


What have we learnt from the EMFAN project?

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What is the EMFAN Project?

- One East Midlands' East Midlands Funding Advice Network (EMFAN) is funded by the Big Lottery under the Basis programme.
- It exists to ensure voluntary and community groups get the best possible funding advice, and to encourage investment in civil society in the East Midlands.
- The project supports and up-skills funding advisers across the region, to ensure they have all the information, training and contacts they need to do an excellent job.
- The network has over 300 members, working in a wide range of organisations, all delivering funding information and advice as part of their role.
- www.oneeastmidlands.org.uk/emfan

Key Questions

- An independent evaluation carried out by South West Forum 
informing • connecting • influencing
- Has One East Midlands (One EM) been effective in managing and delivering the project?
- Has the project been effective in raising the skills and capacity of Funding Advisers?
- What are the opportunities and needs in the funding advice field?

Methodology

- On line survey
- Interviews
- Evaluation of project monitoring data

Delivery

- Milestones achieved despite a changing context
- 630 people attended training and events over three years
- New online tools developed and tested

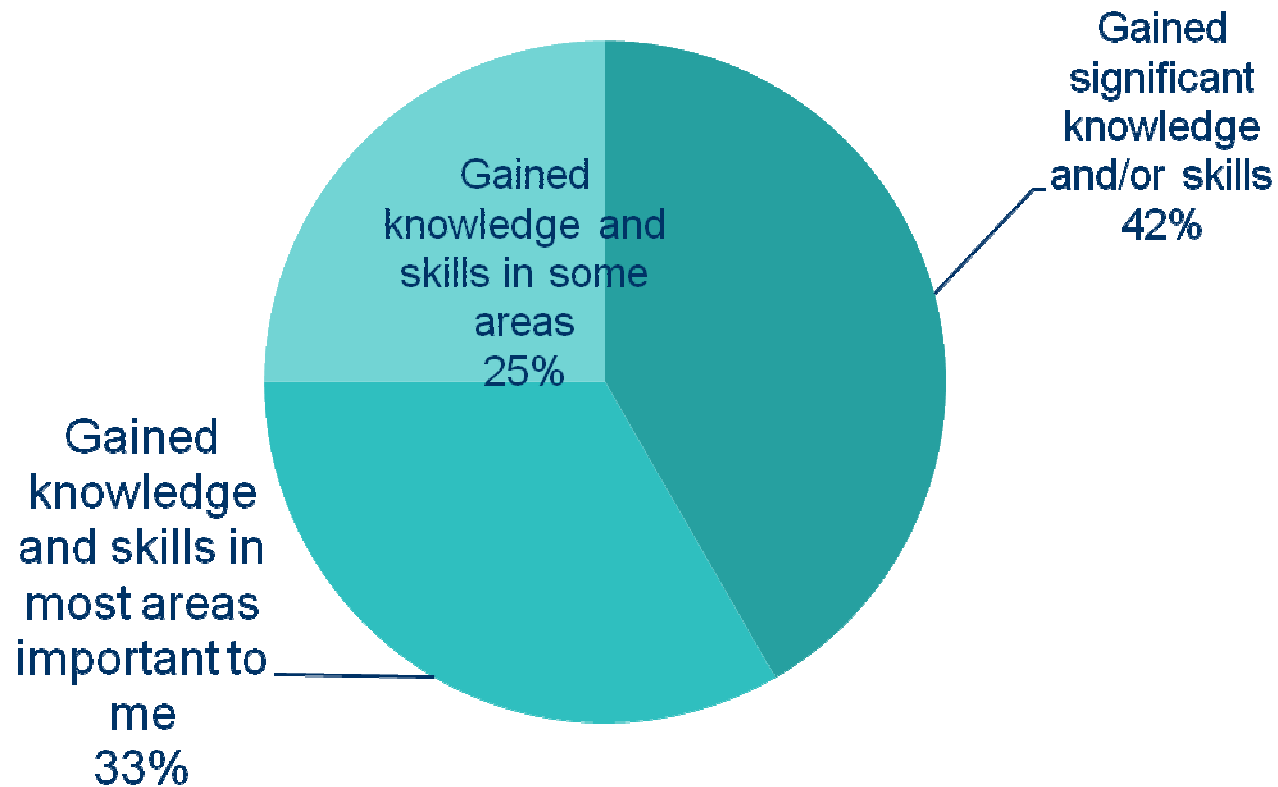
Has it made a difference?

