

Minutes from meeting

Welcome, Introductions and Apologies

Thanks to everyone who attended and inputted to the session. Thank you to Edel O'Malley from Basis.Point for chairing the session and to our contributors: Sarah Edmonds, Irish Youth Foundation, Rosie McDonagh, Community Foundation Ireland and Joanne Dolan, Teen Turn.

Best Practice Examples of Impact Measurement

Our three contributors provided fantastic inputs. The two member Foundations discussed their impact measurement journeys so far and Teen Turn looked at how grantees measure their own impact and share this with their funders. The slides from the session can be [found here](#).

Key Emerging Questions and Ideas

Following the three presentations the discussion was opened up to the 14 participants present, some key questions and ideas emerged.

- There are no standards or protocols when it comes to impact measurement by grant making organisations, is there a possibility to create standards that can support funders?
- Funders should be encouraged to include evaluation costs in their funding, this should be supported as best practice for the sector.
- Guidelines and case studies on when its ok not to measure impact could be useful if made available. Especially in the context of emergency response or low level giving.
- Idea of measurement on capital expenditure- at what stage do funders stop asking for impact reports or 'claiming ownership' of impact.
- Teen Turn outlined the resource intensive process of reporting on their impact, they also outlined the benefit of beneficiary driven self-reporting through blog entries.
- It was noted that funders should ensure that the data they are gathering is needed and not just gathered for the sake of data, consistency of data collection was also highlighted.
- Some different forms of impact measurement were discussed such as video reporting, showcase events and photographs to capture impact rather than traditional written reports.
- A number of case studies were drawn upon to show the benefits of multiple funders joining together to support a grantee, but only having one point of contact and reporting to prevent duplicating work for the grantee and to further the impact.

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