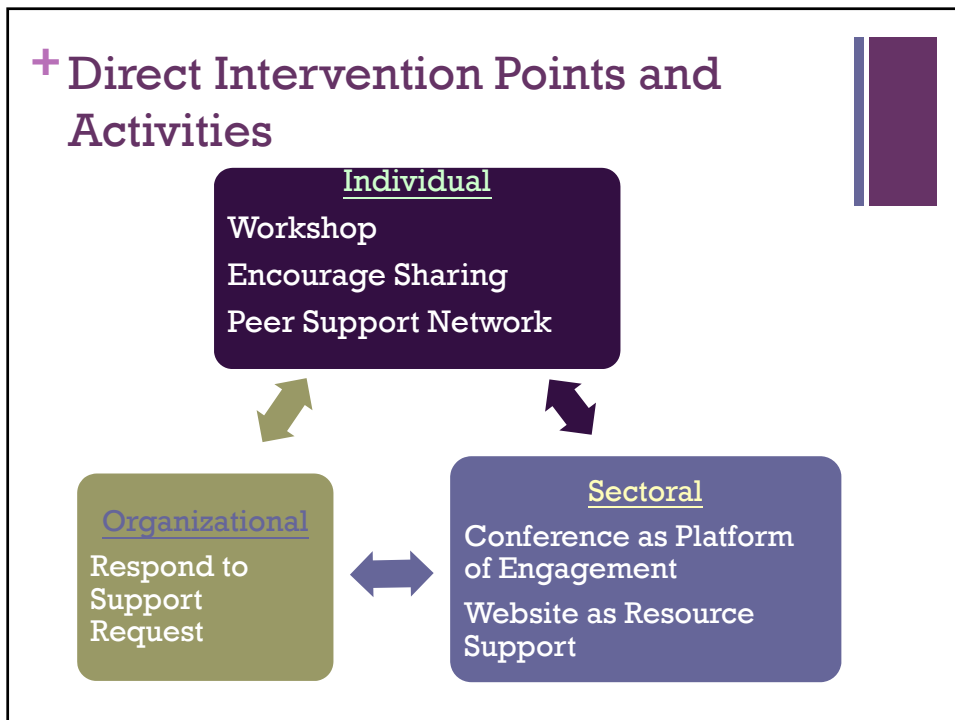


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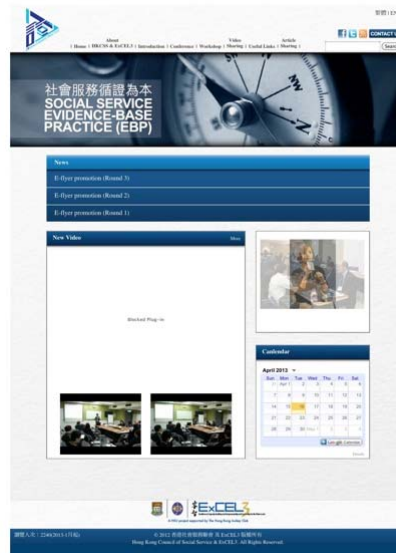
+ Conference



+ Workshop



+ Website



+ Sharing and Engagement

- Conference
 - 66 participants registered for (54 attended) the Conference
 - Overall speaking, while participants found both Keynote Speaker and the sharing by local practitioners useful (over 70%), more rated the latter useful than the former.
 - Many expressed wishes for more similar sharing platform.
- Workshop
 - 43 participants registered for (35 attended) the Conference
 - Over 70% found the workshop useful and the content would help to improve their work.
 - Individual opinions found the workshop empowering for practitioner-researchers, as the approach is more practice-based.

+ Impacts



- Interests have been both generated and gathered. Some interests are expressed in the form of request for downstream training.
- As topics or issues relevant to the promotion of practice-based research in the NGO sector have been generated, a textual platform has been set up to continue the discussion on the Website and the Facebook. Formal and informal feedback on the textual sharing has been positive.
- Influence on the Council's Bi-annual Best Practice Award
 - A new award on Evidence-based Practice
 - Best practice sharing cum research Conference.

+ Reflection



- NGO capacity in research can only be built not by “punishments” but encouragement and engagement.
 - Start where the client is
 - Build rapport and relationship continuously
 - Practice-based, open and inclusive (Different approaches, different methods)
 - Recognize their constraints, trust their judgment
 - Provide tailor-made support once requested. Once initiation is made by NGOs, it has to be addressed and met to sustain their interest and engagement. Their interest and capacity can be more easily reproduced once they are behaviorally engaged.
 - They need to see a community of like-minded people, sharing the same constraints, having similar need and motivation structure. A platform has to be maintained for such community to sustain and empower itself.

+ Progress of Activities

- ExCEL3 Deliverables
 - Workshop and Conference in December 2013
 - Website enhancement
- Other initiatives springing from ExCEL3
 - Bi-weekly article
 - Practice research training courses for NGOs
 - Practitioner-researchers Network
 - A funder-NGOs seminar on practice-based research (in the process of exploration)

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