- Building skills
- Networking and informing
- Innovating and challenging
- Connecting and strengthening

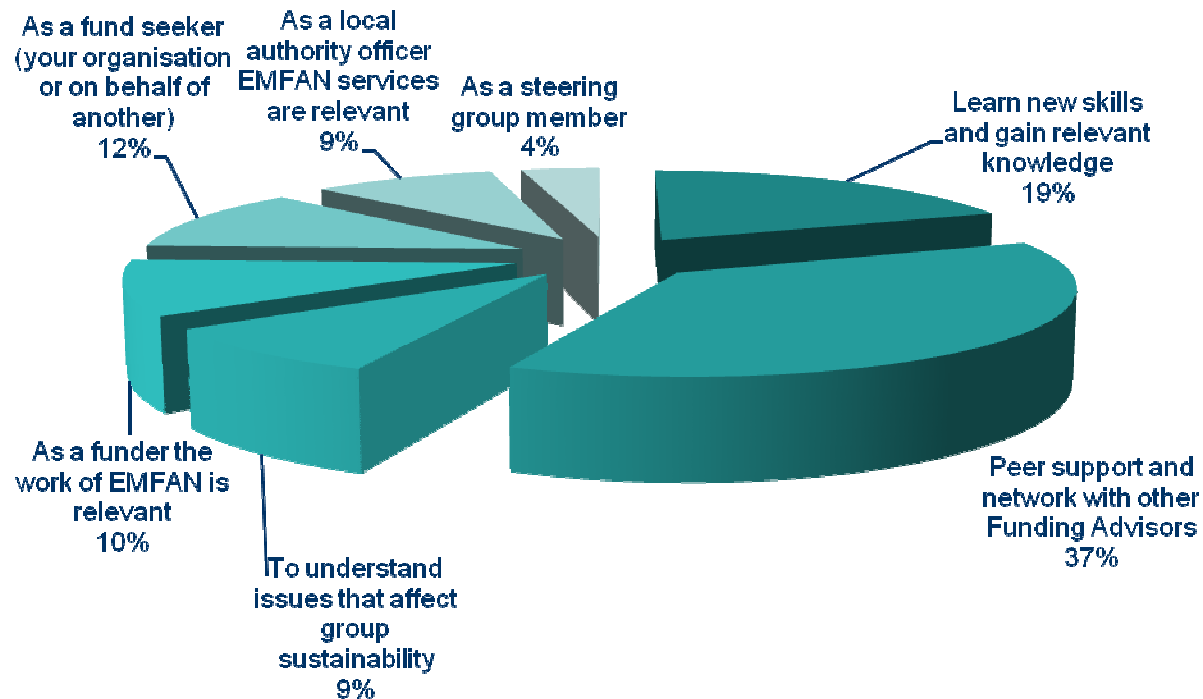
Challenges

- Changing context
- Ambitious outcomes
- Regional v local
- Funding Advisors changing with the times
- Capacity, capacity, capacity...

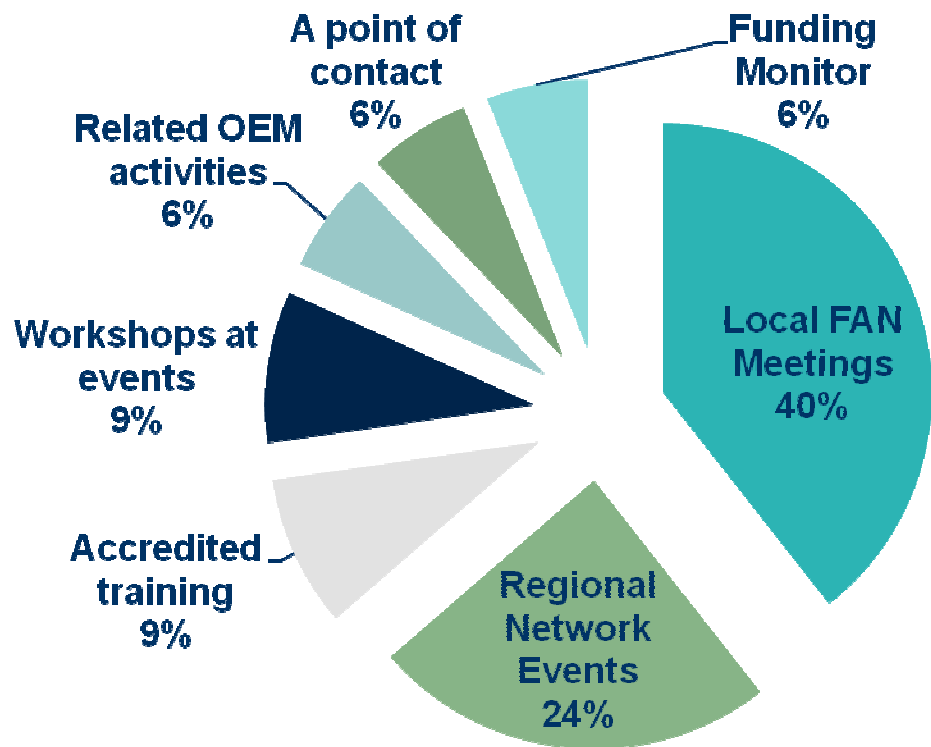
Benefits from training and events...



