

A vertical graphic on the left side of the slide shows silhouettes of a group of people at the bottom, with a large lightbulb above them. The lightbulb and the background are filled with various icons of gears, people, and communication symbols, representing innovation and social impact.

“The Enabling State and Philanthropy”

Sir John Elvidge

“Redesigning welfare in the Mediterranean”

Milan, 29th November 2013

1 Why is this the time for fresh thinking?

- Diminishing returns/limitations of post war welfare state model
- Evidence of success of community based models
- Citizen aspirations which the state cannot fulfill

2 What can we observe?

- Enduring patterns of reliance on self, family and community
- New manifestations of preference for self direction and control
- Growing understanding of value of/ social return from capacity building



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Inverting the model



- Two roles for the state
- Growing/ceasing to inhibit capacity
- Challenges of enabling

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The role of philanthropy



- Capacity building
- Asset transfer/creation
- Service provision?

Communities

Local Evidence Voluntary Integrated Nations
Economic Enabling Communitarianism
Opportunities Business Public services Change
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Performance Third sector Citizen Social Support Challenges State UK
Wellbeing

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