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Supporting Big Lottery Fund grantees to tell their story

We are delighted to announce that Evaluation Support Scotland (ESS) will be delivering free learning and self-evaluation support to a range of [Big Lottery Fund](#) grantees in Scotland from November 2017 to 2020.

Grantees will have opportunities to learn from attending Let's evaluate! workshops and tailored support.

As the programme progresses we will develop



- new sections on the website to include emerging tools, methods, blogs and case studies, including in relation to the Big Lottery Fund's three approaches.

[More detail will be on our website shortly](#)



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Importance of funders learning from each other

In this video 'Why learning from others is important' Martin Cawley, Scotland Director, [Big Lottery Fund](#) talks about the importance of sharing learning between funders, providing opportunities for grantholders to learn from each other, and sharing learning more widely.

Listen to Martin [here](#).



Online reporting discussion session for funders

[Online reporting discussion session](#)

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Robertson Trust

152 Bath Street

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Funders are increasingly using online systems (such as Salesforce) for grantees to apply for funding and to report on grants. But how do you get the best from these systems? What are

This is an interactive discussion session for funders only. It will allow funders to share experiences in a safe space and come up with some key messages and tips.

Book [here](#)



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New resource

[Reporting on core funding - addressing the challenges](#)

This short paper came from an event where funders and third sector organisations discussed the challenges of understanding and reporting on core funding. The paper does not have all the answers but has learning to help funders and funded think about what makes for a useful and meaningful core funding report. Read the report [here](#).

Please share this paper with your networks and [email us](#) with any comments.

Further information, tips, tools, case studies and other resources can be found on our website: www.evaluationsupportscotland.org.uk



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New staff

Nicola Swan, our new Evaluation Support Manager, joined ESS in October 2017. She has a wealth of knowledge and experience from working in the equality field, particularly workplace equality. Nicola will be taking forward our work with funders and is "really looking forward to getting out and supporting organisations in the third sector with evaluation, and engaging with funders."

[Read more about Nicola...](#)



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Steven Marwick busts some myths about funders

Funders never talk to each other. Funders all have totally different requirements. Funders don't want a relationship with the charities they fund. Does this sound familiar to you?



In his blog, written for [Institute of Voluntary Action Research](#), Steven Marwick, ESS Director, questions if there is any truth in these myths.

Read Steven Marwick's blog [here](#).



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