



Annual General Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, 21 October 2020, 5.30-7.30pm

Garden Room, St Peter's Anglican Church, 211 Willis Street, Wellington and Online

Attendees

Hui E! Board	Hui E! Staff	Guests – In Person	Guest – Online
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pania Coote, Co-Chair Tangata Whenua • Sandy Thompson, Co-Chair Tangata Tiriti • Charlie Moore • Dorte Wray • Iris Pahau (online) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rochelle Stewart-Allen • Ronja Ievers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buddhika, Hearing Association (Wellington) Inc. • Dave Henderson, Trust Democracy • Julie Thomson, Volunteer Wellington • James Lord, Be Collective • Mele Wendt, Steering Group for Community Governance • Rae Julian, Equality Network • Seumas Fantham, Todd Foundation • Stephen Reilly, Charities Services • Sue Barker, Sue Barker Charities Law • Vanisa Dhiru, InternetNZ • Valerie Williams, Todd Foundation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agnes Granada, Earth Action Trust • Don McKenzie, Deafblind Association NZ • Francesca Ephraim, Charities Services • Jen Deben, Applause Charitable Trust • Juliette Whyss, CIVICUS, AGNA Network • Jude Opiro, Luo Community • Kamal Shrestha, Nepalese Cultural Centre New Zealand Inc • Katherine and John Peet, Network Waitangi Otautahi & One Voice Te Reo Kotahi • Keitha Booth • Liz Hawes, Social Equity & Wellbeing Network • Paul MacDonald Gourlie, Dunedin Multi-Ethnic Council • Rosalind McIntosh, UNA NZ
	<p>Volunteers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Donyale Hema • Winon Folau 		
	<p>Photo / Video</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Masa Udagawa • Josh Dahlberg 		

1. Welcome and Introduction

Karakia Tīmatanga by Co-Chair Tangata Whenua

Co-Chair Tangata Whenua set the scene, speaking about:

- The importance of finding new and alternative ways of valuing the sector and generating greater understanding by government agencies and funders about the contribution we collectively make
- Stronger connectivity is vital
- A key role Hui E! can play is being the glue that holds the sector together
- Hui E! is on a journey on to embed a treaty-based governance model
- Our efforts are about rethinking recovery and long-term sustainability of both our organisation and the wider sector
- Hui E! is focused on building the capacity and capability of the sector; committed to brokering relationships both within the sector and across government, funders and business; and passionate about helping drive long-term systemic change to better service our sector
- Hui E!'s commitment to the sector is working hard and remaining focused on what the sector needs and determining how we can continue to support those organisations with evolving needs.

2. Apologies

The following apologies were received: Christo Peters, David Hanna (Inspiring Communities), Di Daniels (Digital Wings), Eva Kaprinay, Jane Zintl (Ara Taiohi), John Morgan, Joy Dunsheath, Julie Haggie (Transparency International), Lisa Lawrence (National Council of Women), Marion Blake (Platform Trust), Michelle Kitney (Volunteering New Zealand), Paulien Fa'atafa (Platform Trust, Prudence Stone, Rae Duff (Graduate Women Wellington), Tessa Vincent (Sue Barker Charities Law), Sarah Cole (New Horizons for Women Trust: Hine Kahukura, Sarah Doherty (Hui E!), Sue McCabe (Philanthropy New Zealand), Yvonne Powley (ANCAD), Yvonne Curtis

3. Adoption of Agenda

Co-Chair Tangata Tiriti asked for any amendments. Agenda adopted with no amendments. **Carried**

4. Minutes of the last AGM 21 October 2019

Previous minutes from the 2019 AGM were circulated via a link on [our website](#) and at the meeting. The Co-Chair invited any comments, questions or additions on the minutes. Correction: Dave Henderson attended as Trust Democracy. **Carried.**

5. Strategic Plan Kōrero

Presented by Co-Chair Tangata Tiriti. Presentation slides can be downloaded from [our website](#).

