

Hui E!

Community Aotearoa

Invitation to our Sector Hui - Thursday 12 March 2015,

10.00am – Midday - Level 16, 171 Featherston St, Wellington

Kia ora koutou katoa, ngā mihi nui ki a koutou
Greetings - All are Welcome to attend.

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1. Quote of the Month

"Under successive governments, the voluntary sector has increasingly been seen as a contractual arm of the state, without an independent mission or voice, interchangeable with the private sector. We are also starting to see a defensive attitude toward the campaigning voice of charities from some leading politicians."

Government and civil servants must "hear our concerns, respond to the recommendations we have made in this report and move toward a 'new settlement' with the voluntary sector, based on respect for the independent value it generates in society and an understanding of how to work with it more effectively".

Sir Roger Singleton, chair of the UK [Panel on the Independence of the Voluntary Sector](#).

2. Agenda for the 12 March Sector Hui

2.1 Community Led Development

The time we had available last month proved to be just enough for a great discussion to get started. This month we will have further presenters to help us build on the discussion – all part of our shared goal of strengthening the sector.

2.2 Hon Jo Goodhew, Minister for the Community and Voluntary Sector (from 11am)

Minister Goodhew will give a presentation and respond to questions and discussion. She is also Minister for Food Safety, Associate Minister for Primary Industries, and Associate Minister for Social Development.

2.3 Open Hui

An opportunity for you to raise issues of the day, and seek collaborators on your projects, and make short announcements about upcoming events.

3. Comments from Hui E! General Manager, Peter Glensor

Auckland Launch for Hui E!

The kaupapa of Hui E! was formally launched in Auckland on February 20th, at a plenary session of a Unitec Conference on Community Development.

One of our Trustees, Pat Watson, and I spoke, and we presented a poster display about Hui E!

About 180 people were registered for the Conference and a good proportion were there - community development activists, NGO leaders, academics, politicians. John Stansfield who chaired the conference gave us strong support to do this presentation, and for the kaupapa generally.

We presented the kaupapa of Hui E!, the three summary goals of Korero, Hui, and Awhina - and the three overarching principles that will guide our work. We gave a few examples of what Hui E! might actually do.

Pat spoke about the background and our hopes to be visible in Auckland and other parts of NZ. Kindra Douglas from Victory Community in Nelson spoke strongly of the benefits of an entity like Hui E! for them in provincial NZ.

During the conference there were many very good contacts made and renewed, and both Pat and I had a strong sense of affirmation about our hopes and dreams for Hui E!.

A couple of specific areas have emerged where we could pick up an ongoing sector-wide korero and hui:

1. Community-led development - have we lost our heart for being there for our communities? has the govt contracting process and the capture of language taken away some of our essential identity as community development agents?
2. Governance - are we working with inappropriate models of governance? Are there some ways of effective and efficient governance and governance/ operational relationships that are more fit for purpose for our sector?

Other recent activity:

The Coalition to End Homelessness held an inspiring one day conference last week in Wellington. Hui E! was able to help get an assurance from MSD that their planned Review of Emergency Housing will be undertaken in partnership with both the NZ Coalition to End Homelessness, and with Community Housing Aotearoa.

We were active participants in a significant ComVoices dialogue with Charity Services. We identified two areas of follow up. First, there are some urgent and worrying practical issues being raised right across the sector concerning the process of registration or deregistration of Charities. Second, many in the sector believe we must keep pressing for a major review of the Charities Act – promised by several governments, but last year cancelled. ComVoices will keep working with Charity Services on both of these.

I had an inspiring session with a group of Hutt Valley *tane* who are passionate about Maori Ironman and how this event and kaupapa can change lives. They have a vision of making Maori Ironman, and other triathlon events more accessible for people with disabilities – another classic example of how our community sector is part of the “social glue” that binds communities together.

You can sign up with Hui E!

On our website – www.huie.org.nz – you can sign up with us, as a Formal Supporter. There is no membership fee or subscription. All we ask is that you sign that you support the kaupapa of Hui E! and that you'll support the organisation.

If your organisation does what to give us financial support, you can signal that – either as a Sector Champion (you must be an NGO and a Formal Supporter) or as a Hui E! Affiliate – open to individuals, companies, local government or central government entities.

Check out how you can sign up on our website – www.huie.org.nz.

4. NZ Navigator is One Year Old!

A total of 623 organisations have registered with NZ Navigator since the tool was launched a year ago, with 375 assessments being completed. Organisations from all over New Zealand have accessed the tool and benefitted from the organisational insight that it fosters. Assessments have been completed by organisations from a range of sectors including social services, health, education and research.

We are beginning to develop a useful data set based on assessments. For instance, over 200 assessments were completed by organisations with 4 or fewer paid members of staff which continues to reinforce the huge outcomes being achieved by relatively small organisations within our sector.

Also of interest is the fact that a significant number of assessments have been undertaken by organisations defining themselves as developmental or growing. This continues to reinforce the agility within our sector.

NZ Navigator is readily accessible and convenient for people to use. While the vast majority access via a desktop computer, 10% access using their mobile device.

