

Sharing tools for evaluation

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Event report: participant feedback and reflections

This report covers participant feedback from this peer learning event and the follow-up actions we will be taking into our future Inspiring Impact work. An account of the event that covers our activities and learning points is available in a Wakelet online story:

<https://wakelet.com/wake/d93fbb00-2d89-45da-b8d1-53a1d5db98a5>

The purpose of the event was to

- Continue the series of Inspiring Impact Scotland events for 2017-2018 to engage third sector practitioners in learning with and from others who face similar evaluation challenges
- Provide participants with an opportunity to share their evaluation tools with others and be exposed to a range of evaluation tools for different purposes.
- Facilitate opportunities for participants to make new connections and widen their professional network
- Promote Inspiring Impact



Evaluation speed dating in action!

Participants & feedback

30 people signed up for the event and 24 attended on the day. As at previous Inspiring Impact events, we welcomed participants from a range of Third Sector Organisations with a variety of roles- from finance, research and management to community-based practitioners. A delegate list is at the end of this document.

Participants supplied feedback on the event in two ways. At the close of the afternoon we asked the question 'what are you taking away from today?' so that these responses could be compared with answers to the 'baseline' question asked at the start of the event 'what do you want to get out of today?'

In one word, what are you taking away from today?



We were pleased to see the end of the session responses match closely to those at the start - with tools, ideas, knowledge and similar words featuring strongly. Confidence, energy and enthusiasm as well! Feedback forms were also included in delegate packs so people could tell us what could be done differently or better next time, as well as make general comments.



Above: ESS Training Officer Shona talking through the group's baseline data

Main messages from participant feedback

What did participants like?

- 👍 Information sharing and networking- particularly the speed- dating activity at start
- 👍 Learning about how other organisations do evaluation
- 👍 Practical & interactive activities

What difference did we make?

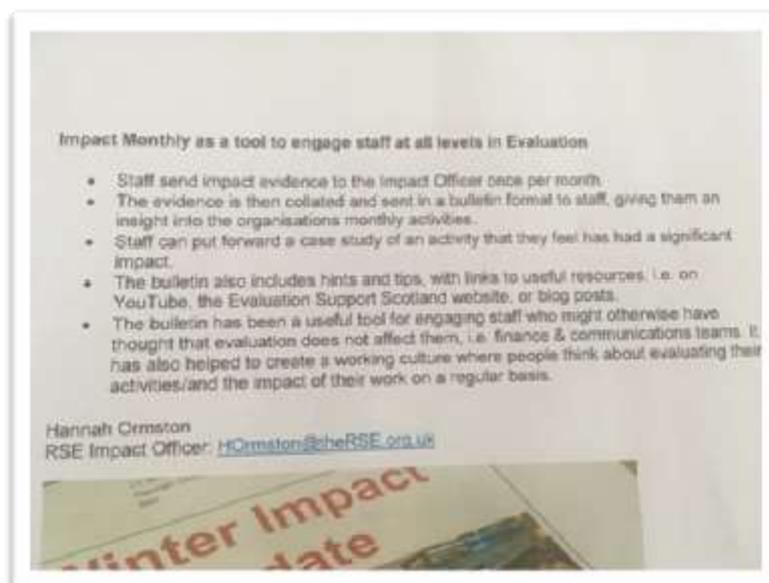
- 👍 Participants took away new evaluation ideas and methods
- 👍 Participants had more confidence to select the right evaluation tools

What could have been better?

- More discussion of the pros & cons of particular methods or tools
- Participants could work together to share ideas on how other organisations could approach evaluation challenges and share with each other how impact measurement has benefitted their organisation

Examples of tools shared by participants

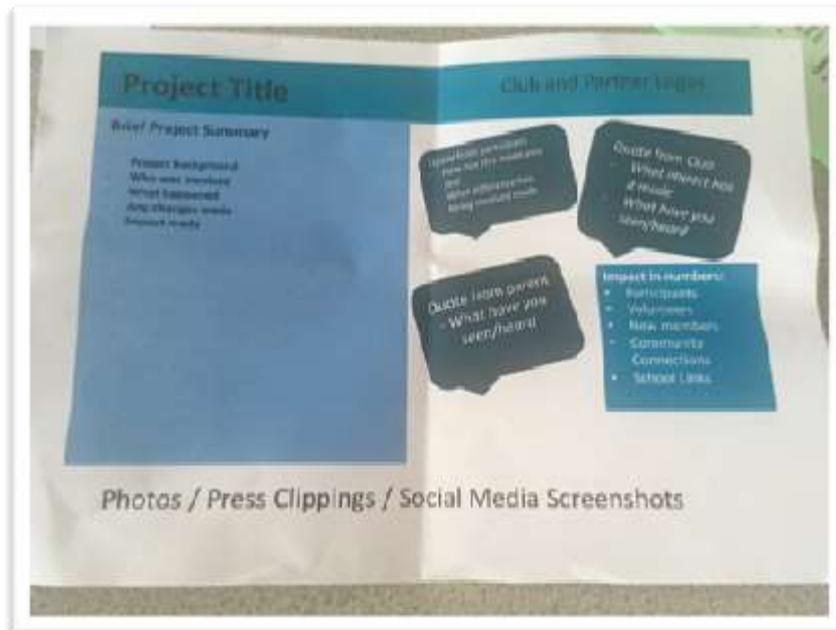
The impact bulletin: Royal Society of Edinburgh



Create Paisley's Youth Forum 3-step impact measurement



Quick guide to recording evidence: Glasgow Life



What was good about this afternoon?

"Everything- in particular, the opportunity to have Martha at our table for the case study discussing how the principles we had been discussing applied in the real world. This got rid of the residual anxiety I had that "I cannie do this stuff!" Brilliant session, well-informed, enthusiastic trainers. Thank you".

"I'm feeling inspired to implement change in my own organisation."

"Opportunity to discuss the methods people have used in their service context - exchange of ideas."

"Presentations were to-the-point and well conducted. I liked the group and personal interaction."

"The evaluation pathway set the scene well. Some great ideas on tools to use. Last workshop was really useful."

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