

Evaluation Support Scotland

Evaluation can help funders to understand the impact of the money they provide to charities and other voluntary groups.

Evaluation Support Scotland (ESS) works with voluntary organisations and funders so they can measure their impact, report on the difference they make and improve their services.

ESS works with the Scotland Funders Forum and many major funders of the voluntary sector. We are also a strategic partner of the Scottish Government. Our board of trustees includes people who work for funders. So we understand the challenges facing different funders.

How can we help you?

Questions that funders ask include:

[What does our funding achieve?
What are our outcomes?](#)

[How can we improve our
monitoring and evaluation systems?](#)

[How best can we use the
information in our funded
organisations' evaluation forms to
analyse our own impact?](#)

[How can we develop an
evaluation strategy for ourselves
and for the work we fund?](#)

[How can we help the organisations
we fund to better evaluate their
work?](#)

ESS can help you to answer these and other questions!

Understanding best practice

We've worked with the Scotland Funders' Forum to produce the **Evaluation Declaration**. This describes why monitoring, evaluation and reporting are important to funders and what these processes should achieve.

The **Evaluation Declaration health check** tool helps funders think about how they monitor and evaluate and their relationships with funded organisations. 11 funders have worked through the tool and used it to improve their own systems and celebrate what they do well. The tool is free on our website.

We can work with you to complete the health check and to produce a health check report with some realistic actions you can take to address your own evaluation challenges.

Training for your staff

Our Outcomes and Funding workshop is for assessors, grants officers and others who work for funders. It helps you understand outcomes and how you can help applicants and grant-holders get to grips with outcomes and evaluation. We run this workshop as part of our core course programme. We can also run it in-house for an individual funder. Please see our website for details.

Supporting the organisations you fund

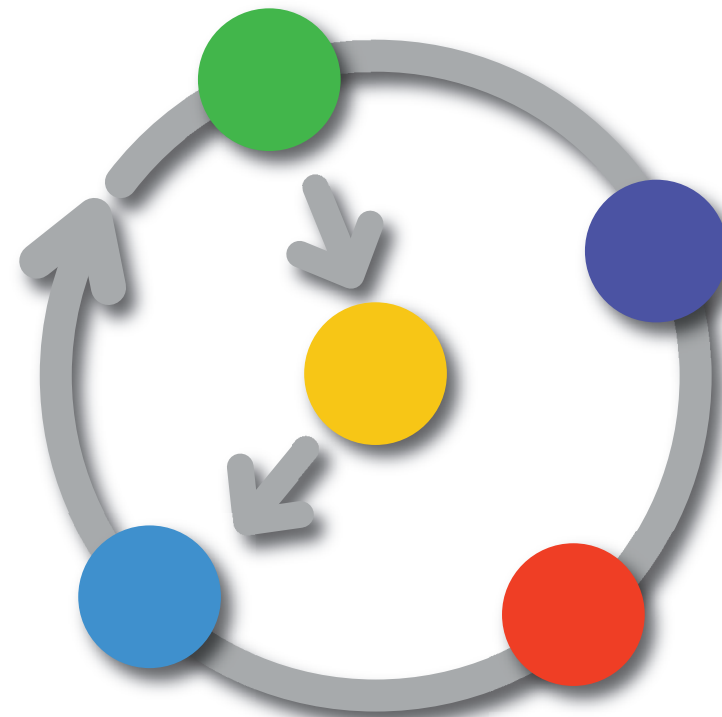
We can provide training and tailored one-to-one support to some or all your funded organisations to help them improve their evaluation and get better at reporting to you. We have a number of models we have developed with specific funders. Please ask for more information on how we develop a model that suits your needs.

Funders we have worked with include



"ESS is a trusted source of advice and practical support. I would rely upon them to offer sound and realistic advice. The organisation offers good value for money for funders who wish to provide evaluation support for charities or just wish to understand evaluation. And ESS is a great resource for charities to help them get to grips with evaluation"

A FUNDER QUOTE FROM OUR **2009** STAKEHOLDER SURVEY



FOR MORE INFORMATION

See our website or ask us to put together a more detailed proposal based on your needs and your size and capacity

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