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An Expansive view of Advocacy

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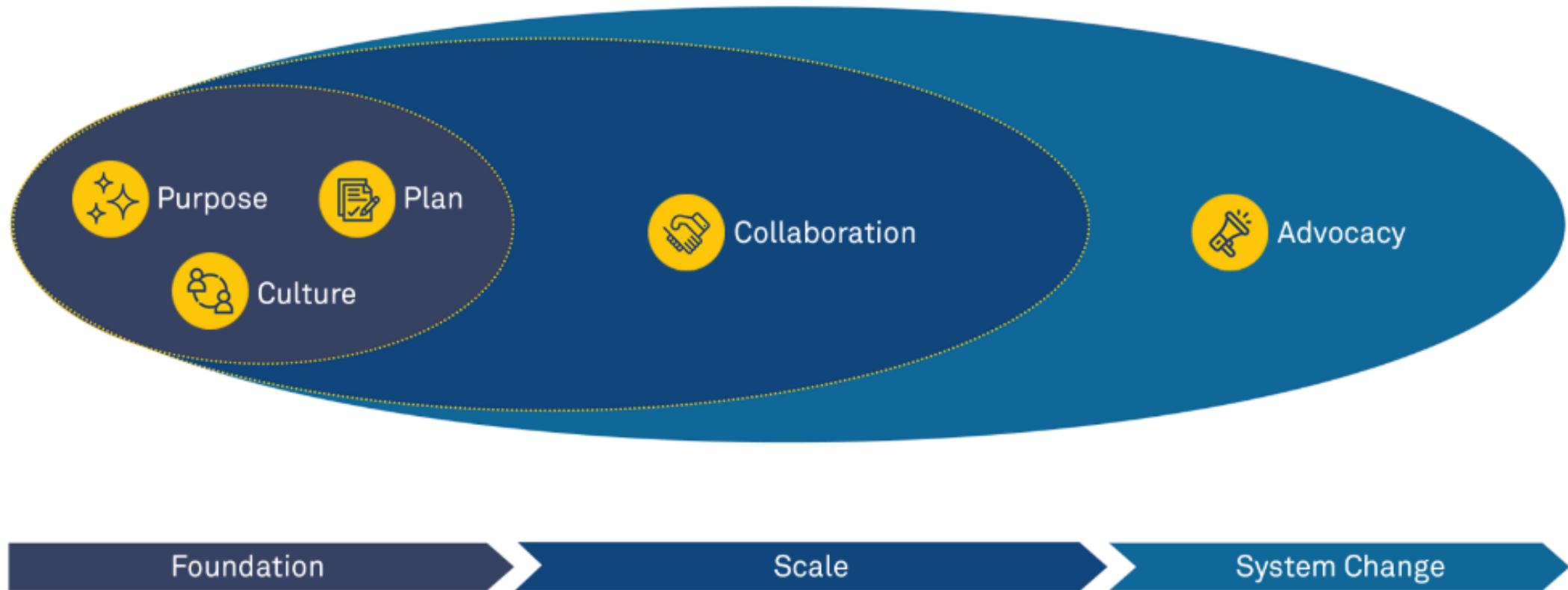
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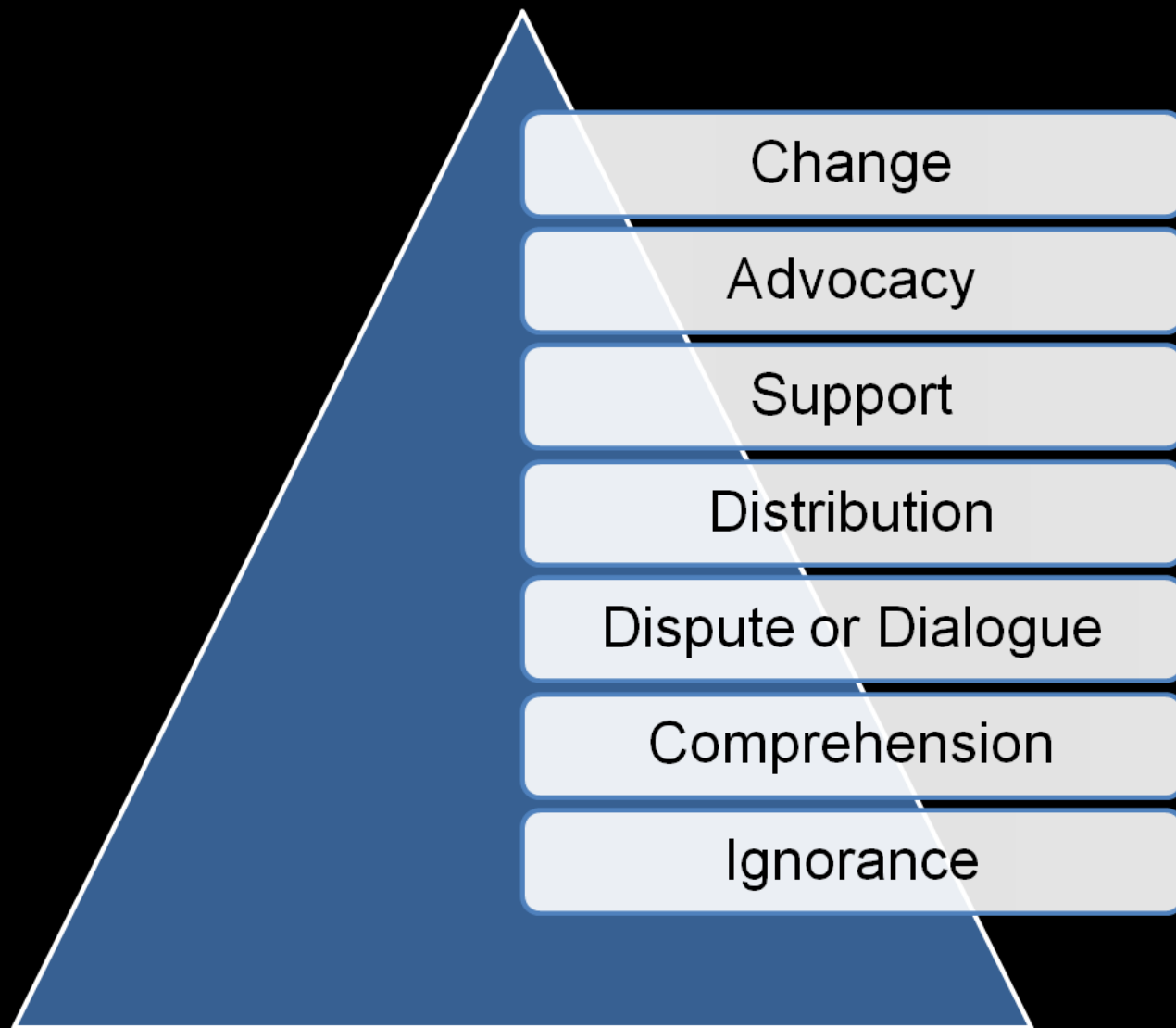
The Catalyst Concept

