NEED ASSESSMENT OF CHILDREN AGED
0-5 IN DOLPHIN HOUSE

PRESENTED BY: GILLIAN O' CONNOR

“We see things we shouldn’t.

- PARENT RAISING YOUNG CHILDREN IN DOLPHIN HOUSE

Dolphin House

Regeneration Programme

- 20 years gone, at least another ten to go
- Magnified and compounded challenges facing this community
- Widened the inequality gap for children already growing up in poverty

Regeneration of a community

Physical – bricks & mortar

Social – fundamentals of life

Impacts of Regeneration on young children

Building site and derelict blocks

Unsuitable housing (mould, damp, overcrowding) – impact on home learning environment

Unsafe play spaces

Lack of access to green spaces

Intergenerational Effects of Poverty

A community that has suffered trauma, deprivation and marginalisation for decades

The importance of early intervention

Significant additional needs

An issue for marginalised parents or for the State?

How do we support those most vulnerable children to access the services that they need?

Services

Difficulties accessing essential services and resources

Individual versus collective need

Appointment and center-based rather than outreach and engaging with communities

Understanding and relevant approaches that support access to essential services

PHN

SLT

Services

Working with 120 children to bridge unequal educational outcomes

- Working from a portacabin – ongoing campaign

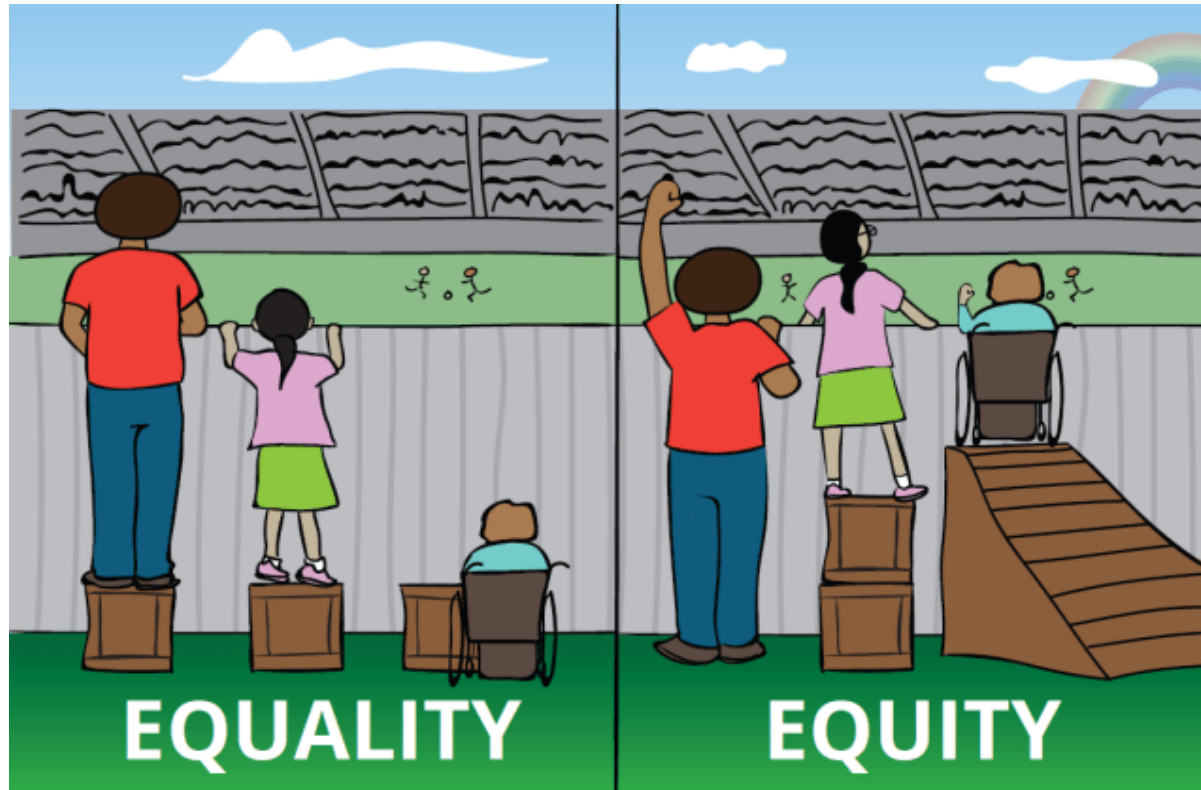
One in ten families looking for food supports

Significant family support needs

- Yet State service withdrawn

Prevalence of additional needs and challenges awaiting assessments

Equity



In the context of a regeneration programme:

The regeneration of a community must be about more than buildings – it is the foundation of children's lives and how they can develop and thrive