

# Children's Flourishing Index

The Children's Flourishing Index incentivises decisionmakers to implement policies that support and enable children and future generations to flourish. Five decades of studies show that **happiness depend on genuine human connection**: once people have the basics to live a decent life, it is **their relational wellbeing** rather than their material wellbeing that **becomes the primary source of their happiness**.

By measuring the progress of present and future generations in a way that **recognises relational wellbeing**, the index will go beyond a **reductionist, individualist** understanding of happiness, to allow us to consider the extent to which a policy or intervention make a **positive impact on dimensions like nature, environment and beauty**; on whether there are **common spaces for meaningful relationships to blossom**; giving time to build quality family bonds, love and parental relationships; the ability to **remain curious** and to have the **right to dream**; **equality** between different groups of people.

Considerations developed for picking appropriate metrics include: the **availability for comparison across different places**; **relevance to the intended goal**; and **timeliness**.



## Policies for Happiness