- A catalyst is a person/event/issue that precipitates an event.
- Consider the infamous Coke and Mentos experiment
 - The introduction of the Mentos to the Coke increases the rate of chemical reaction
 - Causing it to explode.
- We can consider catalysts in society in the same way

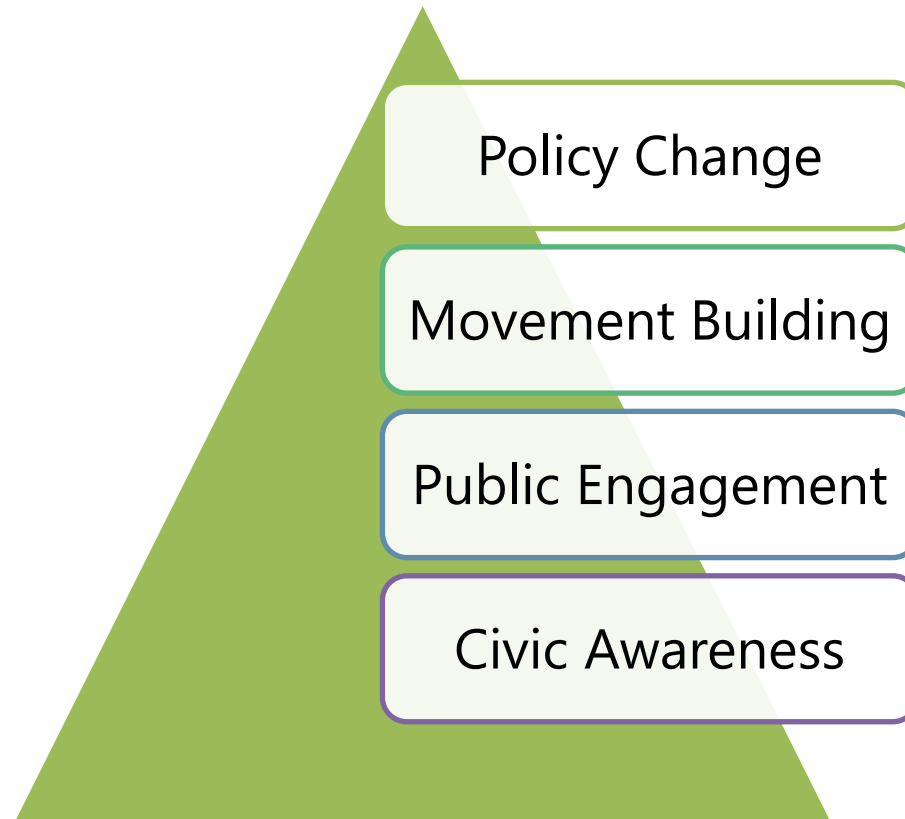


How to Create Systemic Change





Advocacy Pyramid



Systemic Drivers of Change

Cautionary Note: Real Examples used



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Sarah Everard

Case Study – Who was Sarah Everard?

- 33 Year old FEMALE
- Lived in Brixton, South London
- Worked as a Marketing Executive
- Abducted as she was walking home from a friends house
- Metropolitan Police officer WAYNE COUZENS falsely arrested her under the FALSE pretense of having breaching COVID-19 regulations
- Driven to Dover, was sexually assaulted before burning her body and disposing her remains in a nearby pond.



'Sarah Everard's Murder Concerns All Men'



WITH RESPECT



VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN
AND GIRLS



TRUST, POWER AND
CONTROL.

Femicide: Inadequate Policies?

- Who is to blame?
 - Men?
 - The police?
 - The System?
 - Sarah?



