

Spring Newsletter 2016

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Let's evaluate! New workshops

Evaluation Support Scotland is proud to unveil the [Let's evaluate!](#) programme of workshops. We have reviewed and revised our workshops making them even more useful and playful! Read Tom's [blog](#), to find out how, and why.

The programme consists of three 'starter' workshops:

- [Getting started: Outcomes and Indicators](#)
- [Make to measure: Evaluation Methods and Plans](#)
- [Telling my story: Analysing and Reporting on Outcomes](#)

Three 'advanced workshops':

- [Theory of change: An introduction to logic modelling](#)
- [Making the most of experience: Creating case studies](#)
- Coming soon
- [Evidence for success: Using evidence to influence policy and practice](#)

And one 'embedding evaluation' opportunity (for those who have attended any one, or more, of the starter or advanced courses during the previous 12 months):

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

Workshops run regularly throughout the year. See dates below in 'Upcoming workshops'.

[Read more ...](#)



Upcoming workshops

Getting started: Outcomes and Indicators

5 May 2016, Edinburgh

13 October 2016, Glasgow

26 January 2017, Edinburgh

Make to measure: Evaluation Methods and Plans

17 May 2016, Edinburgh

27 October 2016, Glasgow

9 February 2017, Edinburgh

Telling my story: Analysing and Reporting on Outcomes

2 June 2016, Edinburgh

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

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Threading the Needle

[Threading the Needle](#) is Evaluation Support Scotland's thematic programme **to support health and social care commissioners to use third sector evidence to commission outcomes** for health and social care. We are working with four Health and Social Care Partnerships over 12 months; each has a different focus and will be using third sector evidence to:

- [Glasgow](#) - develop person centred anticipatory plans

- [Fife](#) - show the difference befriending makes
- [North Ayrshire](#) - make informed commissioning decisions
- [Perth and Kinross](#) - inform locality evaluation and planning.

It's early days, but we can share some key messages [here](#)

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New resources on our website

Resources, reports and new tools on our website:

- [Collaborating with academics](#) - "All you need to know" guide to working with academics.
- [The Third Sector Partnership Compass](#) - Helps you navigate partnerships.
- [What works in Independent Support](#) - Learning from organisations that took part in Support in the Right Direction.
- **Blogs:**
 - [Evaluation: Child's play?](#) - Why ESS's new Let's evaluate! programme is even more playful.
 - [ESS changes mind about evidence!](#) - Really? Using the right terminology.
 - [The power of peer support](#)
 - [ESS inTENTions for 2016](#) - Steven Marwick, ESS's Director introduces plan for the year.
 - [Using the right tool works!](#) - Hear how The Robertson Trust embeds impact practice.
 - [Knowledge Exchange: that 'auld' thing](#) - Patty Lozano-Casal explores the meaning of Knowledge Exchange in this blog for Interface.
 - [Talking evaluation with Evaluation Support Scotland](#) - Leapfrogtools talks about their visit to ESS and their Evaluation Game
- [Think data webinars](#) - Free webinars and workshops to get to grips with tricky statistics.
- [Evaluation Game](#) - If you like board games this is for you, created by Leapfrogtools.
- [The Richter Scale](#) - An easy to use evaluation tool to purchase.
- [Google Forms](#) - useful tool for creating surveys, organising events and meetings.

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FunderFest2016

Learn, share, influence and network at **FunderFest2016**, our free full day interactive funder event on **16 June 2016** in Glasgow.

Book your place [here](#).

Discuss common challenges and solutions from funder peers, explore what makes funders different and what you have in common. Other goodies:

- Walking the Talk: Launch of a new resource developed by funders
- Themed world cafe discussions: Different types of funders, different types of evidence; Getting the best from external evaluation; Support versus compliance
- Hear about interesting collaborative work ESS has done with funding partners.

We would like to thank all funders who completed our **Economic Evaluation** survey last December. Come to FunderFest and hear the results.

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"Enjoy the slightly warmer, sunnier weather this Spring" from the ESS team (said optimistically!)

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