Key points made:

- Hui E!'s past strategic framework very sound. New plan clarifies our uniqueness and the kind of leadership we can offer
- To champion for the sector, on behalf of the sector. Purpose is to facilitate. A fair and just Aotearoa is our vision and ultimate goal
- Our role is being a peak body, not in terms of representing everyone, but of having people around us that we are working with. We amplify, enable and generate visibility for the sector's mahi

- We grow what's already there, connect organisations across the sector. We make sure the required information, evidence and people have the skills to be able to stand up and use that evidence
- We work to ensure information is used in a meaningful way to create the change we are collectively trying to achieve as a sector
- We advocate on behalf of those who are our whanau and as a shared voice
- Our objectives remain to test and build the ideas, and build collaboration and reciprocity (hui), advocate for capacity and capability building and facilitate collective action (āwhina) and frame the conversation based on evidence and reflection (kōrero).

Positive feedback was received from the audience.

6. Presentation of Activities

Our Pou Kaiārahi presented on the key activities during the 2019-2020 year. Presentation slides can be downloaded from [our website](#) and the information is available in our Annual Report.

- Funding partner for community action /Hoa pūtea moni, which has led to ongoing grant writing assistance and a current grant writing pilot for community organisations with a corporate provider
- Publishing the People's Report and providing a community perspective to measuring progress towards sustainable change
- Our COVID response including partnerships and ongoing conversations that have resulted from this period
- Partnering to survey community organisations on the impacts of COVID and long-term systemic changes needed, with results released in the new financial year.

The Co-Chair Tangata Tiriti then acknowledged and thanked the Hui E! staff and volunteers for the fantastic work done.

7. Annual Report 2019/20 and Financial Accounts

Copies of the Annual Report and End of Year Accounts for the year ending 30 June 2020 were circulated via a link on [our website](#) and at the meeting. The Co-Chair Tangata Tiriti invited any comments or questions on the reports.

A question was asked from our online attendees in relation to Hui E!'s key learnings during COVID-19:

- Agility – fast and quick decision-making
- Untagged funding - what made a big difference for Hui E! was that our funding was not tagged to delivery of specific projects so we were able to change our BAU work and still deliver to meet the requirements of our grants
- Collaboration – we saw a real reaching out within and across sectors with honest and upfront conversations
- Acknowledging community expertise - increased discussion and conversation with community organisations / umbrella bodies is needed so that community organisational knowledge can be factored into government policy decision-making
- Partnership between governance and staff – importance of partnership and relationships.

Carried.

8. General Business

The Co-Chair Tangata Tiriti asked for any general business.

Comment from the audience in relation to the push for the re-establishment of an Office for the Community and Voluntary Sector and that government is generally reluctant to re-construct something that was previously disestablished. Mentioned the work done by Sue Barker on developing an alternative which is out for consultation. On the question about whether Hui E! has something concrete to propose to government, it was explained that the current conversation is more about the function – ie. how does the community sector have conversations into government and vice versa – not a fixed idea and that there will be three workshops to kickstart the discussion with government.

Sue Barker added that she is welcoming any collaboration on her proposal for Charities Law reform.

One attendee asked the Co-Chair to elaborate on the two-house governance model. Co-Chair Tangata Whenua provided a brief on the work of the Tangata Whenua, Community and Voluntary Sector Taskforce and the development of a treaty-based model of working together. This is where tangata whenua and tangata tiriti can have a conversation in their own 'house', then come together to develop a shared understanding. Hui E! is on a journey to develop a two-house governance model and our goal is to document our experience and learnings to share with other organisations.

Another attendee asked about Hui E!'s experience with sector Code of Conducts. While Hui E! hasn't had specific conversations about Codes of Conduct, the board has been having conversations about the values that guide our work and that of our supporters.

This led to the next part on the agenda about the common values in the sector.

No additional business raised.

9. Values and Purpose Kōrero

Attendees (online and offline) were split into small groups to discuss two questions:

- a) What are the common values we share as a sector?
- b) What is our unique purpose in relation the commercial and government sectors?

Key themes that emerged from the small group discussion will be collated, shared back, and provide a platform for further conversation and revisiting Hui E!'s own strategic plan. They included (but not limited to):

Values	Purpose
Aroha, kotahitanga, whakawhanaungatanga, inclusiveness, justice, being caring and responsive to our communities. Importance of community stories. Not profit but action driven	To facilitate, support community, effect change for the benefit of the people To build social capital

The meeting was closed with a Karakia Whakamutunga.