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Scottish Third Sector Research Forum's event "Let's collaborate"

Friday 11th September 2015, 10:00 am – 3:30 pm

Scottish Government, Victoria Quay, Edinburgh, EH6 6QQ

Programme

This Research Forum event will provide an opportunity to:

- Understand different forms of collaboration between third sector and academia, and how to spot the right one for you

- Identify practical steps to effective collaboration

- Have specific ideas on how to take collaboration forward

- Have networking opportunities to share ideas with others

Time	Activity
9:30	**Registration**
10:00	**Welcome and introductions**
10:15	**Effective collaboration is in the air - icebreaker**
10:30	**Learning from the Knowledge Translation Network about how to set up effective third sector and academia collaborations** *Presentation from Patty Lozano-Casal (Evaluation Support Scotland) and Tara Murphy (Carnegie UK Trust)*
10:50	**Short case studies: What's the magic in effective collaborations?**
11:30	**Coffee break**
11:50	**Discussion: Addressing barriers to effective collaboration**
12:30	**What is *What Works Scotland* learning about effective collaboration?**
12:50	**Short Q&A session**
13:00	**Networking lunch**
13:45	**Breakout sessions:** (held in different rooms) • Session 1: Volunteering: its impact for people with complex needs • Session 2: What research tells us good partnership is in practice • Session 3: Developing the use of administrative data on Scotland's civil society
15:00	**Plenary feedback** **Closing remarks and evaluation** (back to main room)
15:30	**End of event**

Breakout sessions (13:45 pm)

(Participants are invited to attend <u>one</u> breakout session)

Breakout session 1 - Volunteering: its impact for people with complex needs

This breakout session will explore the findings of an evidence review about the benefits of volunteering for people with multiple and complex needs. The review was conducted by Volunteer Scotland and Scottish Third Sector Research Forum. The breakout session will share the main findings of the review. We'll look at how to fill any gaps in the findings and how to use the findings to improve policy and practice.

Breakout session 2 - Third sector compass to partnership: what research tells us good partnership is in practice

This breakout session will explore what good partnership looks like in practice drawing from participants' experiences and research carried out by Evaluation Support Scotland and the Scottish Third Sector Research Forum. The discussion will feed into the development of a resource to help third sector organisations and their partners ensure they engage in effective and positive partnership from the outset.

Breakout session 3 – Developing the use of administrative data on Scotland's civil society

This breakout session will introduce participants to the Scottish Civil Society Data Partnership project. This ESRC-funded collaboration, between the Scottish Council of Voluntary Organisations (SCVO) and the Universities of Stirling and St Andrew's, aims to develop the availability of administrative data on Civil Society Organisations (CSOs), while also helping CSOs to improve their ability to work with data. The discussion will feed into the development of four work packages:

1.   Curating data on Scotland's CSOs
2.   Optimising data within CSOs and partner networks
3.   Building data analysis capacity amongst Scottish CSOs
4.   Developing collaborations to make better use of data on civil society activity