Scottish Third Sector Research Forum
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Our Third Sector Research Forum Researching Together conference took place on 1st February 2018 in Edinburgh. The day was attended by 100 academics, third sector organisations and those interested in third sector research. It explored the theme of researching together and was chaired by Dr. Rebekah Widdowfield, Chief Executive, The Royal Society of Edinburgh.

The conference report details the eight sessions and feedback from participants. We have also created a Storify as a quick read to what happened at the conference framed by #rtconf2018 tweets.

Throughout the conference participants were asked for their views on the Forum, and for

messages for the Forum and others - Scottish Government, universities and funders.

Forum members discussed the messages at the March meeting. They identified four action points for the forum to take further:

- raising the TSRF profile and running events
- developing networks with university research offices
- signposting to funders,

funding resources and organisations that broker third sector and academic collaborations

- making links with relevant people and institutions to highlight good practice and challenges in third sector research.

We will keep you updated about the progress made in future Forum newsletters.

Read conference report

Researching T ogether Storify

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Action needed: TSRF mailing list

We need you to sign up to keep receiving this newsletter!

We are reviewing membership of the Third Sector Research Forum and, as part of this, we are creating a Third Sector Research Forum mailing list. You will only receive this newsletter in future if you take action now . The new mailing list will only be used to send out Third Sector Research Forum communications.

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What would you like to see more research about?

Charity Futures , the new sector think tank led by Sir Stephen Bubb, is launching a consultation to find out the topics on which donors and charity leaders most want more research. The project will invite charities, private donors and institutional funders to say where more research would be of most use. The output will be a prioritised list of research questions which donors and charities have raised. You are invited to join one of the focus groups . All run from 12.30pm to 2.30pm and with light lunch available from 12 noon.

One focus group is taking place in Edinburgh on June 12 th 2018 .

More information...

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Research updates from our members

Volunteer Scotland

Volunteer Scotland has analysed data from the Scottish Charity Regulator's Charity Survey 2016 to draw out the Key findings on volunteering .

Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR)

Increased press and public scrutiny of charities, such as the news coverage seen in February this year, has highlighted the importance of understanding accountability in the charity sector. Notifiable events is one of the areas that OSCR wrote to all charities about following the news coverage in February. This programme was introduced in April 2016 and analysis of the first full year of notifiable events is the subject of research carried out by Diarmuid McDonnell and Alasdair Rutherford from the University of Stirling. More information on the research, and what we can learn from it is featured in their blog, written for NCVO last year: Promoting charity accountability: understanding disclosure of serious incidents .

Poverty Alliance

Poverty Alliance has launched their formal partnership with Glasgow Caledonian University. The Scottish Poverty and Inequality Research Unit (SPIRU) is a multi-disciplinary research group involving staff from across GCU working in partnership with the Poverty Alliance and other external stakeholders.

Voluntary Sector Studies Network (VSSN)

VSSN is calling for papers for The Voluntary Sector and Volunteering Research Conference which takes place in London on 6 and 7 September 2018.

The next VSSN day conference is on 9 May in York and is about Developing innovative approaches to tackling complex social problems – opportunities and challenges.

Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations (SCVO)

SCVO has launched:

- The public view: trust, confidence and support of charities in Scotland 2018 . This briefing presents and analyses the findings from a survey of the general public in Scotland on trust, confidence and support of charities.

- 'I Love Charity' campaign , which aims to inspire trust in charities by supporting good governance within organisations to ensure they are well run, open and transparent, and to encourage charities to work harder at promoting the positive impact of their work.

- 'A Young Person's guide to working and volunteering in Scotland's third sector 2018 ' aimed at young people interested in working and/or volunteering in the sector.

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 Louise Bowen

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Keep up with the Forum

The Scottish Third Sector Research Forum meets quarterly. You can read the minutes from the meeting which took place on 8 December 2017 here and previous meetings here. And for more news from Scottish Third Sector Research Forum please read the TSRF newsletters here.

The next Forum meeting will be on 20 June 2018 at Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR), Dundee.

You can also read more about the   Forum's work   here and see previous evidence papers.

Get in touch!
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