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Social Farming



- Multi dimensional
 - Many partners
 - Different needs
 - Complex and challenging
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- People
 - Relationships
 - Values

Farmers / Producers support agencies & orgs



- Informing people – knowledge base, practice
- Developing & offering community based options, Diversification, business plans
- Engaging in developing relationships with services, advocates, participants, policy makers, commissioners,
- Thinking about standards
- Developing the network / support “centre”

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Participants, families, & advocates



- Talking about experiences and benefits
- Supporting community based choices
- Engaging with service providers and community based options to shape funding packages and enabling choice
- Focusing on person, their choices
- Lobbying for change and implementation of these individualised community based approaches

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Commissioners /Services



- Developing pathways to commissioning
- Innovation in provision and approach to choices and person centred
- Engaging and relating with community providers Social Farmers & others.
- Developing mechanisms for engaging with and funding such community options.
- Supporting network & examining standards
- Implementing change and policy.

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Support agencies



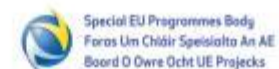
- How to support and nurture inclusion and Community and rural development.
- Supporting farmers and farm families,
- Supporting and developing relationships and partnerships to respond to needs of individuals and communities.
- Informing & Influencing policies and structures to support such activities

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Policy makers, researchers,



- Redefining resources
- Making decisions,
- Listening, consulting,
- Defining new structures and arrangements
- Implementing policies
- Creating supportive frameworks and “environment”

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Questions

1. What needs to happen to ensure that Social Farming is known to people who use services and to those who support them?
2. What needs to happen to facilitate people who choose the option of Social Farming to take part?
3. How can you action this to ensure the development of Social Farming as a community option in the next two years?