EMFAN benefits

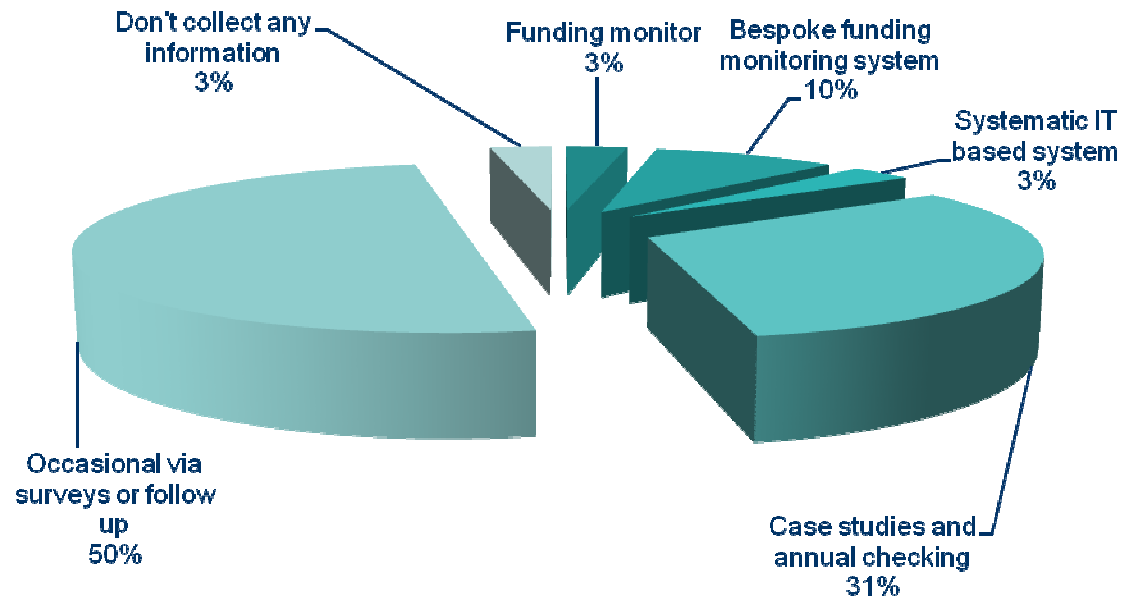


What is the most valued service?

