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Evaluation Support Scotland Winter Newsletter 2014/5



Hello,

Happy New Year! Welcome to our ESS Winter newsletter. ESS is still in celebratory mode! We have exciting news of our birthday conference and other events including a Parliamentary Reception to mark the end of A Stitch in Time? We hope to see you at our conference and one or more of our events. Read on to find out how you can book your place.

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Book your place now!

[What are my outcomes?](#)

22 January 2015
Edinburgh
Please note venue change for this workshop

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

5 March 2015
Edinburgh

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27 May 2015
Glasgow

[Collecting information to report on outcomes](#)

9 June 2015
Glasgow

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

25 June 2015
Glasgow

Book now for our birthday conference in May



Looking back Looking forward

ESS is 10 years old in May 2015. At our full day conference, Looking back Looking forward, we will reflect on evaluation practice over the last ten years and we will look at how we can continue to support evaluation in the future.

We'd love to hear your views on the day!

The conference will take place on 14 May 2015, 9.30 for 10am start to 5pm at John MacIntyre Conference Centre, Pollock

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

9 July 2015
Glasgow

The following workshops are for managers and leaders in funding:

[Does capacity building make a difference?](#)

17 February 2015
Glasgow

[Adding up outcomes](#)

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:

[Outcomes and funding](#)

10 March 2015
Edinburgh

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

11 June 2015
Edinburgh

Halls, Edinburgh.

Your invitation is [here](#) with booking details. We hope that you will join us to share learning, contemplate the future of evaluation support and have some fun!

[Book](#) by 28 February to take advantage of the 'Early bird' rate!

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All sewn up? Final event - 3 March 2015



The final A Stitch in Time? event, 'All sewn up?', will take place on 3 March 2015, 1.30pm - 5pm at the Radisson Blu Hotel, The Royal Mile, Edinburgh. At this event you will learn what A Stitch in Time? has achieved, and will have an opportunity to contribute to what could happen next. There will be time to give your feedback and to get ideas about achieving better outcomes and evidence for working with older people. Book online [here](#).


Immediately following the 'All sewn up?' event there will be a Parliamentary Reception, hosted by Mr Jim Eadie MSP, at 6pm on 3 March at the Scottish Parliament to celebrate the end of A Stitch in Time? The keynote address will be given by [Mr Alex Neil MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Communities & Pensioners' Rights](#). Come and celebrate with us! Book your place now, as places are limited, by emailing [Lydia Morrow](#).

Interested in Criminal Justice?

The 'Using evidence in practice' event run by the Criminal Justice Evidence Partnership is for practitioners, policy staff, commissioners and funders. This event will take place on Tuesday 10 March 9.30am for 10am start until 3.45pm at Conference Suite, Scottish Government, Victoria Quay, Edinburgh.


For further information and to book click [here](#).

ESS blogs



Measuring Outcomes

How will you know if you have achieved your **outcomes**?



Work out which **INDICATORS** are likely to tell you.

Since our Director, [Steven Marwick](#), set the standard in writing blogs other members of the team have put pen to paper, so to speak! Let us know what you think of these pensive thoughts from ESS: [The right tool for the job!](#), [Building a case to be equally safe](#), [Setting indicators: separating impact from process](#), and [Creative approaches for Life!](#)

Anecdotal evidence

In A Stitch in Time? programme we have been exploring [story telling](#) with third sector organisations, as a method to collect evidence about the difference a service makes to older people. Dr. Cathy Sharp, who delivered these workshops, [calls time on anecdotal evidence](#) on the Alliance for Useful Evidence website. In addition, Professor Trish Greenlaugh argues that "Numbers are no more 'factual' than stories". Read more [here](#).

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