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## Winter 2017/2018

Welcome to this edition of the Scottish Third Sector Research Forum (TSRF) newsletter.

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## Researching Together conference update

There are just a few places still available for the next [Third Sector Research Forum](#) event Researching Together conference on 1st February 2018 at John McIntyre Conference Centre, Pollock Halls, University of Edinburgh .

This all day event is for academics, third sector organisations and those interested in third sector research. It will explore the theme of researching together and will be chaired by [Dr. Rebekah Widdowfield](#) , Chief Executive, The Royal Society of Edinburgh. Contributors will include:



- [Social Value Lab](#)
- [Centre for Homelessness Impact](#)
- [Iriss](#)
- [DRILL](#) (Inclusion Scotland )
- [Whale Arts](#)
- [Prospect Housing](#)
- University of Stirling
- University of the West of Scotland

[More information and booking here but be quick...](#)

This is a very popular event so if you have booked and are no longer able to attend please let us know so we can reallocate your place.

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## Centre for Homelessness Impact set to launch



New Centre to help tackle homelessness set to launch in 2018

Charities [Crisis](#) and [Glasgow Homelessness Network \(GHN\)](#) have recently announced that they have successfully secured funding for a new Centre for Homelessness Impact to be based in Glasgow, Edinburgh and London and set to formally launch in spring 2018.

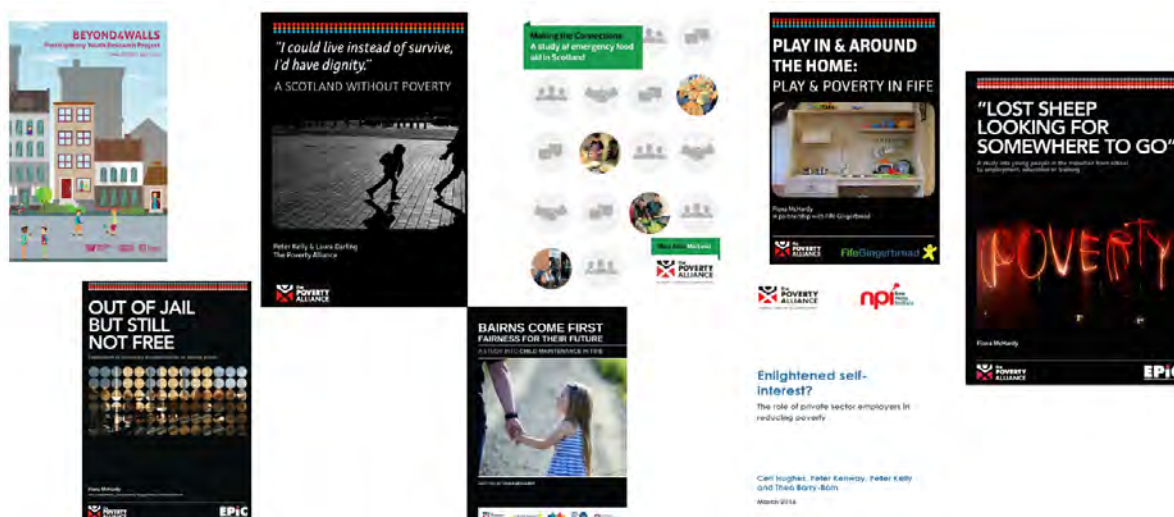
The new Centre will analyse how to most effectively prevent and tackle homelessness. It will help policy-makers, commissioners and front-line practitioners build and use evidence about 'what works', supporting them to make effective use of resources and to improve impact. In all its work, the Centre will strive to make evidence accessible - through training, support for innovation, and interactive tools.

The Centre will be headed by Dr Ligia Teixeira, formerly Head of Research and Evaluation at Crisis. Core funding has been committed to the venture, initially for three years, by philanthropist Humphrey Battcock.

[See the Centre for Homelessness Impact website here](#).



## Poverty Alliance research



At the Forum's December meeting, Fiona McHardy, Research Manager at [Poverty Alliance](#) presented the range of research that the organisation undertakes on issues surrounding poverty such as:

- [Beyond4Walls](#) - participatory research with young people
- [Out of jail but still not free](#)
- [Scotland without poverty, 'I could live instead of survive, I'd have dignity'](#)
- [Emergency food aid in Scotland](#)
- [Bairns come first - fairness for their future](#) - A study into child maintenance in Fife.