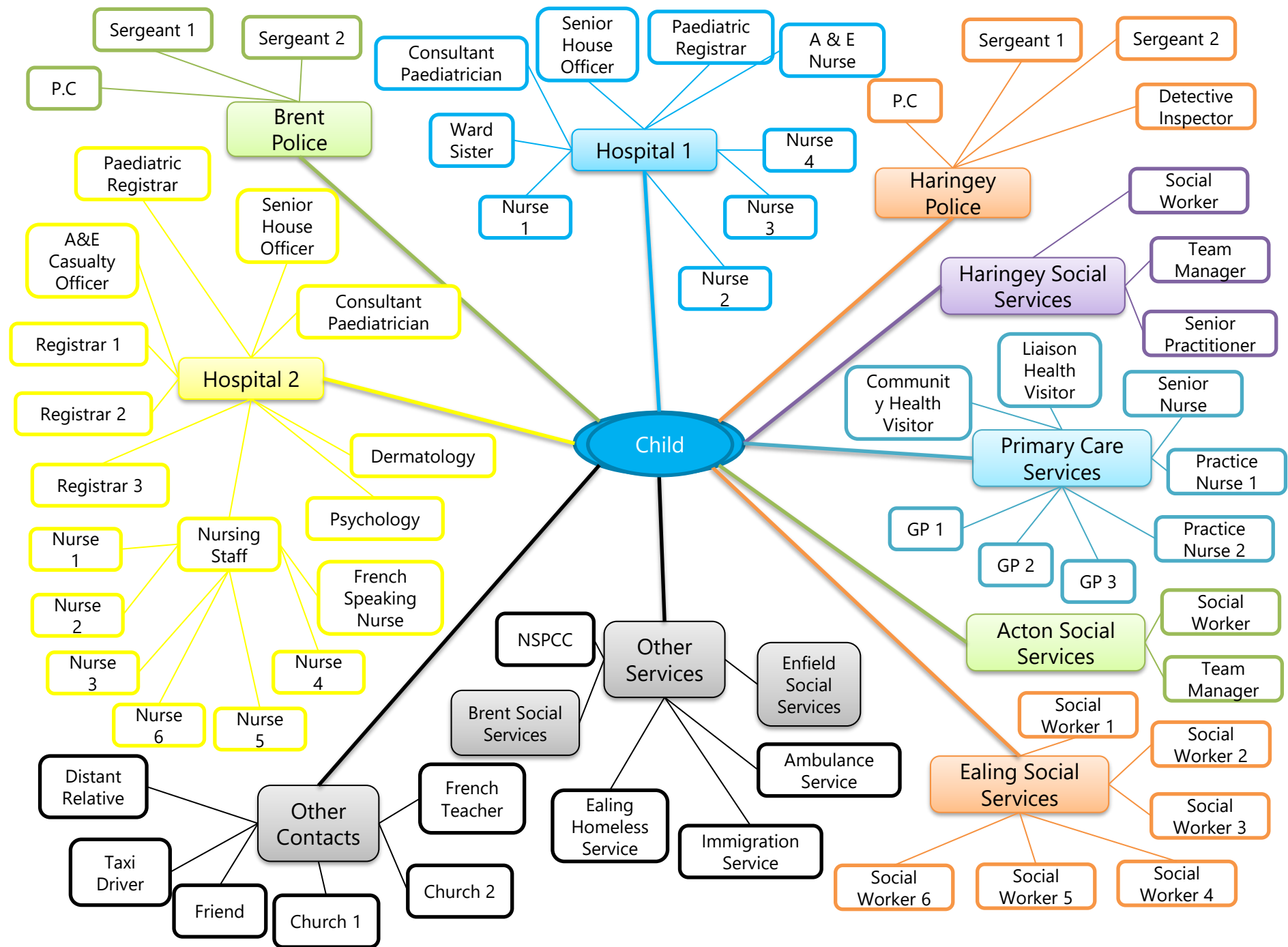
Victoria Climbié

Victoria Climbié – Lord Lambing

The evolving landscape of the system

- 8 year old FEMALE child
- Tortured and murdered by her great aunt and her boyfriend in 1991.
- Bound in a feces- filled bin liner in an unheated bathroom, for 8 months.
- Burnt with cigarettes and boiling water, hit with bike chains, hammers, belt buckles and the boyfriends' bare hands.





Inadequate Policies?

- Using the analogy of Lord Laming's claim that Victoria Climbié' died as a result of 'systemic failure' and that Lipsey's counter claim that systems are not to blame - 'people' working within the systems are to blame.
- Provides a basis for critique wherein:
 - Yes 'we' need systems and protocols
 - Yes we need people to adhere to such rules
 - When a system is tested to failure (i.e. overloaded)

Question:

- Is it the system to blame or is it the people who are at fault?
- The crux of the Lipsky Laming critique!
- (See The Laming Report-Victoria Climbie' & also Michael Lipsky – Street Level Bureaucracy)