Any community organisation can access the tool by registering on the website www.nznavigator.org.nz
If you have **any questions** about NZ Navigator, please contact us at: info@nznavigator.org.nz

5. Invitation - ComVoices Breakfast at Parliament

Hon Peter Dunne, Minister of Internal Affairs, in association with ComVoices and Multicultural New Zealand (The New Zealand Federation of Multicultural Councils), invite you to hear Professor James H. Liu;

“Multiculturalism with Bicultural Foundations?”

How to create a win-win for managing New Zealand's increasingly diverse society”

7.30am on Wednesday 25 March 2015, Grand Hall, Parliament Buildings, Molesworth St, Wellington
A light breakfast will be served.

Cost: \$30 per person (GST Inclusive)

For details and to register please email: admin@comvoices.org.nz Enquiries: Telephone: (04) 479 2204

Registrations close **5pm, Thursday 19 March 2015**

6. Guidance on advocacy by NGOs who hold contracts with Government

Following a discussion with a group of Hui E! members the Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment (MBIE) reviewed the content of the Outcome Agreement User guide that they produce for government agencies undertaking contracts.

MBIE have now made amendments and published an updated Outcome Agreement User Guide on their website. The link below takes you to the User Guide (page 31), with the relevant text as follows:

“Purchasing agencies should recognise that some providers and/or member organisations they belong to, advocate for, and promote the rights of, members of their community. That advocacy role can be an important value for a provider, and a core part of why they exist. Obviously both the purchasing agency and provider will want to maintain a good constructive working relationship based on open and timely communication - as demonstrated by the relationship principles included on the front page of the FTC. If the

provider either advocates for promotion of community interests in public (or may in future), it would be beneficial for both parties to discuss some "no surprises" communications protocols to ensure the parties don't damage their relationship because of any public comment by the provider. Section 8 of the OAMP provides a placeholder for such protocols. Those communications protocols could request advance notice of any critical comment about the purchasing agency and/or an opportunity to comment before publication, which seems reasonable if the provider and purchasing agency are to have a constructive working relationship, but should not attempt to place unreasonable restrictions on the provider's right to free speech.

User guide link <http://www.business.govt.nz/procurement/pdf-library/functional-leadership/contracting-with-ngos/outcome-agreement-user-guide>

7. 2015 Enrolments - Unitec Not-for-Profit courses

The Values-based Management and Leadership course is the first course that people take in the Graduate Diploma and Graduate Certificate in Not-for-Profit programmes.

Upcoming classes are scheduled for:

Wellington: March 18-20 and April 15-17

Auckland: July 1-3 and July 27-29

Christchurch: Aug 24-26 and Sept 23-25

Hamilton Sept 16-18 and Oct 21-23

To apply, go to <http://www.unitec.ac.nz/application-and-funding/how-to-apply/apply-for-a-programme>

Enrol now to secure your place in the 2015 courses!

Fees are about \$776.40 per course. **Scholarships are available.**

To re-enrol, go to <http://www.unitec.ac.nz/current-students/study-support/re-enrolment>

or contact Shirleen Ali on sali@unitec.ac.nz /09 815 4321 ext 5215

8. Stepping through Transitions workshops, March and April

CGO Transitions (CGO = Common Good Organisations) have the following workshops coming up:

Auckland, 25 March - **Managing Leading and Governing in Service organisations** For staff and board/management committee of not-for-profit organisations. This workshop focusses on the changing roles and responsibilities of management and governance as organisations develop. What capacity and capability are needed? Do you have the right people in the right places? How will you adapt to the current context? hazel@cgotransitions.co.nz

Tauranga 14 April - **Managing Leading and Governing** What capacity and capability are needed? Do you have the right people in the right places? How will you adapt to the current context? richard@switchedon.org.nz

Porirua 22 April - **Managing transitions in small community organisations** For small trusts and incorporated societies with a few staff and annual budget of usually less than \$150,000. When resources are tight how do you make the best use of your people? Is your organisation keeping up with the demand? julie@volunteerwellington.org.nz

Tokoroa 29 April - **Managing transitions in community organisations** For the staff and management committee members of smaller organisations who are exploring the organisational challenges of becoming more productive as demand for services increases. gwenda.brodie@tcoss.co.nz

We still have copies of the *Stepping through Transitions* for sale – go to www.cgotransitions.co.nz Workshop participants get the book at a reduced price.

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9. Taxation issues in charities and not-for-profit organisations – Seminar Report

This seminar covered:

- GST issues for not-for-profit entities in relation to branch registration and revenue generation
- Remuneration and tax
- Donations – definitions, overseas donation and donee status
- Tax obligations in relation to de-registration from Charities Services, especially if this is due to an organisational re-structure.