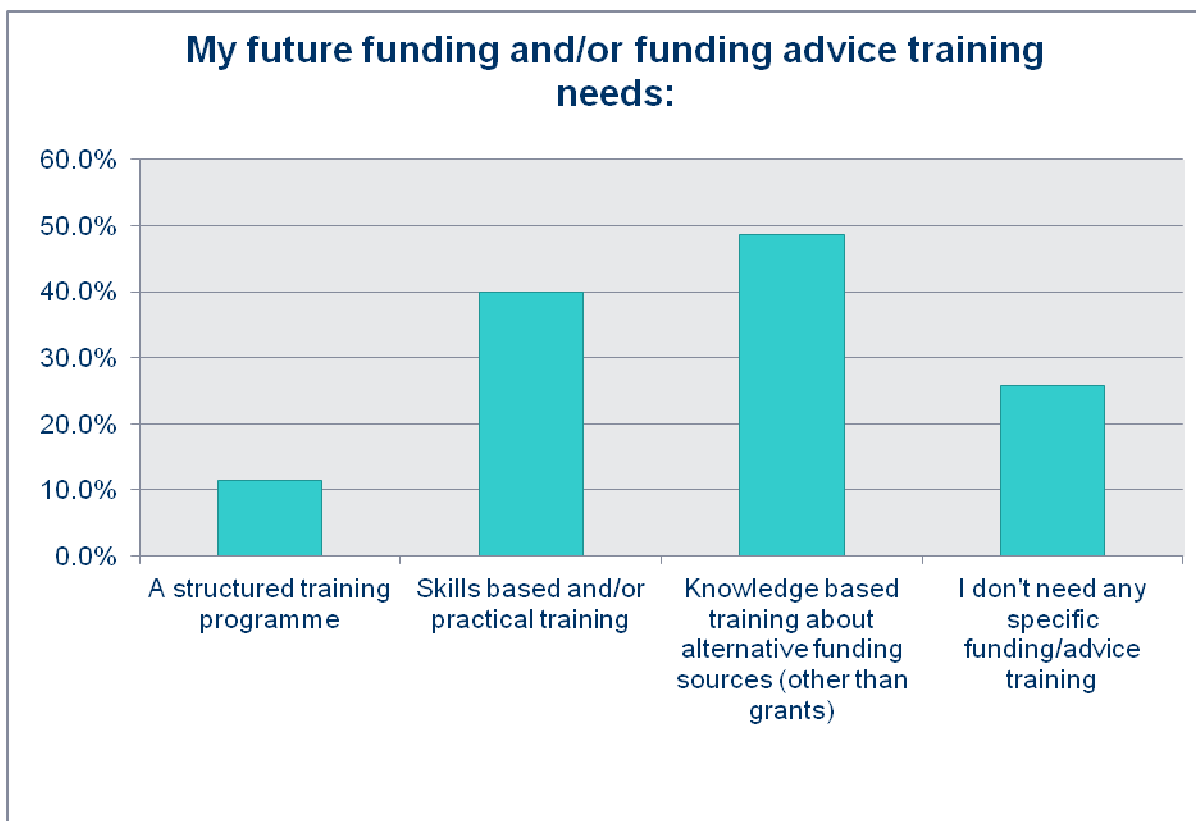


Future Needs - Outcomes

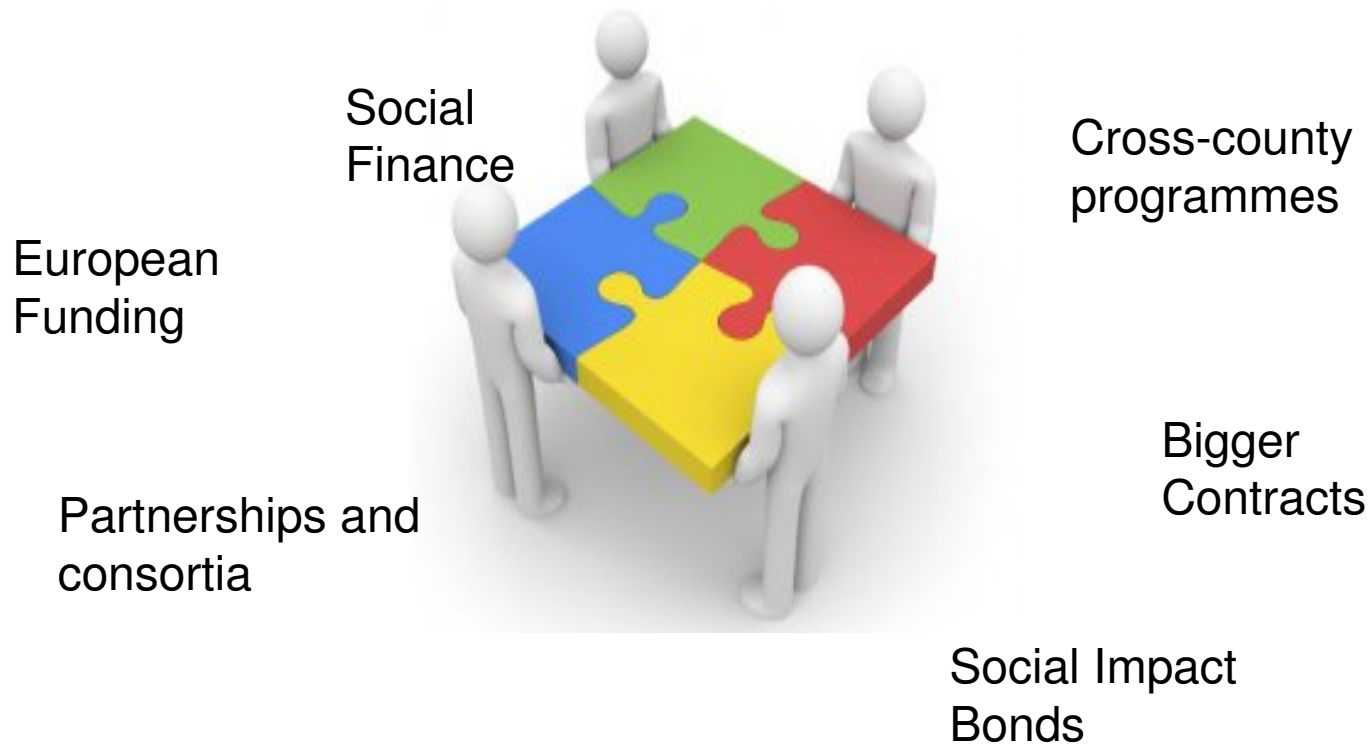
How do you track successful funding advice outcomes for beneficiaries?



Future Needs - Support



Future Needs - bids



Future themes

Information
Connecting

Quality
assurance

Commercial
awareness

Training and
Development

One to one
support

Where do we go from here?

- Some legacy of the project built into our Reach & Impact project funded by ERDF and BIG Lottery Fund
- LIO's need to:
 - budget for staff training and capacity building of funding advisers/third sector advisers
 - Allow space for peer learning and networking
 - Be able to measure and demonstrate effectiveness/impact of funding advice

