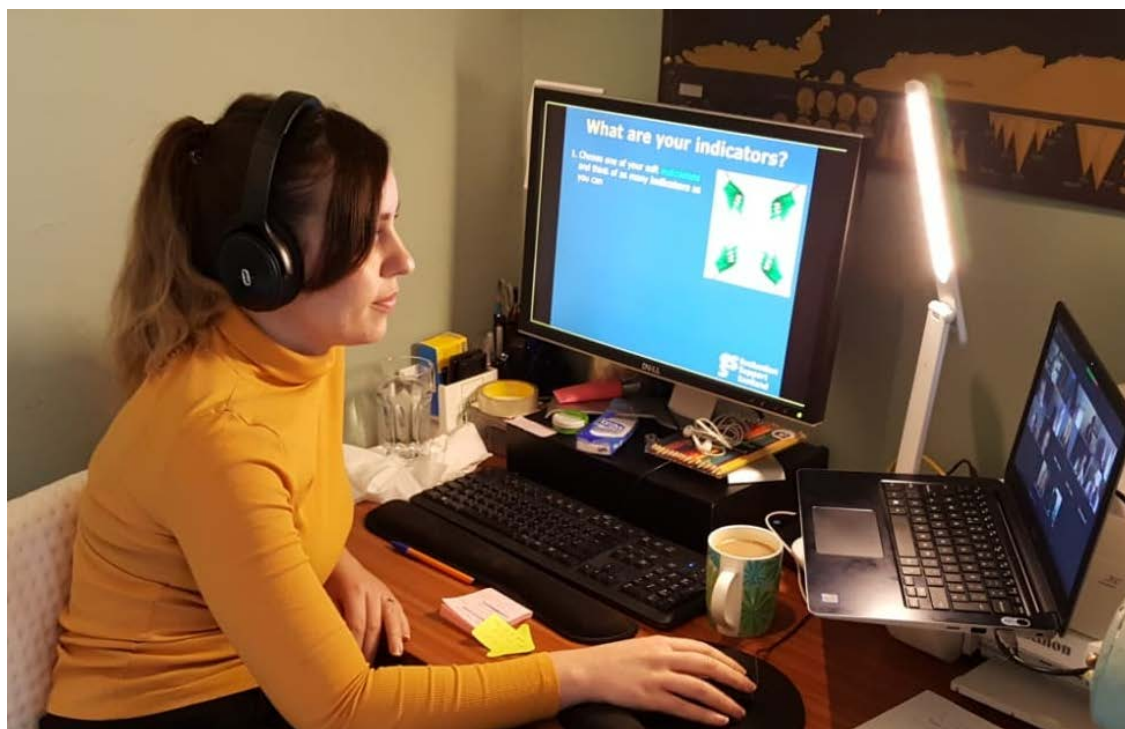


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ESS Training Officer Shona Wells delivering Let's Evaluate! workshop via Zoom



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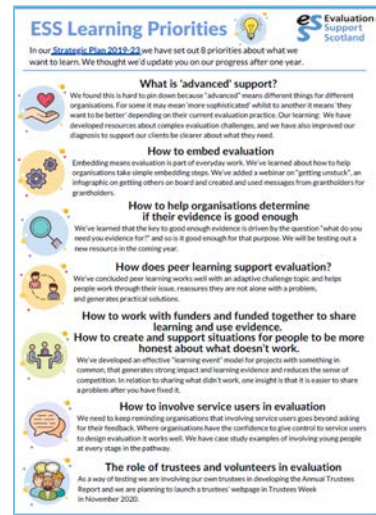
ESS Learning Priorities

In our [Strategic Plan 2019-23](#) we have set out **8 priorities** about what we want to learn. We thought we'd update you on our progress after one year.

Some of our learning priorities are around what **"advanced" support** looks like, what the barriers

are to **embedding evaluation** in third sector organisations and "**good enough**" evidence.

To view our one-page summary, click [here](#).



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Upcoming Workshops and Events

Getting started: Outcomes and Indicators*

[11/18 June 2020, Virtual, 9:30am - 12.15pm on both days](#)

Make to Measure: Evaluation Methods and Plans*

[25 June/2 July 2020, Virtual, 9:30am - 12.15pm on both days](#)

Telling my story: Analysing and Reporting on Outcomes *

[9/16 July 2020, Virtual, 9:30am - 12.15pm on both days](#)

*These workshops are split into two half days - you must attend both.

Why evaluate? series of 4 events - June 2020

These events are likely to be popular and we will cover some of the same material in each event so please just **book the one event** that most resonates with you.

Why evaluate? for motivation in tough times

[2 June 2020, Virtual, 2pm - 3:30pm](#)

Why Evaluate? to know we are doing the right things for the right people

[9 June 2020, Virtual, 2pm - 3:30pm](#)

Why Evaluate? to inform our services in the future

[16 June 2020, Virtual, 2pm - 3:30pm](#)

Why evaluate? to share learning with thers

[23 June 2020, Virtual, 2pm - 3:30pm](#)





Evaluating in a time of change

On 12th May ESS hosted a virtual **peer-learning webinar** for third sector organisations struggling to keep up with their evaluation in Covid-19 times.

