

# Lessons of experience? Thoughts on policy and practice in research

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# Themes

The weakness of the sector in terms of research and evaluation governance and power

The emphasis of the sector on relationships with individuals as integral to services

The roots of voluntary action in social constituencies and movements

The opportunities for voluntary action to address the unequal treatment of social constituencies.

The need for researchers to be aware of governance issues and to focus on how voluntary action can energise social constituencies to tackle social harm