

Varese European Network, 2014 November 7th, Open Space – Research,

Lineke Joanknecht (Eigen Plan) brings up:

In the Netherlands Research at the moment (RCT by University of Amsterdam) seems to be used to prove that FGC does not work and that families are better off with the professional way of finding solutions. The outcome will influence more countries, so important to discuss about:

*How to use Research (international)?*

*Which research is helpful?*

*Strategies to support system change*

How is Research used?

- By Government
- Theory                    - Practical data to assist the arguments
- Praxis

We at first discussed about: what are we aiming for? What do we want to get out of research?

- Development of theoretical knowledge, base for teaching and practice and theory  
From the experience of FGC, dynamic building up of knowledge
- Collecting international evaluations and papers on the European website
- Our Aim:  
Rights for families (children and humans):
  - Families getting "stronger"
  - Decision making process
  - Social outcomes
  - Financial analysis can be helpful

We want to create a different framework to evaluate, layers of outcomes and values, supporting Family Democracy

- What can we learn from lots of research that already has done about FGC?
- "Family" (social network) taking more responsibility: widening the circle!
- Where is love in Child Protection? How can we measure "love"?
- How is Research valued

We ended up our discussion with to topics:

1. Refocusing on Rights in Decision Making

Can UNCRC (United Nations Childrens Rights) be used to develop strong international framework around FGC?

## 2. Catalogueing:

what Research is already available based on these themes?

Jesse Bos ([jesse.bos@upcmail.nl](mailto:jesse.bos@upcmail.nl)) will start with collecting researches and put them on the website of the European Network. Michael Delorette will support her, [Michael.derollette@fhstp.ac.at](mailto:Michael.derollette@fhstp.ac.at)

Jointly undertake research project: survey across countries?

Joint strategy for all countries to use standards of FGC and implementation of human rights