Legislation

Critical changes in Policy and Legislation

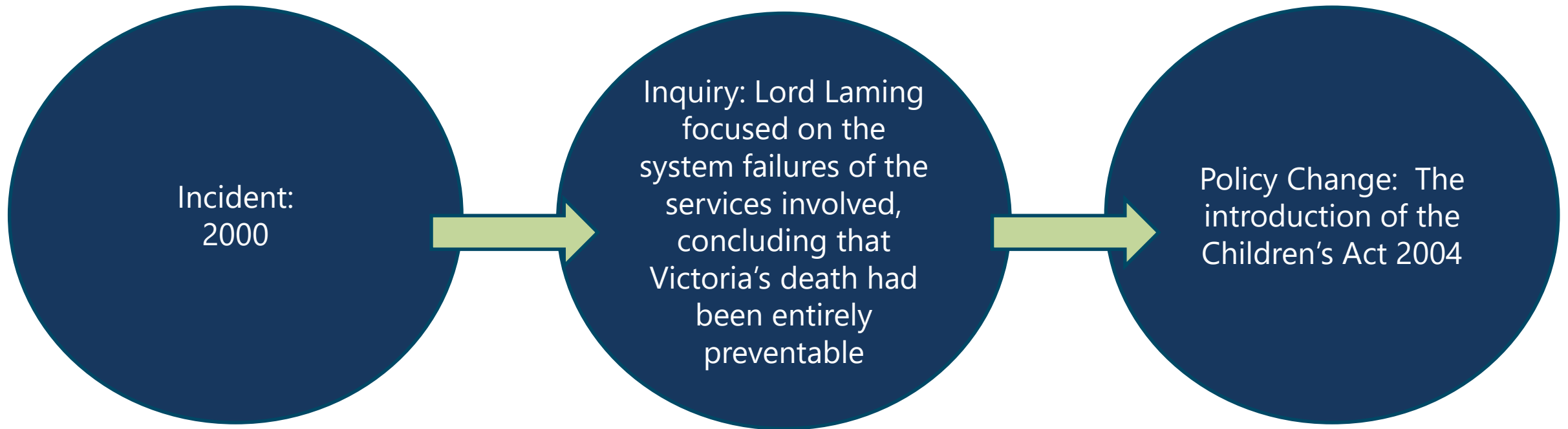
- Serious case reviews (Inquiries) often highlight systemic wrongdoings – or failures that occur leading up to a specific incident.
- These reports contain recommendations moving forward, aiming to prevent the same thing happening again.



For Sarah Everard



For Victoria Climbié



Criticism of Policy and Legislation

- These are just two examples of serious case reviews that have led to changes in current policy and legislation
- However, criticisms have, and always will be made about policy and legislation changes.
 - Training
 - Capacity
 - Human error
 - Personality
 - Abuse of the system

Drivers of Change

- Changes to Policy and Legislation create new measures to support/protect/safeguard individuals within society.
- Research suggests that society is forever changing, moving forward, and so these changes need to be under constant review.
- Bringing back the question:
 - Is the system to blame?
 - Or are the people at fault?

The Peoples Voice

Welsh Woman's Aid - Domestic Abuse



- "It is estimated that around 3 million women across the UK experience rape, domestic violence, forced marriage, stalking, sexual exploitation, trafficking and other forms of violence every year".
- "This is the equivalent to the population of Wales"
- Report of the Secretary General, 2006
- In a UN survey 2020:
 - 70% of women in the UK of all ages said that they had experienced sexual harassment
 - Only 4% had reported to official organisations
 - 45% said that reporting would not help them
 - In 2020 more than a fifth of rape referrals were "administratively finalised" by the crown prosecution service
 - In March 2021 the Government announced on an 'experimental Basis' that it would ask the police to treat misogyny as a hate crime

Sexism – The Equality Act 2010

Sexism

- The Equality Act 2010 says you must not be discriminated against because:
 - You are (or are not) a particular sex.
 - Someone thinks you are the opposite sex (this is known as discrimination by perception)
 - You are connected to someone of a particular sex (this is known as discrimination by association)

Misogyny

- Is hatred or contempt for women
- Is a form of sexism used to keep women at a lower social status than men and to maintain the societal roles of patriarchy

Question & Discussion

- Do these views still exist within society?



