The Culture of Data

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Personal Experiences

Working in Development Planning Unit, now the Central Statistics Office

- Contributed to the last census
- Fishermen survey
- Business surveys
- Consumer prices data collection
- Institutional Assessment

Personal Experiences

Working alongside the development of our National Sustainable Development Plan

- Over 60 consultations
- 4 of our main islands
- Private sector specific sessions
- Public sector specific sessions
- Sessions in the schools. (Public and Private)
- Virtual with diaspora
- Online survey

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Attitudes

- Persons feel the questions may be too personal to share
- Reluctant towards contributing because "It won't make a difference"

Dialogue

- Dialogue should be more consistent
- Need to vent about all issues before constructive conversation can happen

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Integrity

- Don't Trust that information will remain confidential
- Claims that personal information gets out

Partnership

- Need to see this as part of the process
- There will be difficult conversations
- Brining our minds together will produce greater results

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Leadership

- Needs to support the message and importance
- Evidence based policy and decision making
- Transformation and change management

Considerations for Solutions

- Overall health and well being
 - Try getting data from the vulnerable and neglected
- Leveraging technology
 - Use of smartphones
 - Smart Cities
 - Wifi maslow hierarchy of needs
- Partnership with telecommunication companies
 - Sharing of information
 - Participation of Surveys
 - Example of National Disaster

The transformation of human needs



Questions and Comments