The presentations are available at <http://www.victoria.ac.nz/sacl/about/events/nfp-seminar-series/seminar-4> under the section entitled Keynote Speakers, or you can go to particular presentations via the links below;

Keynote Speakers were:

Hon Todd McClay, Minister of Revenue, Minister for State Owned Enterprises, Associate Minister of Foreign Affairs, and Associate Minister of Trade. (no presentation slides)

Sue Barker, Director, Sue Barker Charities Law ([presentation slides](#))

Phil Fisher, Director, Tax Team ([presentation slides](#))

Charles Ngaki, Senior Policy Analyst, Inland Revenue Department ([presentation slides](#))

John Shewan, Adjunct Professor, School of Accounting and Commercial Law ([presentation slides](#))

The Financial Markets Authority Corporate Governance Handbook that Phil Fisher mentioned in his presentation is at: <http://www.fma.govt.nz/assets/Report-and-Papers/Consultation/Corporate-Governance-Handbook-Principles-and-Guidelines.pdf>

For more about CAGTR - <http://www.victoria.ac.nz/sacl/centres-and-institutes/cagtr>

10. Campaign against charges for Police checks

There was a clear demonstration at Parliamentary Select Committee that many Parliamentarians have little or no understanding of the constraints that many community organisations operate under. Government's plan is to make voluntary and community groups pay for police checks. A petition has now been launched against the proposal – the petition is at <http://action.labour.org.nz/police-checks>.

There was particular media interest in the petition when it was first launched, which gained nearly 2000 signatures in the first hour. If we can keep that interest up there's a real chance that we can stop these charges being brought in so it would be great if you could share the campaign with as many people as possible as soon as possible.

11. The Philanthropy Summit 2015: Understanding the 21st Century Donor

Philanthropy New Zealand invites all not-for-profit organisations to attend [The Philanthropy Summit 2015: Understanding the 21st Century donor](#), being held in Auckland on 17 April.

This one-day event is a unique opportunity to network with some of New Zealand's leading grantmakers and the wider not-for-profit community. It will offer insights into how and why grantmakers decide who to fund. Plus you'll learn about the latest trends in grantmaking, and what you can do to ensure your application keeps rising to the top of the pile. Among the topics being discussed at the Summit are:

- **The 21st century donor and new philanthropic models:** 'Profit' may be seen as a dirty word for the not-for-profit sector, but increasingly young tech entrepreneurs with little or no experience of philanthropy are happy to support projects that deliver a profit as well as make a difference. Learn more from US keynote speaker Peter Hero (Skoll Foundation) and explore social enterprise models in a workshop with Lani Evans.
- **The growing trend for high-trust partnership funding with community organisations:** Find out what makes such partnerships successful in a 1-hour panel session with Jenny Gill (ASB Community Trust), Kate Tindall (Tindall Foundation), David Cowley (WEL Energy Trust) and Anne Rodda (Cognition Education Trust)
- **A funder's perspective:** Practical workshops on using technology to work more effectively; volunteers; evaluation; leadership development and more, all from a funder's perspective.

In the final keynote session leading philanthropists [Mae Hong](#) (Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors, USA) and [Kate Frykberg](#) (Todd Foundation) who will turn the lens on themselves, in a discussion about ways funders can help enhance funding partnerships.

[Find out more and register online.](#)

12. Short Courses at Victoria University in April

The following courses will be of interest in the sector;

- The Bottom Billion: Can we end world poverty? Starts 22 April running 5 weeks regular price \$150 incl GST 20% discount available to NGO please use **promo code TWENTYDISC**
<http://cce.victoria.ac.nz/courses/291-the-bottom-billion-can-we-end-world-poverty>
- NZ Sign Language Level 1 Starts 13 April running 10 weeks regular price \$240 incl GST - early bird discount available until 2 weeks prior to course start date \$216 incl GST
<http://cce.victoria.ac.nz/courses/203-new-zealand-sign-language-1>

Any questions? Please contact **Darci Thompson**, Programme Advisor Continuing Education and Professional and Executive Development, Te Ako Taurua Victoria University of Wellington | PO Box 600, Wellington | Phone 04 463 9967 | darci.thompson@vuw.ac.nz | <http://www.victoria.ac.nz/lifelonglearning/>

13. Hui E! Sector Hui dates

Offers, suggestions or recommendations of presentations are welcome for any or all of the following events; please contact peter.glensor@huie.org.nz

Monthly Sector Hui in Wellington

- 12 March, 10am to Midday; Hon Jo Goodhew, Minister for the Community and Voluntary Sector will speak and be available for questions and discussion. Level 16, 171 Featherston St (entry lobby next to Dick Smith Electronics)
- Note that Hui E! is reviewing the format and frequency of these gatherings, including looking at establishing something regularly in Auckland and then possibly Christchurch.

Wellington Community and Voluntary Sector Research Forum:

- 24th March 2015 **Tuesday, 24th March 2015 from 3 pm-5 pm.** (Refreshments provided from 2.45)
 - **Adrian Shields:** "Public Trust and Confidence in Charities: Variations over time"
 - **Paul Stone:** "Open Government Data and Innovation"

Victoria University Summer Scholars:

- **Harry Berger:** "The Third Sector in 2045: a supporting literature review"
- **Ciahn Dalglish:** "A study of Community-led Resilience Planning"
- 4 forums planned for the year - fourth Tuesday in March, June, September and October
- **DOWNLOAD!** Information from past and future Community and Voluntary Sector Research Forums can be accessed from <http://www.victoria.ac.nz/cvsr-forums>

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