

Parallel breakout session descriptors

Morning (10.50-11.55)

Who funds the third sector to undertake collaborative research with academics?

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In autumn 2017 the Scottish Third Sector Research Forum (TSRF) undertook a small scale research project to explore what funding is currently available to third sector organisations for engaging in research with academics. This included desk research and an online survey. The research showed that there are substantial challenges around funding collaborative projects! In this session you will hear the key messages from the research followed by a roundtable discussion to explore:

- In what ways do the findings resonate with your experience?
- What is your most challenging issue with regard to funding collaborative research? What would help?
- Should the TSRF do more to investigate this question?
- What could the TSRF do to help Third Sector Organisations looking for funding to take part in collaborative research?

Room: Pentland East

Research 'by' the community: what can we learn from community-led action research?

Andrew Paterson, Scottish Community Development Centre (Andrew.Paterson@scdc.org.uk)

Community-led action research is a way of doing research where the community being researched decides the issue to be researched, how the research is carried out and how the research results are used. This round table discussion will introduce community-led action research and explore the following:

- How do we recognise the voice of the community being researched?
- How does community-led action research relate to other forms of research involving the third sector, communities and service users?
- Power relations within research more generally.

<http://www.scdc.org.uk/what/community-led-action-research/ARC/>

Room: Pentland West

Coproducing Research With Disabled People: Disability research into independent living and learning

Dr Elaine Douglas, University of Stirling (elaine.douglas@stir.ac.uk); Dr Jim Elder-Woodward OBE, Glasgow Centre for Inclusive Living (jim.elderwoodward@gmail.com)

How can we do the best research with disabled people? This presentation and facilitated discussion will draw on current theories of best practice in coproduced research to outline how we can undertake research that empowers disabled people- rather than reproduce and reinforce inequality. It is based on over twenty years of theory and practice experience in this area from disabled researchers and activists, and draws examples from current research in the UK funded by the Disability Research Into Independent Living and Learning (DRILL) and Big Lottery fund. <http://www.drilluk.org.uk/>

<https://www.gla.ac.uk/schools/socialpolitical/research/sociology/strathclydecentrefordisabilityresearch/>

Room: Holyrood

The UWS-Oxfam Partnership: Reflections on some experiences of collaborative research and advocacy

Professor Chik Collins, University of the West of Scotland (chik.collins@uws.ac.uk)

The UWS-Oxfam Partnership, officially established in 2012, is a long-term and ongoing collaboration between the University of the West of Scotland and Oxfam Scotland, which developed on the basis of prior research and policy development collaborations between the two organisations. This presentation will outline the origins and development of the Partnership, describe some of the key collaborations and their outputs, and provide some reflection on the experience of 'partnership working' over the years.

<http://uwsoxfampartnership.org.uk/>

Room: Salisbury

The Research for Change Programme

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In our presentation we discuss the early stages of development of the Research for Change Programme- bringing academic researchers and third sector organisations together. The Social Value Lab and Life Changes Trust partnership model of quality-assured, participatory research gives under/postgraduates or recent graduates the opportunity to gain paid practical experience working on short-term, small-scale research and evaluation, for voluntary and community organisations that focus on care experienced young people and people affected by dementia. We expect the programme will support approximately 60 research projects, 50 organisations and 40 aspiring researchers. The researchers gain valuable practical experience, the organisations receive additional capacity and expertise, and it furthers the aims of the Life Changes Trust.

<http://www.socialvaluelab.org.uk/2017/08/introducing-research-for-change>

Room: Salisbury

Afternoon (1.55-2.55pm)

Propagate: sharing tools for co-production and collaboration

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Are you interested in implementing a co-production project, or in co-production methodology more generally? Come along to Propagate, an Iriss workshop focussed on our new co-production project planner. The session will be all about the implementation of co-production projects within social services and using co-production to shift power. Participants will receive a copy of the resource to work through together that includes a variety of practical methods and activities to engage people in co-production.

Come prepared to share your ideas and leave with lots of new ones! Before developing the resource, Josie Vallely, who will lead the workshop, worked on the Iriss-led Pilotlight project. Pilotlight applied co-production principles in the context of self-directed support.

Room: Salisbury

When Town met Gown: Fathers Network Scotland partnership with the University of Edinburgh – what makes collaboration work

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Fathers Network Scotland works to create a truly father friendly world. As a micro charity it relies heavily on working with partners to create and disseminate knowledge. In 2012 it set out to find out to uncover the facts about dads living in Scotland. Since then it has published 10 reports and hosted two research conferences for over 250 academics and practitioners on a research budget of less than £20,000 a year.

This workshop is an interactive discussion sharing the story of how Fathers Network Scotland work with the University of Edinburgh. How it came about, what happened and what difference this makes.

<http://www.fathersnetwork.org.uk/research>

Room: Pentland East

The long-term legacy of third-sector – university collaborations

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This facilitated discussion is led by two representatives of third-sector organisations and an academic. The group worked very closely until around 2015 delivering a number of outputs and outcomes in Wester Hailes, Edinburgh, supported by the Arts and Humanities Research Council's Connected Communities programme. Our session will reflect back on these experiences, and engage participants with the lasting legacy and learning from this coproduction of research.

<http://hdl.handle.net/1893/22080>

Room: Pentland West

Can we accelerate our impact through better use of evidence? Learning from the Centre for Homelessness Impact

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Dr Ligia Teixeira is the Director of the new Centre for Homelessness Impact which aims to use evidence to achieve step-change in the effort to end homelessness. Ligia will be joined by Karoline Kirchhübel from design and innovation firm IDEO, who will share some of the practical 'human centered' methods designers at IDEO apply to solving complex questions. These include co-creation approaches such as thinking about how you engage with people in the 'mainstream and extremes'; using 'analogous experiences' for inspiration at the start of your research, and 'launching to learn' when you get your project off the ground. Participants will get a chance to try out some of the methods during the session.

<https://www.homelessnessimpact.org/>

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