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### Walking the Talk

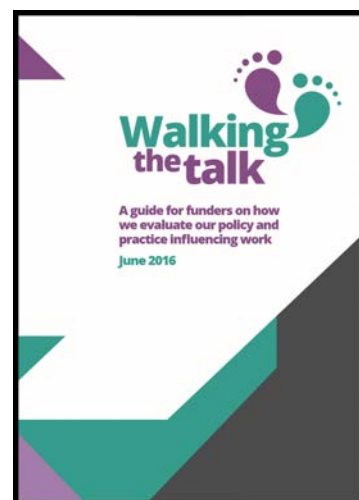
Walking the Talk: a guide for funders on how we evaluate our policy and practice influencing work was published on 16 June at [FunderFest2016](#) where it was enthusiastically welcomed.

This publication is the end product of a facilitated short-life learning set of funders who, over a few months, explored how they influence policy and practice in Scotland and how to evaluate that influencing work.

It includes a logic model, outcomes, indicators and examples of data collection, and funder case studies (longer versions of two case studies are available as a separate document alongside the guide).

Download your copy [here](#)

ESS is grateful to [The Robertson Trust](#), [BIG Lottery](#) and members of the [learning set](#) for their support.



## Upcoming workshops

Getting started: Outcomes and Indicators

[13 October 2016, Glasgow](#)

[26 January 2017, Edinburgh](#)

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Make to measure: Evaluation Methods and Plans

[27 October 2016, Glasgow](#)

[9 February 2017, Edinburgh](#)

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Telling my story: Analysing and Reporting on Outcomes

[10 November 2016, Glasgow](#)

[23 February 2017, Edinburgh](#)

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

8 September 2016, Edinburgh

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

6 October 2016, Edinburgh

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[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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## Experiencing recovery - Everyone has a story

ESS has been working with [Partnership Drugs Initiative](#) (PDI) and [Ice Cream Architecture](#) on '[Everyone has a story](#)', a programme to actively engage with the voices, opinions and feelings of young people whose parents are in recovery from problem alcohol and other drug use.

The programme is funded by PDI (which is part of [Lloyds TSB Foundation for Scotland](#)), with additional funding from [the Robertson Trust](#) and [Scottish Government](#).

Read ESS Evaluation Support Manager Emma Liddell's [blog](#) to get an insight into the '[Everyone has a story](#)' event where the [final reports](#) were launched.

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## New resources on our website



Resources, reports and new tools on our website:

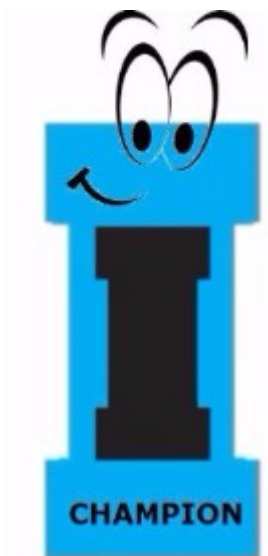
- [Outcomes – revised ESS support guide](#) - Explanations and examples about how to set outcomes
- [Envision cards](#) - Produced by NHS Education for Scotland these picture cards can be used in different ways to help people to talk about their stories, experiences, feelings, thoughts and ideas
- [Life Changes Trust Evaluation Toolkit](#) - Website with a variety of evaluation information and tools
- [Using evidence: What works](#) - Introduction to and discussion of the findings from the research project The Science of Using Science, from The Alliance for Useful Evidence
- [Social Reporting as an evaluation method](#) - how to guides on the use of social media published by IRISS
- **Blogs:**
  - Jennifer Wallace, Carnegie UK Trust (ESS Convenor) [Beyond knowledge exchange: remodelling the relationship between academics and the third sector](#)
  - Christine Scullion, The Robertson Trust, [Expectations of FunderFest2016](#)
  - Claire Frew, Glasgow Homelessness Network, [Why us? Glasgow Homelessness Network on collaborating with academics](#)
  - Jane Marryat, [ESS practices what it preaches!](#)

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## Come to the next Inspiring Impact Network Event



**Turning stumbling blocks into stepping stones to impact practice** funded by Inspiring Impact is the third II Champions Network event. It's on:

12 July 2016 10:00am - 1:00pm  
Hanover Conference Centre 95 McDonald Road  
Edinburgh EH7 4NS

Come along and learn **how to make impact practice stick!**

All third sector organisations and funders are welcome if you want to:

- Have a better understanding of challenges and solutions to embedding impact practice
- Have identified practical steps to embedding

- impact practice in your organisation
- Have had opportunities to share your experience and network with peers.

See programme of presentations and workshops [here](#).

Book your place [here](#).

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## Working with What Works Scotland

ESS is a knowledge partner of [What Works Scotland](#). What Works Scotland aims to improve the way local areas in Scotland use evidence to make decisions about public service development and reform. Read about how What Works Scotland works and its other partners in this working paper, by Karen Seditas, '[Evidence to Action in public service delivery: an overview of What Works Scotland Knowledge partners](#)'.

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