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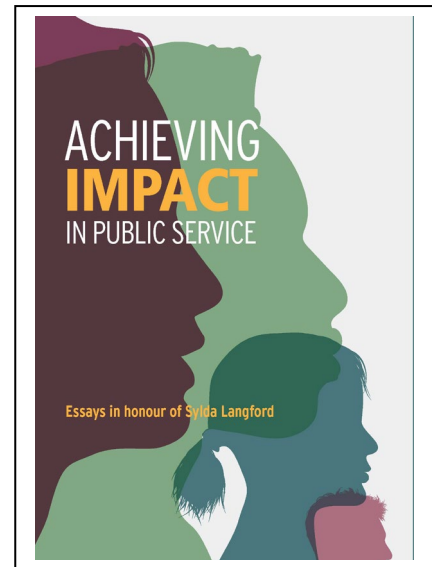
## Essays in honour of Sylda Langford

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## What the book is about

This volume is published as a tribute to the remarkable career of Sylda Langford.

The book is structured around the key themes of Sylda's working life – her contribution to developing evidence-based policies and services to improve the lives of children and address social exclusion. Part One takes up Sylda's focus on children's needs and the importance of underpinning policy with facts and marshalling evidence. Part Two deals with putting policy into practice. Part Three deals with the wider issues of policy delivery and engagement between state and citizen.

The authors invited to contribute to this book were selected on the basis of their experience and expertise in areas in which Sylda has made a contribution. They were not asked to assess her contribution or speculate on her views, but rather to write on important topics in a way that would contribute to contemporary discourse and future policy.

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