



This autumn ESS are holding a learning dissemination event for A Stitch in Time? - Have you booked your place yet? We are sharing feedback from our Inspiring Impact Champions Network event and taking bookings for the next round of core and logic modelling workshops. [Book your place now!](#)

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## Evaluation Support Scotland Autumn Newsletter 2013



Dear <<First Name>>>,

Welcome to the **Autumn 2013 edition** of the **ESS newsletter**.

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31 October 2013  
Glasgow

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19 November 2013  
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Edinburgh

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28 November 2013  
Glasgow

## **A Stitch in Time? learning dissemination event** **Are we getting it right?**

ESS is hosting and facilitating an event on 13 November 2013 in Edinburgh to disseminate learning from our thematic learning programme, *A Stitch in Time?* This event will provide people in the third and public sectors with a chance to hear what we have achieved so far and give feedback on whether they think it is accurate and convincing. A small number of places will be available for people outwith Lothian. You can read the programme of the event [here](#). **Spaces are limited so book yours now!**

[Reshaping Care for Older People \(RCFOP\)](#) is about refocusing services on earlier intervention. To contribute to this agenda **A Stitch in Time?, an action learning programme**, supports the third sector to collect and present evidence to explain, measure and prove how the third sector

- i) prevents avoidable future use of health and social care services and
- ii) how it optimises older people's independence and well-being

**A Stitch in Time?** is a partnership project facilitated by Evaluation Support Scotland (ESS) and supported by the Scottish Government Third Sector Unit and the [Joint Improvement Team \(JIT\)](#). You can download a **A Stitch in Time? leaflet** [here](#).

## **Everyone is talking about logic modelling - check out our workshop!**

Everyone is talking about logic modelling and outcomes. Are you on board? If you are but feel the need to brush up on your skills we have just the right workshop

for you.

Check out our [logic modelling workshop](#) and **get on the outcomes train!**



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

3 December 2013  
Edinburgh

### [What are my outcomes?](#)

23 January 2014  
Glasgow

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

28 January 2014  
Glasgow

### [Making sense of reports](#)

4 February 2014  
Glasgow

### [Collecting information to report on outcomes](#)

6 February 2014  
Glasgow

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

20 February 2014  
Glasgow

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

6 March 2014  
Glasgow

## Check out what happened at the first Inspiring Impact Champions Network Event!

Evaluation Support Scotland (ESS) ran an Inspiring Impact event on 4 October 2013 in Edinburgh to promote Inspiring Impact generally and provide an opportunity for participating organisations to:

- \* Learn about the values and principles of Inspiring Impact.
- \* Have opportunities to share good impact measurement practice.
- \* Learn about how organisations can support (and be supported by) peers through the **champions network**.



The event was based on what participants of our previous Inspiring Impact events told us they wanted more of, including having time to reflect on impact practice; sharing experiences/ views and meeting new people.

Find out what happened at the event [here!](#)

If you would like to **join our Inspiring Impact Champions Network**, please contact [Patty Lozano-Casal](#).

## Do you have any examples of inclusive evaluation methods/tools?

At ESS we are interested in **gathering examples of inclusive evaluation methods and tools** – i.e. ones which can be used easily by people who are blind / partially sighted, have dual sensory loss, have low literacy levels etc. At a recent [Using Creative Approaches to Evaluate your Project](#) workshop, participants came up with some great ideas, which left us wondering what other organisations are already doing.



One group came up with the idea of using scales to help people demonstrate how they felt. In this example a project is trying to find out whether their service is helping someone sustain their caring role. The carer places weights on one side of the scales to represent each of the different stresses of being a carer. On the other side they place weights to represent how much the different types of support they receive helps them to cope. The more balanced the scales, the better.

Another group suggested providing a range of objects with different textures which people could select to represent how they feel about the service or aspects of their lives.

If you have any examples you are willing to share, please e-mail [Martha Lester-Cribb](#).



Please also get in touch if you are facing any particular challenges making your evaluation processes accessible to the people you work with.

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## Have you seen ESS's Annual Review 2012/13?

We have published our **Activities and Impact 2012/13!** This document provides a brief summary of what we did, what difference we made and what we learned in a given year.

**Download the report** [here](#).

## Publications we are reading just now ...

These are some of the publications we are reading just now when we are out and about supporting people to measure their impact and improve their systems:

# [The Institute for Research and Innovation in Social Sciences \(IRISS\)](#)'s report "[Supporting peer support](#)" (animated booklet).

# The [Alliance for Useful Evidence](#)'s report on "[Social media and public policy](#)".

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