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### Threading the Needle comes to an end



[Threading the Needle](#) - our thematic programme funded by Scottish Government, to support health and social care commissioners in four health and social care partnership areas, to use third sector evidence to commission outcomes, ended in January.

At the final event '[Gathering the Threads](#)', in Edinburgh, over 50 people came together to hear speakers from each area of the programme talk about what they had achieved and learnt from this work.

Several publications have been produced including:

Three 'Learning point' documents which outline the combined learning from the programme

- [We need to talk about data and evidence](#)
- [We need to understand where third sector evidence fits](#)
- [We need to build the focus on outcomes](#)

[How to explore decision making and the role of evidence](#) - a guide which describes the process used to help North Ayrshire Health & Social Care Partnership review and improve their Integrated Care Fund decision making, with particular focus on using third sector evidence. This process can be adapted to suit other situations.

[From the source to the sea: Understanding how befriending can help Fife Health and Social Care Partnership address its priorities](#) - illustrates how befriending services may be able to help the Fife Partnership achieve its strategic priorities (and the nine national health and wellbeing outcomes). It will also help other befriending services measure and demonstrate their contribution to strategic level outcomes.

For more information about the specific work in each area read their storyboards and see the following resources:

[Fife \(Befriending\)](#)  
[Glasgow \(Anticipatory Care Plans\)](#)  
[North Ayrshire \(Decision making\)](#)  
[Perth & Kinross \(Data\)](#)

[Reviewing the pathway](#) - relating to anticipatory care plan pathway

[Layers of support](#) - a pictorial illustration of support in society developed during Threading the Needle in Fife

[North Ayrshire monitoring and evaluation form](#)

And lastly some insightful [blogs](#) from people at Gathering the Threads giving a personal glimpse into their learning:

[Horizontal Learning - Joanna Clark](#), Fife Voluntary Action  
[All partners are equal - Annie Weir](#), North Ayrshire Health & social Care Partnership  
[We're still explorers! - Helen MacKinnon](#), Perth & Kinross Association for Voluntary Service

From ESS's Evaluation Support Managers who worked on Threading the Needle:

[Sometimes it's the simple things that help - Diane Kennedy](#)  
[How we connect - Martha Lester-Cribb](#)

Catch up with Gathering the Threads event by searching for TTN2017 on [Twitter](#).



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## Upcoming workshops

Getting started: Outcomes and Indicators

[25 May 2017, Glasgow](#)

[12 October 2017, Edinburgh](#)

[25 January 2018, Glasgow](#)

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Make to measure: Evaluation Methods and Plans

[8 June 2017, Glasgow](#)

[26 October 2017, Edinburgh](#)

[8 February 2018, Glasgow](#)

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Telling my story: Analysing and Reporting on Outcomes

[22 June 2017, Glasgow](#)

[9 November 2017, Edinburgh](#)

[22 February 2018, Glasgow](#)

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## Evidence from Elsewhere - new guide just published

The new Knowledge Translation Network (KTN) publication “[Evidence from Elsewhere: Gathering, analysing and using other people’s evidence](#)” was launched on 22 March at a fully booked event in Glasgow.

But don’t worry you can download your copy from [here](#).

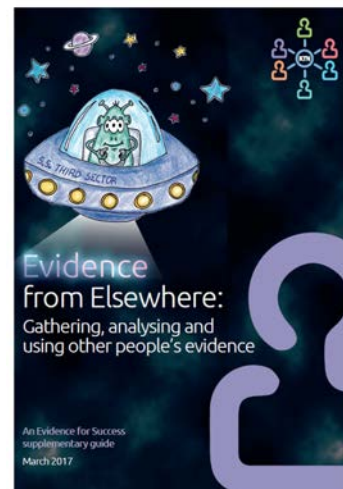
Using other people’s evidence can be useful to fill gaps in your evidence or to help make a case for a new service or project.

The guide is packed with lots of tips and advice useful for anyone undertaking a review of secondary evidence, in other words... other people’s evidence.

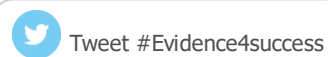
The guide is part of a series of publications:

[Evidence for Success](#)

[Collaborating with academics](#)



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## Catch up with the Scottish Third Sector Research Forum

The Scottish Third Sector Research Forum meets quarterly. You can read the minutes of 30 November 2016 meeting [here](#) and previous meetings [here](#).

And for more news from Scottish Third Sector Research Forum please read the [TSRF new sletters here](#).



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## New Resource for funders

'[Getting the best from external evaluations - Principles for funders](#)' has been produced by a working group of funders with the support of ESS.

The resource is about external evaluations (for example of a grant programme), that are commissioned from consultants, universities or others. It gives funders practical principles on what they can do to make sure they get the best from the external evaluations.

The headline message is that a successful commissioned evaluation comes from a good relationship between the commissioner and the evaluator, a shared purpose and a commitment to learning.

[Download your copy here](#).

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## Welcome to Shona, our new training officer

Shona Wells joined ESS in February 2017 and has spent the last few weeks getting to know us and has been out and about meeting some of you at workshops and events. She is looking forward to delivering the 'Let's evaluate' workshop programme from next month. Shona may have already been in touch with you about tailored support, if you have funding from Lloyds TSB Foundation for Scotland or The Robertson Trust.

Shona has a varied background. She studied Psychology and Sociology at University, and has worked in the third sector for many years across a variety of roles. Her experience in the sector ranges from being a volunteer, a staff member and a manager. She has always enjoyed delivering training and wanted a post with a training focus. She says, "Being the Training

Officer at ESS allows me to combine my passion for supporting good causes with my enthusiasm for delivering training and facilitating learning”.

When not at work, Shona enjoys learning Italian, cooking, spending time with family and friends, listening to rock music and going on holiday.

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