

Research on Evidence and Rural Communities of Geography

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Background

- Funded by Regional Integration Fund
- Findings to be used by TfC and partners to strengthen the evidence base of policy and action centring on wellbeing in communities of place
- Resource allocated for implementation
- Other infrastructure related projects underway in Cardiff and Aberystwyth Universities to strengthen strategic links with communities
- Coordination and collaboration are key

Scoping Stage - Focus group discussions

March 2023

Context

3 chaired online meetings with 18 policy makers, researchers & practitioners

Discussion

- Models underpinning practice
- Gaps in evidence
- Capacities, capabilities and needs
- Good practice
- Enablers and barriers
- Types of support

Conclusion

- Complex field
- Not enough known about how community groups work
- If they reflect on success, why and how
- Few studies on impact.

Research Stage - Method

May – September 2023

Semi-Structured interviews

- Opportunity to speak freely
- 1:1 Interviews
- 30–60 minute interviews

Sampling

- Purposive sampling
- Minimal criteria
- Support of CVC leads
- Info engine

Data

- 32 participants
- 4 areas
- 8 Face to face
- 11 online
- 3 Telephone

Research Stage, Semi structured interviews

May – September 2023

Making a difference

- Success; Management data & physical changes
- Enablers; Core infrastructure & Community interest
- Barriers; Funding & Covid-19 pandemic

Evaluation

- Method; surveys, management data & no formal method
- Purpose; track progress, inform practice & funding
- Enablers; core infrastructure, external support & flexible funders
- Barriers; capacity, funding & requirements

The Future

- Useful; Funding, higher education, training & collaboration
- Future; Positive & uncertain; funding & succession

Research Stage, Semi structured interviews

May – September 2023

Making a difference

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- Enablers
- Barriers



Evaluation

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The Future

- Useful
- Future



Conclusion

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- Quantitative & Qualitative methods of evaluation
- Vital core infrastructure
- Long term sustainability & funding

Recommendations

- Increasing capacity & infrastructure internally
- Tackling short term funding
- Opening dialogue between organisations and funders

Next Steps

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