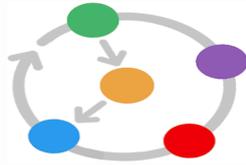


This summer ESS is taking bookings for four core workshops and two Funder Enlightening events that will take place in September and October 2012.



Evaluation Support Scotland's Summer Newsletter



Upcoming workshops

["What are my outcomes?"](#)

[6/09/2012 Glasgow](#)

["Collecting Information to Report on Outcomes"](#)

[27/09/2012 Glasgow](#)

["Using Creative Approaches to Evaluate your Project" 11/10/2012](#)

[Glasgow](#)

["Tell my Story - Analysing and Reporting Outcomes"](#)

[25/10/2012 Glasgow](#)

Dear <<First Name>> ,

Welcome to the **Summer 2012 edition** of the **ESS newsletter**.

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Inspiring Impact Scotland

ESS has teamed up with other 7 organisations to take part in the UK-wide collaborative project, **Inspiring Impact**,

Funder Enlightening events

["Policy influence and engagement" 13/09/2012 Glasgow](#)

["Understanding the impact of your funds" 26/10/2012 Edinburgh](#)

delivered in partnership with the sector. Its ten-year vision is **to make high quality impact measurement the norm for charities and social enterprises**. This means measuring social impact, using the data produced to manage and increase impact, and sharing findings. ESS will lead on work on Inspiring Impact Scotland. For more details click [here](#) or contact [Patty Lozano-Casal](#).

ESS Funder Enlightening

Last year ESS began our programme of learning seminars for funders, **Funder Enlightening**, specially-themed learning exchanges that provide a space for managers and development officers in funding bodies to share learning, knowledge and good practice. Our events are proving to be a productive way to share learning between funders so book now for the next two events, exploring key issues in a relaxed

provoking input:

1. 13 September 2012:
[Policy influence and engagement](#) (Glasgow)
2. 26 October 2012:
[Understanding the impact of your funds](#) (Edinburgh)

To find out more or book your place, please contact [Graeme Reekie](#) (T: 0131 243 2770).

Community sport projects ask "So what?"

"So what?" That's the question a **learning set of 8 community sports projects supported by [The Robertson Trust](#)** are asking themselves.

These projects use sport to engage the community to achieve a broad set of social outcomes. They also operate as social enterprises so they need to prove their value to survive.

So the **projects are supporting each other to measure their outcomes and build the case for the**

Speaking recently at the Senscot community sport conference, one of the learning set members, Susan McDonald from Jogging Buddies gave these **tips**:

- Don't be scared of monitoring and evaluation, it will add value to your programmes
- Keep it simple when developing tools to evaluate
- Don't collect statistics for the sake of it

To find out more click [here](#).

What good reporting looks like

In 2009-10, ESS facilitated the [Harmonising Reporting](#) working group, made of independent and public sector funders (from [Scotland's Funders' Forum](#)) and third sector organisations, to identify practical steps that funders could take to make reports more useful for funders

funded organisations (and less burdensome). Since then funders have been implementing the recommendations set out in the Harmonising Reporting report. So far, this is improving the quality of reports from funded organisations, reducing unnecessary bureaucracy and improving decision-making about future funding. We recently published a **case study report** showcasing **examples of good reporting practice** that some voluntary organisations and their funders have shared with us. To read the report click [here](#).

Evidencing the third sector contribution

Ess is a member of the [Third Sector Research Forum](#), which **draws on available robust evaluation (and self-evaluation) evidence** to produce a series of papers that **demonstrate where and how the third sector is contributing to different**

[here](#) to read the Research Forum's paper evidencing the the third sector's contribution to 'health and social care delivery' or click [here](#) to access the latest paper in the series, on 'reducing re-offending'.

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