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# Summer 2021 newsletter

**Promoting and sharing good practice in third sector research**

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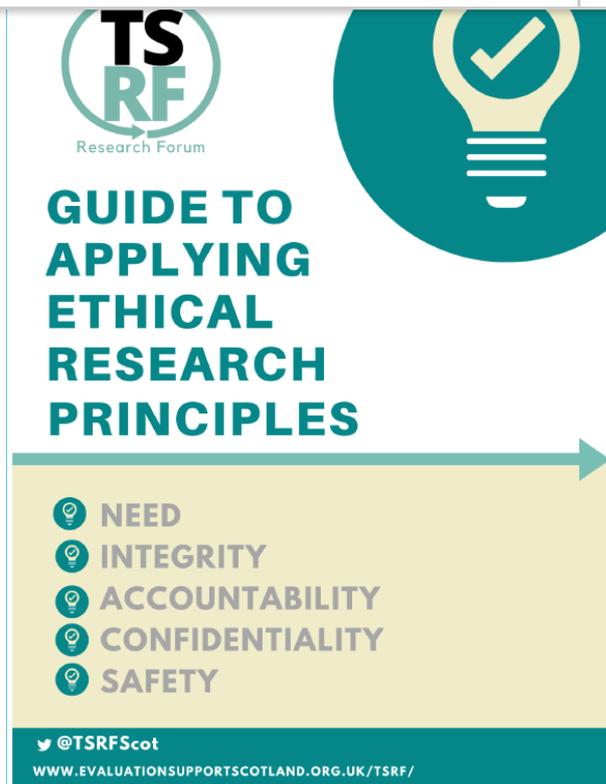## UPDATED version  - TSRF guide to applying ethical research principles

Following a consultation which started at the TSRF conference in February 2021 we have now published the **final version of the guide to applying ethical research principles**.

We have added some **illustrative examples** of both good practice and not so good practice to illuminate some of the pitfalls that can be easily and unintentionally stumbled upon and **case studies** to describe ethical decision making in practice.

Please feel free to **tell others** about this resource.  You are welcome to upload **this link** to the resource on your websites.

### What's next

We are interested to hear from **anyone using the guide,** not only third sector researchers**.** We will publish an accompanying document which will include case studies about how the guide is being used in the third sector. The case studies will be presented at an event in February 2022. If you would like to be part of this, please **email us**.

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## Researching Well - TSRF conference report and video

We have created a **written report and a video** with the highlights from our Researching Well conference so you can take your choice about how you'd like to be reminded about the conference or for those who couldn't attend, to find out what happened.



The **conference webpage** has the recorded presentations, slides and workshop information too.

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The latest joint Policy Scotland/TSRF event about using third sector evidence to influence policy took place on 1st June with Robbie Calvert, Royal Town Planning Institute and Hannah Tweed, The ALLIANCE talking about how they used their research to influence policy. Sarah Weakley talked about the Mendelow matrix - a stakeholder mapping tool.

### Top tips from the event

- Map out your stakeholders including national, regional, and local stakeholders
- Understand your stakeholders – what would interest them about your research?
- Work with your stakeholders across the lifetime of your project – from designing the research, recruiting participants to dissemination of your results/report
- Think about using a variety of ways to get your message out – briefings, social media, events, presentations, writing and speaking opportunities, webpages

Catch up with the **recorded presentations and slides**

### Links to more information

Royal Town Planning Institute research – **20 minute neighbourhoods**

The ALLIANCE research - **My Support, My Choice**

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## TSRF workplan 2021-2022

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Each year the TSRF produces a workplan. This year we will work on the **ethics of data sharing**, and capture learning about **researching online**.

### Resources

We will produce resources:

- on data sharing
- case studies showcasing organisations using the guide to applying ethical research principles.

### Events

- We are planning events in partnership with Policy Scotland to support third sector researchers. The next one in August/September 2021.

See the **full workplan**.

## Spotlight on TSRF member's research approach: Corra

**Corra** is an independent trust with a **10-year strategy** that aims to strengthen and amplify people's voices and their power to make change. We continue to make grants and work alongside communities with increasing focus on challenging the barriers, active listening and responding to power dynamics that can influence change.

Corra also supports a **learning culture** where internal and external learning forms part of our knowledge and insights to help shape how and what we do. Corra is currently involved in several collaborations that aim to influence power and voice for people and communities we seek to serve.

As part of our place based working Corra is funding two communities (Dunterlie and Fernhill) to be part of the **Knowledge is Power** action research programme.

Corra is one of the partners in the **Listening Fund Scotland**, a dedicated fund supporting youth organisations to embed active listening within their organisations. The **Centre of Youth Impact** has just published findings from this work **Listening Fund Scotland evaluation**.

