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over 100

Number of times per year the Forum meets

Hours of discussions around third sector research and evidence

The number of core members in the Forum

The number of subgroups* on :
 • Health of the third sector
 • Benefits of volunteering
 • Partnership working

Research updates shared and discussed at Forum's meetings



over 1,000

webpage views



"The perfect place to test out early research conclusions with colleagues – and to hone up on who's researching in and about the third sector." Carolyn Sawers, Big Lottery Fund Scotland

Find out more about the Forum at www.evaluationsupportscotland.org.uk/our-work-partners/
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What we set up to do



- Promote/ share research about/ from the third sector
- Work collaboratively to identify research questions and meet evidence gaps
- Promote the use of research to improve policy and practice

What we did



- Published two evidence papers (2011, 2012):
 - ✓ Why Involve the Third Sector in Health and Social Care Delivery
 - ✓ Why Involve the Third Sector in Reducing Reoffending
- Set up three working groups* to explore specific issues
- Hosted "Bringing the third sector and academic research together" event (2014)
- Communicated learning from Forum's work through webpages and newsletters
- Sent out three calls for evidence and fed responses into our work

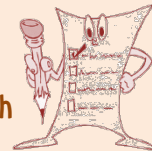


"Good to have an opportunity to meet academics working in a range of areas & to hear about their experiences of collaborating with the third sector."
 Laura Mulcahy, Criminal Justice Voluntary Sector Forum

- Public sector and third sector have increased understanding of the role of the third sector in delivering services and services



- Academics and third sector organisations (TSOs) have:
 - better understanding of the benefits of research collaboration
 - opportunities to learn from/ share examples of positive collaborations
 - better understanding of the process of setting up research collaborations



The difference we made

- Report on the benefits of volunteering for people with complex needs
- Health check tool for positive and effective partnership working
- Second event with academics! – 11 September 2015!

