



## Scotland's Third Sector Research Forum

### Work Plan 2020-21

The Scottish Third Sector Research Forum brings together third sector and public sector partners to:

- Promote and share research about and from the third sector
- Identify research questions and meet evidence gaps
- Promote the use of research to improve policy and practice,

in order to increase public and third sector understanding about the third sector's contribution to public services and to improve third sector's understanding and use of research.

#### **Proposed work plan** for the coming year:

1. Share research and data about the third sector
  - Standing item at each Forum meeting
  - Share data amongst members
  - Communicate key findings more widely
2. Share research from the third sector
  - Invite third sector and academic guest speakers to share their third sector research at forum meetings
  - Continue to promote the Forum's previous evidence papers
  - Promote research by Forum members
  - Provide occasional advice to key relevant research (e.g. respond to calls for evidence)
3. Provide opportunities for collaboration between third and academic sectors
  - Deliver 3 Learning together – The possibilities and practicalities of academic and third sector collaboration joint Policy Scotland/TSRF events
  - Plan and deliver the sixth TSRF conference - to be held in February 2021
4. Run Forum subgroups on specific research related topics
  - Topic A: To explore ethics and ethical approval for third sector research
  - Topic B: Using lived experience as evidence and/or participatory action research
5. Communication and dissemination
  - Maintain and develop Forum webpages
  - Quarterly TSRF newsletter
  - Tweet using TSRF Twitter account @TSRFScot
  - Continue to promote the TSRF to wider third sector and academic audiences
6. Networking and peer support amongst Forum members