

## Scottish Third Sector Research Forum champions the use of third sector research evidence in Scotland

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## Winter 2016

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

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### Top tips to communicate research effectively?

There's not that much use for research unless you do something with the results! We've probably all waded through some heavy research findings and thought "there must be a better way to communicate this important message".

At the last Forum meeting we discussed just this - how to communicate your research effectively, in an attractive but informative way. We brought examples we like along and in groups, drew out tips and guidance that, hopefully, you will find helpful.

It's important to make sure you don't lose the important points amongst brightly coloured pictures - the images must always add, not detract, was just one tip we would like to share with you.



Another [Knowledge Translation Network \(KTN\)](#) publication is coming soon – [Evidence from Elsewhere](#) is about how to make the best of other's evidence. This publication, part of the [Evidence for Success](#) family, will be launched on **22 March 2017** at a morning event at Big Lottery Fund in Glasgow. So if you want a hard copy of the guide put this date in your diary. We will take bookings for the event on our website in the new year.



After the launch it will be available to download from the ESS website.

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## Research updates from our members

### European Social Innovation Fund Tackling Poverty and Social Inclusion

Scottish Government is running [two 'Growing the Social Economy' workshops](#) to raise awareness about the Social Innovation Fund on 14 December in Inverness and 15 December in Victoria Quay, Edinburgh. To register your interest please email [InfoGrowingtheSocialEconomy@gov.scot](mailto:InfoGrowingtheSocialEconomy@gov.scot)

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[Disability Research on Independent Living & Learning \(DRILL\)](#) has announced that they have awarded between £35,000 and £40,000 to 10 new research projects, led by disabled people, across the UK. Each project will explore how disabled people can live as full citizens in our society and what changes and support will make that happen in practice. These include two Scottish projects: [Voices of experience](#) and [People First Scotland](#). Projects will start in January 2017. [For more detail...](#)

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[Think Data](#) - [Webinars](#) of previous workshops are now available [here](#) including:

- Using your own databases as research resources
- Dealing with data: Qualitative and textual data within databases
- Supporting your colleagues through the data analysis process

Find details of all Think Data training opportunities at [Think Data](#).

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### [Coming soon:](#)

[Social Enterprise Census](#) will be published on **14 December 2016**. Watch out for more

information [here](#).

**The Robertson Trust** with Scottish Government, Sport Scotland and Sport for Change Network has commissioned Research Scotland to research how sport and physical activity are being used to benefit individuals and communities across Scotland. This will be published soon.

[More details...](#)

**Scottish Charity Regulator:** The **Joint-SORP** making body has published an [invitation to comment](#) on how Charities SORP can be improved. Consultation closed **11 December 2016**. Watch out for the results.

**Big Lottery Fund Scotland** has commissioned two pieces of research about:

- Community owned assets
- Their funded community work from the past four years.

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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 [Patty Lozano-Casal](#)

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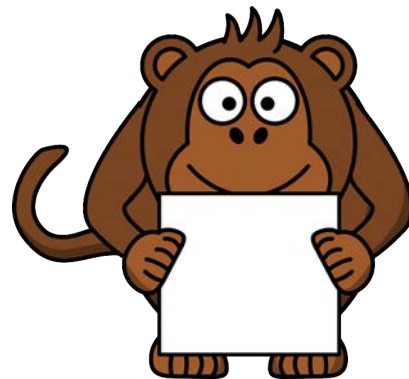


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## Let others know what you think! (Don't let the monkey stop you...)

**Evaluation Support Scotland (ESS):** are looking for feedback on their services in their biennial stakeholder survey. This time ESS are particularly interest in knowing your thoughts on their work with funders and secondly, how you use our publications? Access the survey [here](#)

**Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations (SCVO):** Sector Forecast for 2017 [survey](#) is open now.



## Keep up 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 **9 March 2017** 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)

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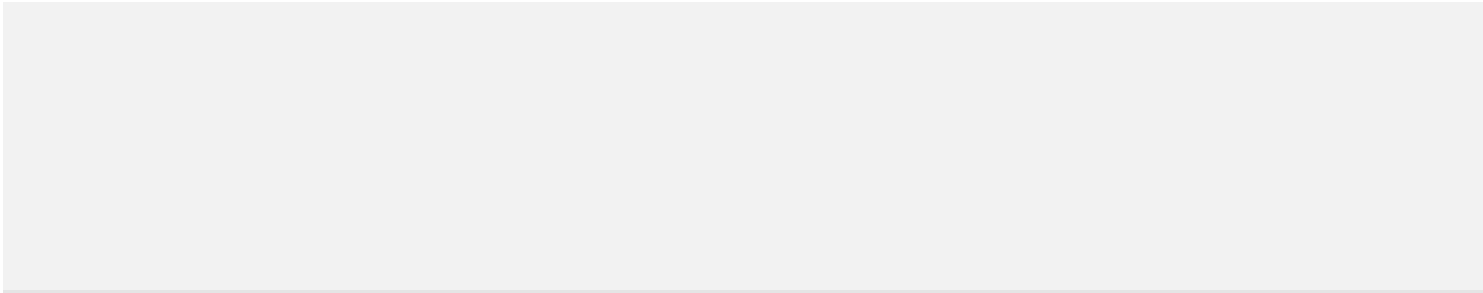
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