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#BASF: Adoption and the Needs of Adoptive and  
Biological Parents: The Value of HSF

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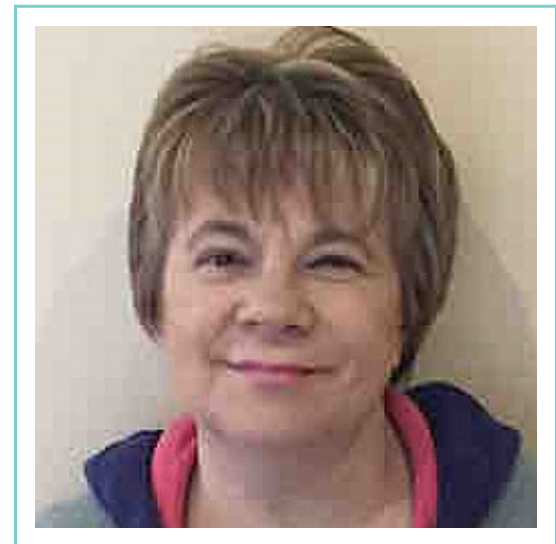
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# About Dr. Marie Elizabeth Kruger

- Social worker of profession with 33 years practice experience – currently in private practice.
- Masters degree: Research done on rights of unmarried fathers as a professionally neglected person.
- Doctoral thesis on rights of children. Thesis was published under title “The recognition and protection of children’s rights – in word and deed”.
- Registered as an Adoption Specialist. Practice also include therapy with families and children.
- Married with three teen/ young adult boys.





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BASF was established in 1975 to share the method and insights of John Heimler within the United Kingdom as a resource for the unique approach of HSF within UK and for UK trained practitioners.

### **BASF exists to:**

serve individuals at their levels of experienced need by offering a unique counselling therapy and assessment tool train and accredit practitioners and trainers support those practitioners who are trained in HSF by: giving them a network of contacts arranging CPD opportunities undertaking research Offering consultative supervision Supplying HSSF scales and other resources BASF uses the therapeutic methodology called the Heimler Method of Human Social Functioning (HSF), a unique blend of methods and includes a psychometric tool the Heimler Scale of Social Functioning – the HSF Scale.

It offers training in Human Social Functioning and supports HSF Practitioners.

### **BASF is a non-discriminatory charitable organisation.**

Who does BASF serve in 2015?

Members/practitioners

those seeking therapy

those who want to train in the HSF method

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# What is the Scale (HSSF)?



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## A brief description of Heimler Scale of Social Functioning (HSSF); also known as the HSF scale

### Potted History:

Heimler devised this HSF Scale early in the development of his method in the late 1960s. His personal history in the concentration camps of WWII and his process of recovery from that trauma, along with his work in London with unemployed people in the aftermath of the war highlighted some important factors that appeared to affect human health and well-being. He found that encouraging an individual to see themselves as a whole person with their positive experiences set alongside the more negative ones, (Satisfaction vs Frustration), that may be dragging them down, enabled them to gain a new perspective on their lives, make their own choices for their future and regain a sense of control and autonomy. As he worked alongside a GP, he noticed that particular issues recurred and he distilled these into 5 common areas where humans need satisfaction and later, in discussion with colleagues, 5 areas where frustration may be experienced. Later still, a final 5 questions were added that gave the opportunity for an existential overview. These 3 sections then make up the scale as we have it today.

### Structure:

This questionnaire is divided into three sections: Satisfaction, Frustration and Overall view of Life. Within each one, these, there are 5 broad areas each consisting of 5 questions. Within Satisfaction: Work, Finance, Friends, Family, Personal; while Frustration includes Energy, Health, Circumstances, Moods and Escape Routes. The last section has questions that relate to Ambition, Future, Life's meaning, Self Expression and experienced Struggle.

An easy scoring method gives both a numerical value for these areas and a diagram represents the individual's experience of Satisfaction and Frustration (Positives and Negatives) that enables them to 'see' their feeling experience. This feedback allows people to take control of their lives in a way that facilitates healthy decision making and can act as a reference point during the process of therapy.

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# Training in HSF



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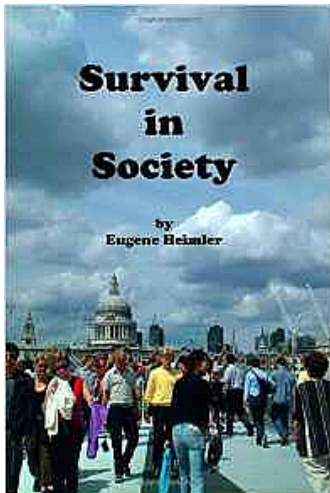
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## Reading



Eugene Heimler's self-help method of social functioning has been developed and tested – and proved extraordinarily successful – for over forty years. Here he describes in detailed theory and through cases his interviewing and therapeutic techniques, in which a relationship of equality between 'helper' and 'helped' is paramount. His aim has been to help people as individuals and in groups to make the most of their abilities, however latent, and to use positively their inner resources and past experience. He sees not only the past as influencing the present but present actions determining what we select from the past.....

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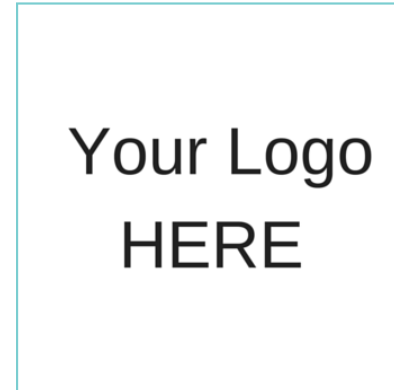
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