Grenfell Tower

Grenfell Tower: Facts

- 14th June 2017
- Fire 4th Floor flat kitchen
- 23 storey tower block Grenfell Towers
- fire 'races up the exterior of the building'
- 72 people died
- Hotpoint fridge-freezer caused the fire to start in flat
- 16 Residents woken by the sound of smoke alarms
- Fire Brigade called at 00.54
- Arrive on site at 00.59
- Entered flat at 01.07
- See web-link for more details [Grenfell Tower: What happened](#)



Grenfell Towers: Advocacy or Activism

- Who is now 'speaking' for victims?
 - Grenfell United
 - BBC News
 - Sir Martin Bick was appointed as the Chairman of the Inquiry by the Prime Minister on 28 June 2017.
 - People died
 - People were physically injured
 - People have been affected by the events
- What form of advocacy does this take?
 - Is it effective?
 - Is the voice of victims being heard?
 - Is their voice being listened to?
 - If you were to become involved (with Mandate) then how might you critically review group action and effectiveness in the face of 'speaking to power'?



Torres Straights/Islands

Islands disappearing as erosion and rising sea levels reduce the inhabitable land



'Climate Change is Already Here'

- McDonald & Ky (2021) Provide the News:
 - [For these Torres Strait Islanders, climate change is already here — and they're urging the government to do more](#)
- Urging Government to do more
- Indigenous Australians thrived on Islands
- Coastal erosion
- Scientific modelling suggests that Low-lying lands will become uninhabitable
- Rising Temperatures/rising sea levels
- "If this happens, we'll be climate change refugees in our own country," Torres Strait Islander Kabay Tamu"
- "Our ancestors, our forefathers were buried here. Just thinking about it just sometimes brings tears to my eyes".

Cemetery

- Families search for the bones of deceased relatives after they were washed away in storms due to rising sea levels



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The Social Issue

- Communities located on low-lying islands are particularly vulnerable to increasingly intense storm tides caused by more extreme weather (ABC News, 2020)

Advocacy:

Towards a more Expansive View

- [Our Islands, Our Home | Torres Strait Climate Justice Case](#)
- Trauma of climate change is visible
- Islanders do not contribute to global warming and climate change
- Islanders are disproportionately affected by climate change
- Islanders have brought a case via Human Rights against the Australian Government
- Accusing them of not doing enough to combat climate change
- Loss of heritage and birth-right
- Way of life
- Social collapse of an indigenous population threatens their very existence

Climate Change: Further Reading

- [Changing social contracts in climate-change adaptation](#)
 - What is climate change?
- [Our Islands, Our Home | Torres Strait Climate Justice Case](#)
 - What are you prepared to do about it?
- [Causes and Effects of Climate Change | National Geographic](#)
 - Causes and Effects of Climate Change
- [Is It Too Late To Stop Climate Change? Well, it's Complicated.](#)
 - Is it too late to Stop Climate Change? Well, its complicated (or very simple?)
- [WHY DOES NASA STUDY EARTH?](#)
 - NASA Studies

Advocacy: Greta Thunberg



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- Climate activist Greta Thunberg urges US lawmakers to end fossil fuel subsidies, or face catastrophe.
- Testifying before Congress, she challenged world leaders to do more on the climate crisis.
- Question:
 - What is happening here?
 - Is Greta Thunberg a single voice?
 - How did she obtain her mandate to:
 - Speak up?
 - Speak out ?
 - Speak for ?
 - Speak against?

Task

Consider the examples used in this session

- Sexism
- Child Abuse
- Unsafe Housing
- Environmental Sustainability

Write a short paragraph stating:

- Your own viewpoint
- Your values
- What do you believe in?