

Sub-sector: Community organisations

Title	The evaluation journey - an evaluation resource for community groups
Developed by	Linda McKie, Joy Barlow and Paula Gaunt-Richardson for Action on Smoking and Health Scotland (ASH)
Year published	2002
Developed for	Based on the experience of community groups but applicable to any organisation doing monitoring and evaluation within a health setting and provides useful information more generally.
Available from	ASH Scotland, 8 Frederick Street, Edinburgh EH2 2HB ashscotland@ashscotland.org.uk , 0131 225 4725
Price	Free in hard copy and to download from their website www.ashscotland.org.uk
Approach	Self-evaluation
Practical tools	Some templates included
Use of case examples	Illustrative examples are used throughout.
Lists additional resources	List of useful groups and publications included.
Size	104pp
Description	<p>This resource pack includes guidance on a range of issues including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning the evaluation and who will take part; • Basic information and how to collect it; • Analysing/making sense of your information; • Reviewing your work and presenting your findings. <p>The pack covers a range of ways of collecting information including photos; video; collages; artwork; creative writing; diaries; interviews; focus groups; case studies and questionnaires. It reviews the purpose of each, their positive points and possible problems. The pack also includes examples of how they have been used. It also includes a glossary of terms and evaluation questions.</p>

Title	Changing Places, Changing Lives: understanding and developing the impact of your organisation
Developed by	bassac
Year published	2006
Developed for	'Community anchor' organisations, local organisations rooted in the communities where they work
Available from	bassac 0845 241 0375, mary@bassac.org.uk or download from bassac website www.bassac.org.uk
Price	Downloadable for free from the website
Approach	Understanding and mapping impact
Practical tools	Provides 'ideas for action' – suggested activities to help assess your impact on individuals, organisations and communities.
Use of case examples	
Lists additional resources	Useful resources are listed under the headings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Getting started • Assessing outcomes and impacts • Getting the quality right • Evaluating social enterprise.
Size	17pp
Description	This guide introduces bassac's Community Impact Programme. It aims to help organisations understand the importance of being able to demonstrate their impact and outlines some of the steps organisations can take to 'map' the impact they are having.

Title	ChangeCheck: a practical guide to assessing the impact of your community organisation
Developed by	Chris Church and Steve Skinner for bassac
Year published	2007
Developed for	'Community anchor' organisations, local organisations rooted in the communities where they work
Available from	bassac, 33 Corsham Street, London N1 6DR. Tel: 0845 241 0375 email: info@bassac.org.uk
Price	£12.50 + postage and packing & VAT: 1-4 copies £2.50, 5-10 copies £5.00, 10-20 copies £7.50
Approach	Impact assessment
Practical tools	Lots of checklists and action points throughout the guide. Once a copy is purchased, further materials and resources are available on the bassac website
Use of case examples	No
Lists additional resources	No
Size	32pp
Description	<p>ChangeCheck was developed within bassac's Community Impact Programme, which has worked to develop tools to help community anchor organisations assess the effect of their work on their neighbourhood and was tested with several community organisations across England.</p> <p>It uses the wellbeing categories developed by the Audit Commission. It is designed to bring together:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your mission and objectives • The way you work with communities • How what you do affects community wellbeing • The resources that you have to do this with.

Title	Community economic regeneration: A framework for evaluating community projects for European funding
Developed by	Marilyn Taylor for Wales Council for Voluntary Action
Year published	2003
Developed for	Community and voluntary groups in Wales who have European funding under Objective 2 but can be used by any project involved in developing community based regeneration initiatives.
Available from	WCVA Registered Office - Head Office, Baltic House, Mount Stuart Square, Cardiff CF10 5FH. Tel: 029 2043 1700
Price	Price: £7.50 (£5.00 WCVA members) or free to download from their website http://www.wcva.org.uk/search/results_advanced.cfm
Approach	Self-evaluation for regeneration initiatives
Practical tools	No
Use of case examples	Some examples used to illustrate key points.
Lists additional resources	Short list of further reading provided
Size	16pp
Description	A bilingual (English and Welsh) booklet which works through four levels of evaluation using the analogy of a tree: the roots, the core, the branches and the fruit. Simple but basic introduction to evaluation using relevant examples and making links to Objective 2 of European funding.

NB. Other resources for community organisations can be found within Section 2 Assessing Outcomes and Impact and within other sub-sector specific resources.