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### Our thematic work - update

Our thematic programmes are structured programmes to explore the contribution of the third sector to a particular policy area. This year we worked in a variety of fields.

#### Building community resilience

We worked with Scottish Government's Community Resilience Unit and local resilience groups to improve their understanding of good practice in building and evaluating community resilience. We produced a toolkit. Download [here](#). To get a flavour of the work read the [blog](#) by [Kate Anderson, Scottish Government](#) about what she learnt from visiting community resilience groups.

[Read more...](#)



#### Harmonising Indicators Project

This programme followed on from Measuring Outcomes Citizens Advice. Working with Citizens Advice and their statutory funders, we supported them to make monitoring and evaluation of advice more rational and more useful. The work concluded with the publication of Indicators for Measuring Citizens Advice [here](#).

[Read more...](#)

#### Thrive

Commissioned by Spirit of 2012, we supported 11 projects funded by Legacy 2014 Physical

Activity fund, to capture and share their learning about what does and doesn't work, and why. Projects wrote case studies telling their story. During this project the [Change Record template](#) and the [Thrive online evaluation tool](#) were developed.

[Read more...](#)

### Understanding intermediaries' impact

We are working with national third sector intermediaries about how they measure and report on their impact. To start this work we undertook a small scoping study which informed a seminar of intermediaries and Scottish Government officials.



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### Place based programme

Working with [The Corra Foundation](#) (formerly Lloyds TSB Foundation for Scotland) we have supported them to evaluate their [Place Programme](#), a community-led initiative in areas of Scotland that traditional, passive grant-making does not reach.

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## Shining a light on third sector evidence



Can't believe it's time for our AGM again which also means it's time to publish our annual review. This year we have shone a light on our work to support the gathering and use of third sector evidence. Read the [colour version of the review](#) or black and white version [here](#).

Our full annual report and financial statement is [here](#).

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At the AGM we welcomed two new trustees - [Diarmid Hearn](#)s who works for National Trust for Scotland and [Susan Lowes](#) from Marie Curie.



And after six years of service we said goodbye and thank you to Anita Morrison (pictured left) and Derek Young who had served for three years.

[For information about our trustees...](#)



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## Upcoming workshops

Getting started: Outcomes and Indicators

[25 January 2018, Glasgow](#)

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Make to measure: Evaluation Methods and Plans

[8 February 2018, Glasgow](#)

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Telling my story: Analysing and Reporting on Outcomes

[22 February 2018, Glasgow](#)

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Theory of Change: An introduction to logic modelling

[2 November 2017, Edinburgh](#)

This workshop is offered on the open programme once a year.

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## Inspiring Impact - Making it stick



At this year's Inspiring Impact Champions event 'Let's make it stick' in August we launched [Making it stick - a guide to embedding evaluation](#). Download your copy [here](#).

Inspiring Impact are keen to get an overview of impact practice across the third sector. Please help by taking 5 minutes to fill out [this survey](#) before 25<sup>th</sup> September. It really only does take 5 minutes!

[Read more about Inspiring Impact...](#)

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## Funder news

### Upcoming Funder workshop

- **Getting the best from your grant holders on 7 November in Edinburgh.** Book [here](#).

For more funder news or if you missed our latest **Funder newsletter** please see it [here](#)

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## New Resources on ESS website

Tools and guides

- [Change Record tool](#)
- [Evaluating arts projects with people who have experienced homelessness: Streetwise Opera's approach \(2017\)](#) A guide to evaluating arts projects with people who have experienced homelessness based on the methodology used at Streetwise.
- [Thrive Digital toolkit \(2017\)](#) A digital toolkit for practitioners who want to help people become active.
- [Our community resilience toolkit](#)
- [Making it stick - guide to embedding evaluation](#)

#### Case studies

- [Consultation and involvement](#): Using staff experience to inform evaluation systems about the importance of consulting staff at all levels to improve the evaluation systems of an organisation.
- [Inspiring Impact case study](#) - Circle embedding evaluation throughout their organisation.



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## Hello and Goodbye



After five years [Emma Liddell](#) (pictured on left) one of our Evaluation Support Managers has moved onto pastures new. She is Head of Business Development at YMCA George Williams College. Read her farewell in the Funders newsletter [here](#).

We are delighted to announce that [Louise Bowen](#) (pictured right) has joined us as the new Knowledge and Networks Officer. [Read more...](#)



### We're hiring - join the team

We are also looking for an enthusiastic trainer to join the team. [For more information and application pack...](#)

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