Corra is also one of the partners who initiated the **Social Action Inquiry in Scotland** looking at how people can make social action happen in their communities which can make Scotland a better place to live. The Inquiry has now appointed two Co-Chairs and is currently recruiting two Co-Leads one with a focus on the social action and the other with a focus on research. **More information and updates**

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## Public Health Scotland Covid-19 Research Repository

At the June TSRF meeting Julia Green from the Knowledge Services Team at Public Health Scotland gave a demonstration of the new **Covid-19 research repository**.  This is a single

with a focus on Scotland. It is accessible to use and the research is mainly open access. It includes evidence papers, pre-prints, blogs, and videos from research by academic institutions.

Have a browse at this interesting and useful resource.

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## Research updates from our members

### Iriss

Has published their latest insight which explores the background of Self-directed support policy and practice and considers its future, **Self-directed support: ten years on**

### Poverty Alliance

Poverty Alliance has published research about families on low incomes experiences of using public transport prior and during the pandemic, commissioned by Transport Scotland. **Transport and Child Poverty - Beyond the Pandemic**

### Salvesen Mindroom Centre

Salvesen Mindroom Centre in partnership with Salvesen Mindroom Research Centre (SMRC) has published **a series of policy and research briefings**

### Voluntary Health Scotland

Has published their research on third sector perspectives on **the need for an inclusive Covid-19 vaccine programme.** They will host a dissemination event on 24th August event. **Booking is open**.

### Volunteer Scotland

In February 2021 Volunteer Scotland published its **Summary Report analysing volunteering participation during COVID-19**

In addition, Volunteer Scotland published a report **'Who contributes the most to Scottish volunteering?'** which

## Voluntary Sector Studies Network

VSSN is running an event on **Thursday 1st July 10am - 12.30pm** on Zoom about **'Emotion and Feelings in Voluntary Sector Work'**

Speakers will be Dr Julian Manley from UCLAN (Preston) and Marilyn Taylor, Visiting Research Fellow, IVAR (London). This event is for researchers, practitioners and funders from both the Voluntary, Community & Social Enterprise field and those engaged in the psycho-social, counselling and therapeutic disciplines. **For more information.**

**VSSN is hosting the annual Voluntary Sector and Volunteering Research Conference** in partnership with the Birmingham Voluntary Service Council (BVSC), on **6-7 September 2021** at Aston University, Birmingham*. The conference has a dedicated stream for new researchers.

This year's theme is **'Leadership, Diversity, and Civil Society**' and will provide a unique opportunity for academics, policy makers and practitioners from the UK and further afield to come together to share findings and discuss the implications of research for the sector's future as a site of social leadership and social justice.

*Meeting in person to be kept under review and moved online if needed due to coronavirus restrictions*

## YouthLink Scotland

YouthLink has published the **Impact of LGBT Youth Scotland's Digital Youth Work on Young People**

YS has been working over the last year to support young people to look at environmental impacts in their communities. They have developed **an interactive resource** on how to engage young people in heritage using a youth led research approach.

## Non-member research update

**Carnegie UK Trust**

Carnegie UK Trust has posted a new podcast, **The Courage to be Kind.** The podcast features Carnegie Associate, Dr Elizabeth Kelly, in conversation with health journalist, Pennie Taylor, discussing the Trust's learning about kindness in health and social care in Scotland over the past 12 months. In this new podcast, which is also hosted on the Scottish Government's **National Wellbeing Hub**, Elizabeth and Pennie explore the role of kindness in care settings from a range of angles across six short episodes. As well as looking at it from the perspective of staff wellbeing, and sharing practical tools and resources, the conversation also explores the transformational potential of kindness, with challenging messages for the way that we now manage the recovery and renewal of our health service.

**conference** taking place virtually in the **week of 22 November 2021**.

Share your practical experiences, insights and learning – the research problems you've faced, what worked and what didn't, and why.  Some suggestions for themes, to get you started:

• Research in the pandemic and what comes next

• Making research more inclusive

• Qualitative innovation

• Survey developments

• Evaluative methods

• The use (and abuse) of research findings

• New directions with data

• 'Wild card': something different!

If accepted, your 20-minute presentation will be pre-recorded, with yourself attending the live session to take part in the Q&A.  And you'll pay a reduced delegate fee.

Find out more, and **submit your abstract** by **5 July.**

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**Third Sector Research Centre**

TSRC are hosting an event on 30th June about the impact of Covid-19 on the foundation and dissolution of charitable organisations. **Booking is open**.

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**ReStore - National Centre for Research Methods**

National Centre for Research Methods has a webpage of third sector specific web resource

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## Keep up with the forum

The Scotland's Third Sector Research Forum meets quarterly. You can read the minutes from the meeting which took place on **10** March 2021 **here** and **previous meeting minutes**. And for more news from Scotland's Third Sector Research Forum please read the **TSRF newsletters here.**

**You can also read more about the Forum's work here and see previous evidence papers.**

**Get in touch!**

We are always keen to hear what you think about the Forum or suggestions about what the Forum should be doing. Please email **Jane Marryat**

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