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# Yearning for learning? Funders and third sector share what works in evaluation - 14 May



Hello,

Do you want to know the latest in evaluation and evidence? Our conference on 14 May is the place to be! Many funders, third sector organisations and policy makers are already coming, so hurry and [book your place](#) for valuable networking and learning.

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[Telling my story - Analysing and reporting on outcomes](#)  
9 July 2015  
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The following workshops are for managers and leaders in funding:

[Adding up outcomes](#)

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## Looking back Looking forward

Excitement is building here as we prepare for Looking back Looking forward on **14 May 2015, 9.30 for 10am start to 5pm** at **John MacIntyre Conference Centre, Pollock Halls, Edinburgh**. Have you booked your place? No, then [book today](#).

We hope that you will join us to share learning, contemplate the future of evaluation support and have some fun!

26 May 2015  
Edinburgh

### [Evaluating together](#)

1 September 2015  
Glasgow

The following workshops are for grant officers wanting to build skills and confidence in supporting funded projects:

### [Supporting funded organisations to set and measure outcomes](#)

10 June 2015  
Edinburgh

### [Making sense of report: Getting the best from funded organisations](#)

25 August 2015  
Edinburgh

## Conference highlights

We have planned a full day packed with opportunities.

Here are a few highlights:

- Hear Mary Craig, Lloyds TSB Foundation and Peter Hunter, MYPAS (Midlothian Young People's Advice Service) talk about what's changed for them in evaluation
- Play the Evaluation Howdunnit game
- Watch a film about ESS work and the difference evaluation makes to third sector
- Discuss your experiences of evaluation past and present What will the future look like?
- Attend two breakout sessions from a choice of six (more details below)
- Network over a delicious lunch
- Finishing the day with birthday bubbles and cake!



Full programme [here](#)

## Which breakout sessions interest you?



You have a choice to participate in two out of the following sessions...

- Why bother involving the people you work with in evaluation? - beyond feedback
- We did it our way - working together for effective reporting
- Greater than the parts - about thematic programmes
- Evidence for success: Making your evaluation evidence count
- Part and parcel of what we do - creating an evaluation culture
- There's madness in our method - getting evaluation methods right.

You will hear from some of our stakeholders about their involvement with ESS and you will get practical tips and learning to take away. Each session is lead by an ESS staff member.

## ESS anniversary blogs

Read our anniversary blogs 'The value of evaluation from ... ' series written from different perspectives.

Fraser Falconer, [ESS first Convenor remembers...](#)

Elaine Wilson, Lloyds TSB Foundation for Scotland [From a funder's perspective](#)

Mark McGeachie, Joint Improvement Team [From a commissioner's perspective](#)



Sarah Morton, Centre for Research on Families and Relationships [From an academic's perspective](#)

Watch out for the last in this series 'The value of evaluation from a third sector perspective' - coming soon.

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## New resources on our website



### [Why bother involving people in evaluation? Beyond feedback](#)

This interactive workbook is an essential tool to help you plan why, when and how to involve the people you work with in evaluation.

### [A Stitch in Time? publications:](#)

Case studies on [energy advice](#), [carers organisations](#), [Optima day care centres](#), [LGBT services](#), [physical exercise](#), and [community connecting](#).

Evidence reviews on how third sector supports:

[Unpaid carers achieve their outcomes](#)

[Older people with degenerative neurological conditions in Lothian](#)

Report

["No place for fatalism"](#)

Third sector contributions to improving older people's experiences of declining health, bereavement and death.

### [Evidence for Success](#)

This guide offers easy to follow, step-by-step guidance and resources to support organisations to use evidence to influence policy and practice.

### [How to evaluate website resources](#)

This infographic developed for students by Whoishostingthis? is a helpful and quick guide to accessing the reliability of online information.

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