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Evaluation reviews and appraisals

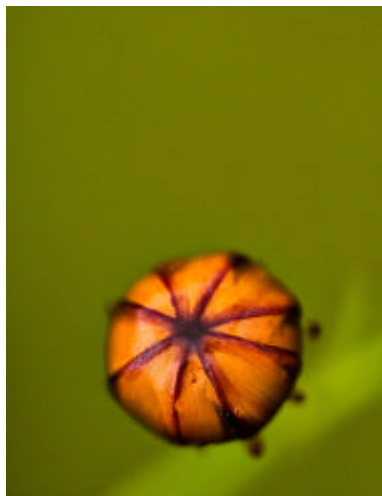
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Our comprehensive service for **proving your impact** through our **independently conducted evaluations and reviews** can be used to make the case for continued funding.

We interview all the stakeholder groups with a view of ascertaining how objectives and targets are being met. We examine, **the processes, content and impact** of the projects.

The evaluation focuses on certain aspects of the operations including

- Achievement of targets and successes
- Technical competence to deliver outputs and outcomes
- Financial and judicious use of funds
- Institutional capacity and capability of the organisation
- Social, cultural and equality impact
- Economic and value for money
- Sustainability and replicability
- Lessons learned for future implementation

Equinox Consulting is an innovative, dynamic and specialist management consultancy promoting social and economic advancement for disadvantaged communities through **management consultancy, training and research services in community development, enterprise generation strategies and employment initiatives.**

Over the past 28 years, we have worked with community organisations and individuals primarily from African, Caribbean and Asian communities and have executed projects that affect inner city, black and ethnic minority, refugee and other excluded communities.

Please find attached our project sheet which provides more information on projects we have carried out on this service.

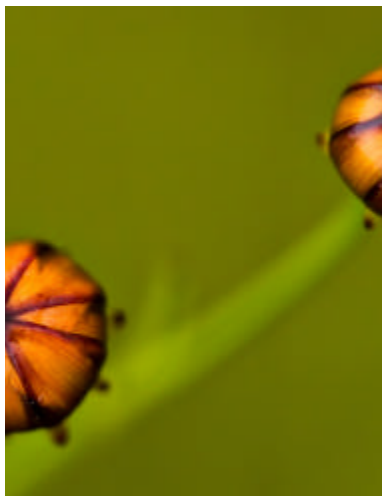
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- facilitation of strategic awaydays
- policy research on minority issues
- evaluations, reviews and appraisals
- strategic business and delivery plans
- feasibility studies for community facilities
- roles and responsibilities of board trustees
- management training and leadership courses
- capacity building and community consultations
- enterprise skills training and promotion strategies
- employment skills training and placement initiatives



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## Project Appraisals, Evaluations and Review



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### **Lambeth Business against Crime**

Evaluation of the the service provided for the Safer Lambeth Partnership aimed at reducing crime directed at business people in the borough

### **Operation Black Vote**

Evaluation of their Magistrates shadowing project for 2006

### **Government Office for London**

Evaluation of BME Cracking Crime Project run by the London Action Trust and the Black Londoners Forum. This involved discussions and interviews with a variety of stakeholders and examination of documents and materials used to deliver the project.

### **Southwark Council**

Review of the Black and Minority Ethnic community and voluntary organisations with special reference to support needs of emerging communities

### **African HIV Policy Network**

A review and evaluation of the activities of this umbrella organisation that provides policy and representation, information and advice, capacity building and networking forum facilities on issues relating to HIV/AIDS in Britain

### **Lewisham Youth Service**

Evaluation of SAP - Sports, Arts, Play projects funded by the Children's Fund in the borough

### **Sandwell Metropolitan Council**

An evaluation of the Sandwell Ethnic Minority Umbrella Forum, with recommendations for how it will function effectively to meet funders requirements

### **New Cross Gate NDC**

Evaluation of a summer splash project funded by the NDC and delivered by community groups in the area

### **PepperPot Club**

A comprehensive review of this organisation offering a day care facility for older Black people in Kensington and Chelsea

### **London Borough of Camden**

A review of the Bridge Project, an in-house, mental health outreach project targeted at the black community

### **Pan London Community Regeneration Consortium**

Review of their management delivery mechanisms. This involved an evaluation of the organisation with proposals for effective and efficient implementation of the SRB programme.

### **Project Fullemploy**

Evaluation of their three year capacity building programme funded by the National Lotteries Charitable Board

### **West Indian Self Effort**

A review of a community organisation providing a supplementary school for black children and a day care service for black pensioners.

### **Black Business Association Waltham Forest**

A review of their operation resulting in the restructuring of the organisation, development of a business plan and identification of new sources of funding. This formed the basis of a successful application to the Home Office, and Local Government for three year Local Government Act Section 11 funding.

### **Women Into Technology**

A management review of a Women into Technology project providing information technology skills to single mothers returning to work. This involved an analysis of the objectives of the organisation and recommendations for efficient systems to minimise conflicts and resolve communications problems.

### **Lambeth Council**

A review of the operations of a Local Government's computer operation. This involved an examination of the operations, looking at staff utilisation, streamlining of purchasing of equipment and systems.

