

Scotland's Third Sector Research Forum Work Plan 2021-22

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
- Encourage the use of third sector research to improve policy and practice
- Produce resources and deliver events to support third sector researchers and encourage collaboration with academic partners.

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 and shared learning
 - Deliver 2 Learning together – showcasing third sector research
 - Consult and finalise TSRF guide to applying ethical research principles
 - Plan and deliver a post-launch event about the TSRF ethics guide to be held in February 2022
4. Run Forum subgroups on specific research related topics
 - Topic A: Ethics of data sharing
 - Topic B: Dissemination of ethics guide (over summer 2021) thereafter another subject
 - Gather and publish learning about online 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
 - Disseminate TSRF ethics guide
 - Gather case studies and evidence of use of ethics guide
6. Networking and peer support amongst Forum members.