



# Time to Shine learning reports: how to find what you need

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Run by Leeds Older People's Forum (LOPF), [Time to Shine](#) was a seven year programme which aimed to find out more about reducing social isolation and loneliness for older people. 131 Time to Shine projects were commissioned by LOPF between April 2015 and February 2022, from 86 organisations.

The programme used a test and learn approach to encourage innovative approaches. There are over 100 reports and toolkits available in the [resources section](#) of the LOPF website including everything from practical toolkits for frontline workers to effective methods for commissioning grant programmes. Time to Shine was part of the National Lottery Community Fund's Ageing Better programme which wrote, gathered and shared other reports which aren't listed in this document. You can find them [here](#).

Analysis from the national programme indicated 42% of TTS respondents experienced a reduction in loneliness compared to 37% of respondents in Ageing Better as a whole. 66% of TTS respondents improved their wellbeing compared to 59% of Ageing Better respondents.

With over 100 items available from LOPF it can be hard to know where to start, so we have produced this themed guide to help you take a look at some of that learning and use it to inspire and refresh your practice.

In the first part of this brochure the learning is arranged in the three sections looking at practice, research and systems change.

You can also use the contents list to find learning arranged by specific topics (Younger Older people, Coproduction, Arts, Frailty and so on). Many reports address more than one issue so you might find them listed in a number of sections.

We've broken down the sections to help you decide what you want to read or view, there are short reports, toolkits, academic reports and videos and podcasts.



# Time to Shine in practice

This is learning from our delivery partners condensed into short reports and toolkits for front line workers and their managers. It can help you make changes in how you work.

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# Time to Shine - an Academic view

This is a quantitative and qualitative look at Time to Shine from our local evaluation team at the [Centre for Loneliness Studies](#), Sheffield Hallam University.

It will help you clarify, to your colleagues, funders and staff, why you need to start working in this way to reduce social isolation and loneliness, and is aimed at practitioners, managers and strategic managers.



## Final Programme Evaluation

[Time to Shine local Evaluation - Executive Summary 2021](#)

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## Interim programme evaluation

[Time To Shine local evaluation. Interim report: the beneficiary experience](#)

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# Time to change systems?

Information for influencers, including senior managers, commissioners and politicians. This will help you find out how you can make services for older people more effective.



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