

A Stitch in Time? aims to evidence the contribution of the third sector to the Reshaping Care for Older People agenda.



A Stitch in Time Newsletter



Patchwork Bits and Pieces

Seminar: Funding the right outcomes

**Monday 8 December
9.45 to 12.30pm**

At COSLA, Edinburgh

We are open for bookings for this seminar for funders and commissioners. We'll tell you about what outcomes you might fund, effective projects to achieve those outcomes and how to get the best from funding and relationships. You will also get to share your views as a funder.

Book your place [here](#).

Want to know more about the SIT programme go to our SIT webpages [here](#)

For further information about SIT please contact Diane Kennedy [here](#)

Hello Jane

Welcome to the Autumn 2014 newsletter for A Stitch in Time? (SIT), a partnership programme to demonstrate the Scottish third sector contribution to care for older people.

Since our last newsletter ESS has produced more Stitch in Time? publications, and been out and about encouraging more people to use them. In this issue we feature the 'Focus on...' documents which highlight activities that bring about key sets of outcomes for older people and lots more so read on...

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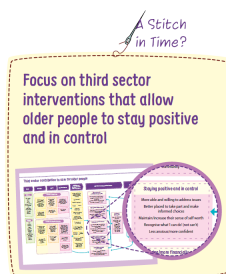
Focus on outcomes

Four of the six 'Focus on' documents are **available now** to download from on our website. The 'Focus on' documents focusses on key sets of outcomes, they highlight why these outcomes are important and identify third sector activities that can contribute. There is some discussion of what makes for an effective set of interventions. Each 'Focus on' is illustrated with a personal story.

Focus on third sector interventions that **allow older people to stay positive and in control**

Focus on third sector interventions that **enable older people and carers to keep or to be more socially connected**

Focus on third sector interventions that **make the physical and social environment more age friendly**



First of many ... Case studies

The organisational case studies have been produced to illustrate how individual organisations have developed their own logic model explaining the need for the service, the activities they provide and the outcomes they measure to suit their service users. These organisational case studies comprise two parts; the Model and the Evaluation methods.



The first comes from **Pilton Equalities Project**, a community based organisation that offers a range of services in response to community need. Click on the link below to download your copies.

Pilton Equalities Project: Model to explain the activities and outcomes for Pilton Equalities Project

Pilton Equalities Project: Evaluation in a community based organisation

Tell us if this is useful! Email us [here](#).

Coming soon! Watch out for two more Focus on documents, evidence reviews and organisational case studies to accompany the **Model** and **Indicator Bank**.

Help us evaluate Stitch in Time?

We hope that you are finding the Stitch in Time? materials helpful but we don't know because we need you to tell us how you are using them, in what circumstances, and how successfully.

Tell us whenever you use them by completing the survey [here](#). Thank you.

Diane meets Improvement Team

Last newsletter we told you about our plan to meet with the **Joint Improvement Team** Leads. At this meeting **Diane Kennedy**, ESS Depute Director presented the SIT? publications.

The JIT leads were enthusiastic, they liked the style, and thought 'simple is good'. It was also useful to have lots of small documents rather than a pack. They emphasised the role of small organisations and how best to support them.

We also discussed issues around what it good enough evidence. This will feed into our long term thinking and development of materials.

Community Connecting Tool



Through our work with the four organisations delivering the Community Connecting Project - **Pilmeny Development Project**, **Health in Mind**, **Places for People** and **Edinburgh Volunteer**

Centre, a **Community Connecting Shared Evaluation Tool** has been developed. **Community Connecting** is an innovative project providing short term support for older people to reconnect or make new connections in their community and the **tool** helps plan outcomes and goals, and baseline and impact measures to collect feedback from older people about their

experiences.

This tool could be adapted for other projects working with socially isolated older people. What do you think? Let Diane know [here](#).

Hot off the press - Let's Celebrate!

We are having **an event on 3rd March 2015** to mark the end of the three year Stitch in Time? programme to showcase the results of the work. **John Swinney, MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Employment and Sustainable Growth** in the Scottish Government has agreed to be the key note speaker at a parliamentary reception on the same day. The venue will be confirmed in the next Stitch In Time? newsletter. Put this date in your diary today!

If you have been forwarded this newsletter and want to receive it in future please **contact us** to be added to the SIT mailing list. To read previous SIT newsletters click [here](#).



Comment on our blog: The right tool for the job

Check out [Martha Lester-Cribb's](#) blog [here](#) on creating a tool for people with visual impairment so that they can tell you about their experiences of a service.



[Prompt cards to engage conversation](#)

Working to prevent loneliness and social isolation in older people? Try out this [new tool](#) from [IRISS](#). Plan P prompt cards were developed to encourage a preventative approach by looking at ways to maintain and build social and community connections for older people.



["Better than Pills"](#)

For evidence of the benefits of volunteering read [Edinburgh Volunteer Centre's](#) evidence review "Better than Pills" [here](#).

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