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Let's collaborate for impact



The Forum's third annual event '**Let's collaborate for impact**' took place on 13 September 2016 at Victoria Quay, Edinburgh. Just under 70 participants from the third sector, public sector and academia attended. The event, which included presentations, case studies and breakout sessions, provided an opportunity to improve understanding of what impact means in the third and academic sectors, to identify practical steps to effective collaboration for greater impact and for third sector and academics to network together. See the [programme](#) for more detail.



Get a flavour of the day from reading the [blog](#), seeing our [Storify](#) or searching [#tsrf](#) on

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Consultation on TSRF projects for 2016/17

The Forum is looking for **views/ideas on two small research projects** that they propose to undertake this year about **co-production** and **inclusive growth**. Two papers have been produced:

[What do we know about what makes for effective co-production?](#)

[What do we know about the third sector's role and contribution to inclusive growth?](#)

Each paper provides some background to the topic, an outline for the project, and information about the process to carry out the research.

We are interested in hearing your opinions and know that you have valuable experience to draw on and insights to share. Please give us your feedback by answering the questions (that can be found at the back of each paper) and [emailing us](#) your comments **by 5 October**.

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Research updates from our members

Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR):

"Public confidence in the third sector: what do we know?"

OSCR's trust and confidence research



condensed into an eye-catching infographic. View reports [here](#)

Voluntary Health Scotland (VHS): Scoping third sector provision of community link workers

Commissioned by Scottish Government, VHS are carrying out a scoping exercise to help inform Scottish Government's development of a national Community Link Workers programme. The study, to be completed in six months, is being conducted by Simon Jaquet Consultancy Services. For more information click [here](#).



Evaluation Support Scotland (ESS): Messages about economic evaluation

In 2015 ESS conducted a survey of **funders' views about economic evaluation** (summarised [here](#)). ESS consulted funders at **Funderfest 2016**, an event for funders in June, about the **key messages** from the findings of the research. Next year ESS will publish a guide for third sector organisations and funders about how to talk together about evaluating value for money.



Think Data - Free workshop and webinars this autumn on making the most of your data:

Workshop 3: "Using your own databases as research resources"

Wednesday 5th October, Edinburgh. Book your free place [here](#).

Webinar 9: Dealing with data: Qualitative and textual data within databases

Thursday 29th September 3pm to 4:30pm. Book your free place [here](#).

Webinar 10: Supporting your colleagues through the data analysis process

Tuesday 4th October 3pm to 4:30pm. Book your free place [here](#).

Find details of all Think Data training opportunities past and future, at [Think Data](#).

'Scottish Civil Society Data Partnership' project survey

The 'Scottish Civil Society Data Partnership' project would be grateful if you could complete their survey. It will take about 5 minutes and looks into the circumstances and possible challenges facing people who are potentially interested in making use of data about their own or other third sector organisations for research purposes.

<https://stirling.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/s-csdp-snapshot-september-2016>

Share your findings

Do you have research evidence from, or about, the third sector you'd like to share or present to the Forum? Please email [Patty Lozano-Casal](mailto:patty.lozano-casal@evaluation-support-scotland.org)

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Keep up-to-date with the Forum

The Forum meets quarterly. To keep up-to-date read the minutes of past meetings [here](#)
The next Forum meeting will be on 30 November in Glasgow.

You can also read more about the [Forum's work here](#) and see [previous evidence papers](#).

Get in touch!

Tell us what you think about the Forum by emailing [Patty Lozano-Casal](mailto:patty.lozano-casal@evaluation-support-scotland.org)

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