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We say goodbye to our Convenor at our AGM

At our AGM on 14 September 2015 we said thank you and goodbye to Kirsten Hogg (pictured right), ESS's Convenor for the last three years and welcomed [Jennifer Wallace](#) who is taking over the reins. Jennifer's hope for the next three years are that "there will be even more focus across Scotland on improving outcomes, something that ESS is uniquely placed to support." [Read more from Jennifer ...](#)



We welcomed new Trustees to our Board: Andrew Fleming and Joanne McLean.

Our busy year is reflected in our [annual review](#) which focusses on our collaborative work, and our [annual report and financial statement](#).

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Upcoming workshops and events

5 November 2015, Edinburgh

[An introduction to logic modelling: Creating, mapping and linking outcomes](#)

21 January 2016, Glasgow

[What are my outcomes?](#)

4 February 2016, Glasgow

[Collecting information to report on outcomes](#)

18 February 2016, Glasgow

[Using creative approaches to evaluate your project](#)

8 March 2016, Glasgow

[Telling my story - Analysing and reporting on outcomes](#)

3 November 2015, at Carnegie UK Trust, Dunfermline

[Evidence Master Class](#)

This Master Class, delivered in partnership with the Alliance for Useful Evidence, is for leaders of small to medium third sector organisations to help them use evidence to boost the effectiveness and impact of their organisations.

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Let's collaborate



The second [Scottish Third Sector Research Forum](#) event, [Let's collaborate](#) took place on 11 September in Edinburgh. 57 people attended and heard presentations on 'How to set up effective third sector and academia collaborations' by [Patty Lozano-Casal](#), ESS and [Tara Murphy, Carnegie UK Trust](#). And 'What is What Works Scotland learning about effective collaborations' was presented by [Dr. Sarah Morton](#) and [Dr. Hayley Bennett](#).

The consultation of the new Evidence for Success supplementary guide '[Collaborating with academics](#)' was launched. Please respond by Friday 2 October 2015.

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Inspiring Impact continues in Scotland

Big Lottery Fund announced £600,000 funding for [Inspiring Impact](#) (II). Great news for third sector organisations in Scotland.

ESS will be delivering more free workshops and events for the Inspiring Impact programme. The fund will be used to expand the reach of Inspiring Impact's tools and resources, and to develop 'impact champions' across the UK. New 'impact champions' include the Money Advice Service and Citizens Advice.



Read II's latest report '[Building a movement](#)' written with Charities Evaluation Services which evaluates the influence of Inspiring Impact.

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New resources on our website



Resources, reports and new tools on our website:

- [A Stitch in time? Dementia-friendly communities, Edinburgh Initiatives 2014 -15](#)
- [Interactive logic model](#) (an online template to complete and download/print)
- [Evaluating asset-based approaches](#)
- [New resources](#) in the Evidence into Policy and Practice resource section: [Knowledge into Action Toolkit](#) and [Knowledge Hub](#)
- [Case study: ESS working in partnership with funders](#)
- [Quirkos - a qualitative analysis software for purchase](#)

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Introducing Threading the Needle

Threading the Needle is a programme to support health and social care commissioners in four health and social care partnership areas to use third sector evidence to commission outcomes for health and social care. The areas we are working with are: Fife, North Ayrshire, Glasgow and Perth and Kinross. Each area has a different focus: Anticipatory care, Improving qualitative data, Commissioning befriending projects and Tackling inequalities in wellbeing. The programme is funded by Scottish Government. This work builds on the learning from [A Stitch in Time?](#)



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News for funders



The last of this year's master classes 'Evaluating Together' took place on 1 September. [The report](#) summarises the learning from the day. Reports of the three previous master classes can be seen [here](#). We are happy to run master classes in 2016, if you are interested please get in touch with [Emma Liddell](#).

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Founders celebrate ten years of ESS

Some of ESS's founding trustees gathered with staff to celebrate ten years of Evaluation Support Scotland. There was much reminiscing and lots of talk about logic models mixed with delightful refreshments.



The evening was hosted by Linda McKie who originally had the idea that third sector organisations deserved to be supported to evaluate their work and show the difference they make. We owe a debt of gratitude to this fine group.

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