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Hello,

Welcome to the Spring 2014 edition of the ESS newsletter. The daffodils are out here in Edinburgh so it must be Spring. However we cannot believe how quickly time is passing. There's a lot to tell you about what has been happening and other things that are planned.



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Involving the people we work with in evaluation



Help us refine our ideas about involving the people you work with in evaluation

[Martha Lester-Cribb](#), Evaluation

Support Manager, has been working

with four organisations who are experienced in involving services users to develop a workbook. This will help plan why, when and how to involve the people you work with in evaluation.

We are now looking for your feedback and contributions before we produce the final version.

Please [download your copy](#) and tell us what you think by Monday 2nd June 2014!

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A Stitch in Time? latest news

Our 'A Stitch in Time?' (SIT) programme managed by [Diane Kennedy](#), Evaluation Support Manager is moving into its final year's work. The working groups met together in February to finalise the overall [logic model](#) and we are designing related materials. These will be published on our website soon. To find out what is planned for the final year please go to the [SIT webpage](#).



If you missed our latest SIT newsletter you can read it [here](#).



Find out about our Violence against Women programme

[Emma Liddell](#), Evaluation Support Manager, is working with organisations funded through the [Voluntary Action Fund](#) to work with women and children affected by violence. Find out about this work and the story so far [here](#).

Families affected by imprisonment

ESS has started supporting organisations working with families affected by imprisonment who are funded by The Robertson Trust. This work is in the early stages but keep an eye on our webpage [here](#) for further developments.

For more information please contact [Emma Liddell](#).

Catch up with news from our recent events

Funders 'Shift a gear'

"Coming together is great continuing professional development that funders cannot get anywhere else"

Individuals from funding organisations joined ESS in March, for our learning and action event 'Shifting A Gear'. Extracting key common themes and insights from our programme of funder discussions over 2 years, delegates explored these in greater depth and with the focus on taking action. These included:

- Vehicles and strategies for influencing policy and practice
- Creating increased opportunities for working in partnership
- Up-skilling funding sector staff (in all roles) and trustees in self-evaluation
- Continued platforms for sharing learning

Keep an eye on our [website](#) for ESS's programme of learning and events being developed in partnership with the [Scotland's Funders Forum](#) and the [Scottish Grantmaking Trust](#).



The Gathering - Inspiring Impact event

We promoted the latest [Inspiring Impact](#) products at The Gathering. Attendees had an opportunity to test the upcoming '[Measuring up!](#)' [diagnostic tool](#) and the [online marketplace](#).

Watch out for the report and further developments on our [website](#).

Social Services Expo and Conference 2014

And finally it was good to see so many people who visited our stand at the [Social Services Expo and Conference 2014](#) on 18 March.



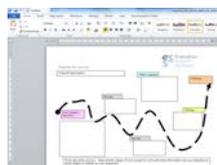
'Thank you for visiting the stand and talking to us', [Jane Marryat](#), ESS Research and Communications Officer.

Social Enterprise Scotland Launches New National Survey

Social enterprises across Scotland are urged to fill in the new short policy-related survey. The survey is open to any social enterprise based in Scotland. The aim is to gather views and experiences in order to campaign on the issues that matter to all social enterprises - and get action taken on policy. The survey is kindly supported by [Resilient Scotland](#), [Social Investment Scotland](#), [The Link Group Ltd](#) and [The Wise Group](#).

Click [here](#) to complete survey.

Check out these tools on our website



Recently added to our website are templates to make your own [logic model](#), [body map](#) and [map the journey](#). Those of you who have been on our [workshops](#) will have knowledge of these tools but if not look at [ESS Support Guides 1.2 Developing a logic model](#) and [2.3 Visual Approaches to evaluate your project](#) to find out how to use the templates.

Does your organisation use Social Media?

ESS has recently been discussing the use of social media to communicate key messages and we are eager to learn what other organisations are doing. Please help us by

completing the following survey [here](#) by Monday 5 May 2014.

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