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Welcome

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Digital Families Programme – Key Aims

1) Understand how digital technologies are impacting on family life and personal relationships in Scotland

2) Identify the issues that families are grappling with in relation to digital advances, and stimulate new ways of addressing these issues

3) Foster innovative collaborations between academics and non-academics with the potential to both raise new questions and inform policy and practice

4) Establish a ‘digital families’ research network
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Aims for today

• To explore how digital technologies are used to manage family life and work-life balance and how technologies are shaping family relationships, communication and practices.

• To identify key issues in relation to digital technologies and family life, and how to address these.

• To develop new collaborations between researchers, practitioners and policy-makers interested in taking issues forward.
Final Seminar

Seminar 3: 13 April, University of Edinburgh

*Older Age, Caring and Digital Technologies*
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Digital Families film

https://vimeo.com/155656291
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Questions for Discussion 1

• How are digital technologies used to manage family life and the work-life balance?

• How are they shaping family relationships, communication, and practices?

• Are new technologies changing the nature of the family and family life?
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Questions for discussion 2

- How much do we know about this topic?
- Are there any gaps in knowledge? What do we need to know?
- What are the implications for policy and practice?
- What next? Some tangible actions to take forward.
Themes for Discussion 2

1. Access/inclusion – equipment and skills

2. Dig tech leading to less independence, deskilling & disempowering of children?

3. Gendered use of tech? Dig tech leading to more intensive emotional labour esp for women/ mothers?

4. Intergenerational differences – in use & knowledge – but bringing people together?

5. Dig tech leading to intensification of attention on the family & on parenting practices? Or is it happening anyway?

6. Gaps in research and more effective links to policy & practice