[Current work](#) includes:

- [Re- Invest](#), funded by the Horizons 2020
- [Menu for Change](#), funded by Big Lottery Fund
- Ante Natal Care, funded by Wellcome Trust in partnership with Glasgow Caledonian University
- Stigma Measurement, funded by Scottish Collaboration for Health Research and Policy
- Child Poverty, funded by Aberdeenshire Council
- Making It Work Evaluation, funded by Fife Gingerbread and other partners.
- Smoking and Poverty (Understanding), funded by Cancer Research UK
- Inequality Book- Academy of Government Inequalities Reference Group.

[See Poverty Alliance website for more information](#)



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## Research updates from our members

### [Volunteer Scotland](#)

[Volunteer Scotland](#) and the University of Strathclyde are co-hosting “Young People, Volunteering and Inclusion” conference on **14 March 2018**, at Insights Institute, Glasgow. The programme will include James Davies’ PhD research on [Young People, Volunteering and Place: Attitudes and Experiences in Areas of Multiple Deprivation](#). Invitations will be issued in the week of 8 January.

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### [Scottish Charity Regulator \(OSCR\)](#)

The Scottish Charity Regulator will be repeating its Scottish Public and Charity Surveys in early 2018. This research will explore the issues facing Scottish charities and gather feedback on OSCR, as well as seeking views on public attitudes towards, and measuring public trust and confidence in Scottish charities. The research in 2018, which will include both qualitative and quantitative work, will also explore public and charity expectations of OSCR to help inform their future activities.

The research was last carried out in 2016 with the full reports available on OSCR website – [Scottish Public and Charity Surveys 2016](#).

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### [Poverty Alliance](#)

Poverty Alliance has been involved in publishing “[Book 12 Working for Equality Policy, politics, people](#)”, edited by Richard Freeman, Fiona McHardy and Danny Murphy. This book brings together a group of experienced practitioners from across the country to reflect on ways of Working for Equality. They focus on class, race, gender, poverty, disability and homelessness as well as health and education. They are concerned with individuals as well as ideas and policy instruments. The book is available for purchase [here](#).

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### [Voluntary Sector Studies Network \(VSSN\)](#)

VSSN is organising two events:

#### [Youth Action, Activism and Education: Continuities, Changes and Possibilities](#)

**Thursday 15th March 2018, Canterbury Christ Church University, UK**

This free one-day conference will explore international, national and local perspectives on the changing nature of youth action, activism and the associated implications for education. The programme will include keynote speakers and papers which will introduce and raise key aspects of this topic.

We also welcome papers from researchers from across the career stage and located in a diverse

range of fields, which may span education, youth studies, voluntary action, activism and participation in civil society organisations. To present a paper or poster, please send an abstract (up to 250 words with your email and institutional affiliation) in Word format to [andrew.peterson@canterbury.ac.uk](mailto:andrew.peterson@canterbury.ac.uk). Your abstract should outline your proposed paper, showing how the issues you raise will contribute to the themes for the day. Download the full call [here](#). The deadline for abstracts is **10th January 2018**.

**Developing Innovative Approaches to Tackling Complex Social Problems – Opportunities and Challenges Thursday 9th May, 2018, York St. John University** - More details to follow.

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### University of Edinburgh

The Business School is holding two workshops in January:

**Integrated public services: Learning from experience and from each other**, on **16th January 2018** 9.30am – 4.45pm at Business School, University of Edinburgh. A SUUI workshop on co-production and user engagement in health and social care integration. Attendance is free of charge but all participants must be registered. Book [here](#).

### Public services: Co-production and active partnership

**Monday 29 January 2018** 10am - 3pm at the University of Edinburgh Business School

This workshop will explore co-production in public services and its inter-relationship with active citizenship within Scottish society. Third sector, public service organisations, policy and academic colleagues are invited to this workshop which will explore co-production in public services and its inter-relationship with active citizenship within Scottish society. To book one of the limited places at the event please register [here](#).

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### Carnegie UK Trust

The Carnegie UK Trust is running a short survey on the accessibility and use of evidence. This will build on work undertaken in 2013 to assess how policymakers and practitioners in different parts of the UK access and use policy and practice evidence, aiming to see if there has been a shift in the interest and demand for evidence. If you complete the survey, you will be entered into a prize draw to win a donation of £1,000 to a charity of your choice. See survey [here](#).

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### Other updates:

**The International Association for the Scientific Study of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IASSIDD)** are hosting their **international conference in Glasgow from 6 - 9 August 2019**. If you are interested in exhibiting at this prestigious world conference please email the organising committee [here](#). There is no cost to exhibit at the conference for not for profit organisations.

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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](mailto:Louise.Bowen@kno.ac.uk)

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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 5 October 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 15 March 2018 at Scottish Government, Atlantic Quay, 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 [Louise Bowen](mailto:Louise.Bowen@kno.ac.uk)

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