We know it's tough – but **you're not alone!** It's important to keep evaluating now to **motivate staff and volunteers**, to make sure **you are reaching those who need you most**, and to **inform your future services** and post-Covid-19 recovery. So our advice is to **keep evaluating and keep it simple!**



To get a sense of what others are doing to keep evaluating, you can watch the 14-minute recording of our '**Evaluating at a time of change**' webinar presentation [here](#), and download the slides which has notes on what other organisations have been doing.

Evaluating in a time of change - Webinar



Funders news and resources

Learning events instead of full written reports. How was it for you?

The graphic features two logos at the top: 'ALLIANCE HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE ALLIANCE SCOTLAND people at the centre' and 'volunteer edinburgh'. Below the logos, two speech bubbles contain handwritten feedback. The first bubble, associated with Lara Murray (Fund Manager), lists: 'Challenged', 'Earnest', 'Inquisitive', 'Motivated', and 'Receptive'. The second bubble, associated with Sarah Cleary (Health and Employability Service Manager), lists: 'Inspiring', 'Encouraging', 'Permissive', 'Enabling', and 'Strengthening'. In the center, text reads: 'Sum up your reactions to this way of working in five words...'

The **Health and Social Care ALLIANCE Scotland (the ALLIANCE)** wanted to try out a new way of working with projects to find out about **impact** and **learning**. Instead of requiring full written reports they brought funded projects together in **3 learning events throughout 2019**, facilitated

by ESS. Each event involved a pre-questionnaire and lots of discussion. ESS wrote and shared a report after each.

We asked **funder** and **funded** to tell us about their experiences of trying out this way of “reporting”. In the excerpt above, Lara Murray, Fund Manager with The **ALLIANCE**, and Sarah Cleary, Health and Employability Service Manager, **Volunteer Edinburgh**, give their impressions about working in this innovative way, the benefits, and the surprises. You can read the rest of their shared learning [here](#).

To learn more about the learning events ESS ran with the ALLIANCE, click [here](#).

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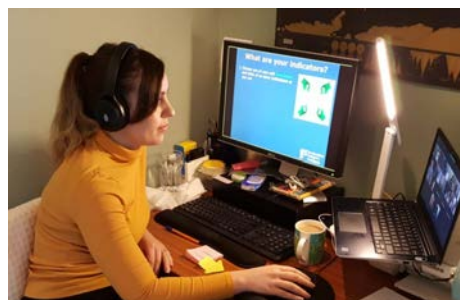


New resources from ESS

Blogs from ESS and others

- [How was it for you? Learning events instead of written reports.](#)
- [COVID-19 has zoomed many of us on a huge learning curve! How do we deliver our services and evidence our impact in our 'new normal'?](#)

(ESS Training Officer Shona Wells during online delivery of Let's Evaluate! workshop seen in image on the right)



Webinars

- [Evaluating in a time of change](#)
- Previous webinars can be viewed [here](#).

Case studies

- [Evaluation planning at the start of a project can give unexpected benefits \(Waverley Care\)](#)

Method sheet

- [Using social media to evaluate other activities](#)

Guides

- [Evaluating Publications - a short guide](#)

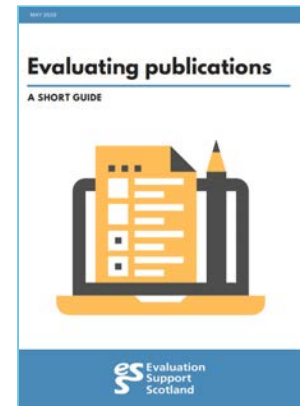
Webpages

- [COVID-19](#) - New resources and key messages about evaluating in our new circumstances.
- [ALLIANCE Self Management Fund Learning events](#)



Do you have any feedback on our resources or website?

We often get feedback about our resources being useful but we would **really like to know how you use our resources, especially our publications.** Please email comments about the website and our publications to [Jane Marryat](mailto:jane.marryat@evaluation-scotland.org).



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We are looking for 4 new trustees



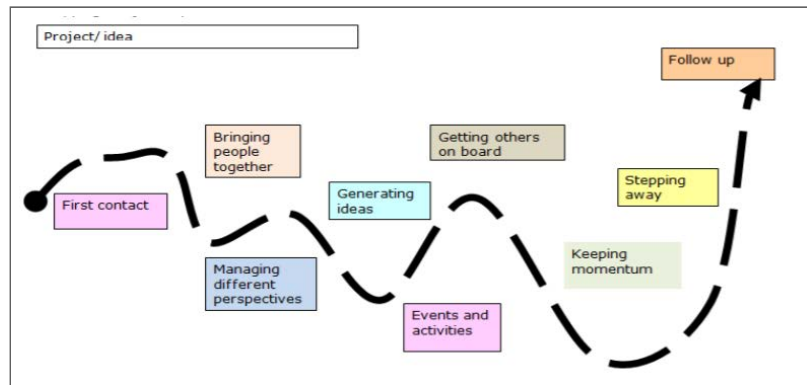
We are recruiting for **four Trustees** to join our board, one of whom we hope would be our new Treasurer. You can apply any time up to **12pm on Monday 15 June 2020**. For information on how to apply click [here](#).

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Oldie but Goldie resource

[ESS Support Guide 4b: Reflective Practice](#)



Reflective practice is thinking about or reflecting on what happened, what you did, and what you would do differently next time. It's about 'learning as you go along'. In this [support guide](#) there are suggestions of tools to prompt your reflective practice.

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