

Welcome

Digital families across the lifecourse is a Knowledge Exchange programme funded by the Scottish Universities Insight Institute

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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



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



Digital Families film

<https://vimeo.com/155656291>



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?



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

