

TSRF Logic Model

Situation / need	Resources	Activities	Outcomes		
			Short term	Medium term	Long term
<p>Third sector research is essential to achieving change, BUT:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. researchers feel isolated 2. They lack access to learning 3. research is under-valued 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SG funding • Core/ planning group • ESS new staff • ESS Director and Comms • Website, newsletter & Slack workspace • Networks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New peer network • Website and newsletter • Planning meetings • Regular events • Publishing and disseminating resources/guides <p>Participants People interested in third sector research e.g. researchers, commissioners, academics, funders</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. TSRF participants have more opportunities to meet, build relationships and share practice 2. More (and more diverse) researchers join and benefit from TSRF activities 3. New research collaborations are formed 4. TSRF activities address emerging needs/issues 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. TSRF participants are better able to share useful information and resources 2. More research partnerships are developed for clear mutual benefit 3. TSRF resources and events help users improve their practice 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. People who do and commission third sector research receive the support they need 2. Third sector research practice is improved 3. Third sector research is better respected within the sector and in key external audiences 4. Third sector research makes a difference to organisations, service users and communities

Assumptions

- Third sector research refers to a wide range of practices across the entire sector – it is broader than academic research
- Third sector researchers and TSRF participants want a peer network and will regularly participate
- Core/planning group will retain active members
- Core/planning group knows what peers need
- ESS can reach and engage third sector researchers, academics, commissioners, funders
- Networking and sharing learning will improve research practice, which will help achieve change
- Improved practice can be evidenced
- Improved research practice will lead to greater respect for third sector research in general

External Factors

- Level of funding available for TS research
- General climate for TS organisations
- SG funding for TSRF
- Changes in communication and networking preferences (new technology etc)

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