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Funder news

Learn, share, influence



September 2016

Welcome to our funder bulletin with lots of news and upcoming events.

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New opportunities for Funder Learning

This month we launch our new Funder Learning Programme focusing on common areas of interest that have emerged from FunderFest and conversations with the funders we work with.

Our first seminar was on the 5th September and rolled out the work of [Walking The Talk](#), a resource developed by a learning set of 7 funders exploring how funders evaluate their influencing work around policy and practice.

their own policy influencing work.

More seminars coming soon...

Small grant big impact?

Tuesday 11th October 2016 10
– 12.30, RS MacDonald Trust, 21
Rutland Square, Edinburgh

This free seminar is an opportunity
for those making small grants to:



- Hear [top tips from our masterclass](#) and other funders' thoughts about evaluating small grants
- Explore ideas about how to then use the evidence from small grants to influence decisions internally, and to influence other people's policy and practice.

Book your place [here](#).

Getting the best from your grant-holders

Tuesday 22 November 2016 10am - 4pm, RS MacDonald Trust, 21 Rutland Square, Edinburgh

Brush up your skills on how to support grantees with measuring and reporting on outcomes. Also a useful induction for new colleagues.

This workshop is aimed at new grant officers or those that would like a refresher in good evaluation practice. By the end of the workshop attendees will:

- Be clear about evaluation language
- Have a better understanding of how to support those they fund and develop a positive reporting relationship
- Improve their skills with making sense of reports

Book your place [here](#).



Personal reflection on FunderFest2016

Janet Morton, Children In Need, reflects [here](#) about funders learning together after attending FunderFest.



It's all about the asset-based!

ESS is involved in a number of community-led programmes, enabling us to further develop methods that focus more informal evaluation. These approaches encourage reflective practice and often involve capturing casual but meaningful moments. Check out our evaluation method: [capturing casual moments](#).



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News from funders

Mhairi Reid, has written a [blog](#) about what the Big Lottery has learnt during the two years of their [Our Place Programme](#).

Getting the best from your grant-holders

Do you know of any organisations that may benefit from any of the following evaluation workshops?

There are still places available on our '[Let's Evaluate](#)' workshops for third sector projects to improve all aspects of their evaluation practice.

[Getting started: Outcomes and Indicators](#)

[Make to measure: Evaluation Methods and Plans](#)

27 October 2016, Glasgow

9 February 2017, Edinburgh

[Telling my story: Analysing and Reporting on Outcomes](#)

10 November 2016, Glasgow

23 February 2017, Edinburgh

[Theory of Change: An introduction to logic modelling](#)

8 September 2016, Edinburgh

[Evidence for success: Using evidence to influence policy and practice](#)

6 October 2016, Edinburgh

[Learning from evaluation: Sharing experiences and embedding good practice](#)

24 November 2016, Glasgow

This workshop is open to those who have attended any one or more of the workshops above

If you would like to find out more about how to support your grant-holders to improve, and provide you with better evidence, please ask us about our [Evaluation Support Accounts](#).

Any questions or comments?

We appreciate all feedback so please get in touch.

If you have any questions, comments or want to feedback to us on our work with funders please contact Emma on [0131 243 2778](tel:01312432778) or [email](#).

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