

Community & voluntary sector – party policies

Party policy	Law reform	Relationship with Government	Funding	Volunteering	Advocacy	Other
<u>Labour</u>	<p>Instigate the four well beings in the Local Government Act (achieved)</p> <p>Consult with the community and voluntary sector on the disestablishment of the Charities Commission</p> <p>Prioritise a first principles review of the Charities Act</p>	<p>Review previous relationship accords and progress more meaningful agreements</p> <p>Determine the best structural mechanism for strengthening the relationship between government and the sector</p> <p>Build stronger networking/ umbrella organisations</p>	<p>Work-with the sector to establish long-term funding cycles and transparent processes</p> <p>Ensure MSD provide support funding to organisations willing to train or mentor job-seekers</p>	<p>Recognise and honour the vital role of volunteers e.g. through NZ Honours</p> <p>Examine ways of setting up community cadetships which will expose a trainee to a range of workplaces across the sector</p>	<p>Ensure that the sector can engage in advocacy without fear of losing registered charitable status or government contracts/support</p> <p>Remove gagging clauses from government contracts</p> <p>Continue to support the independence of community sector advocacy</p>	<p>Explore aspects of Whanau Ora which can be transferred into the community & voluntary sector</p>
<u>National</u>		<p>Ensure accountability and transparency while allowing charities and not-for-profits to get on with their contribution to NZ.</p>	<p>Streamline the funding and procurement process.</p> <p>Grow social enterprise through a contestable capability building seed funding</p>	<p>Encourage volunteering and giving</p> <p>Review the Government Policy on Volunteering</p>		<p>More than double funding available through the DOC Community fund.</p>
<u>Greens</u>	<p>Full review of the functions of the Office of the Community and Voluntary Sector</p>	<p>Strengthen the Minister’s role through higher standing within Cabinet, influence with other</p>	<p>Create and enact a best practice model for funding and accountability relationships, with a view</p>	<p>Community internship programme: involving community and voluntary sector representatives in</p>	<p>Recognise the independence of the groups which make up the Tangata Whenua,</p>	<p>Support research on the sector and proportionally more funding towards \$ & D</p>

	<p>Reduce the functions of the Charities Commission so that it focuses on registration and associated tax issues – education and capacity building role should be shifted to being sector-led.</p>	<p>portfolios and more funds Fund a sector-led independent group to work with Government and strengthen the NGO-government relationship</p> <p>Improving the capacity of Local Government to understand, resource and work with community and voluntary sector organisations</p>	<p>to creating a Code of Practice Larger budget allocation for the sector & increase COGS funding to \$34m p.a.</p> <p>Have a limit on tax deductible donations to charities, initially set at \$20,000</p> <p>Reduce the sector’s dependence on gambling – mitigate losses through a special government fund (\$150M)</p>	<p>training and education for public servants</p> <p>Oppose ‘workfare’ or compulsory schemes as these destroy real jobs</p> <p>Increase funding to organisations promoting volunteering</p>	<p>Community and Voluntary sector, and their right to play an advocacy role</p> <p>Require all Government departments and agencies to accept the right of NGOs to advocate for those individuals, communities and issues in whose interests they work, without prejudice in regards to funding, contracting or tax status.</p> <p>Enhance mechanisms and resourcing to allow policy input from community organisations</p>	<p>carried out by the sector</p> <p>Honour Te Tiriti o Waitangi obligations</p> <p>Support community economic development e.g. community owned banking network</p>
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					Significantly increase funding and infrastructure support available to not for profit organizations that provide quality support and advocacy services for people dealing with Government departments whose actions significantly and directly impact on their lives.	
NZ First				Potential policy of for 2020 of compulsory 100 hours community service for ages 15 – 19 years old.		
ACT				Scrap red tape that stops New Zealanders from volunteering in prison education and rehabilitation programmes.		
<u>TOP</u>		Supports devolution of services to local communities in areas of health, social housing and democratic decision-making	Devolve decision-making to communities and adequately resource this		Support removing gagging clauses from government contracts	Kickstart the community housing sector and give them housing stock (with regulation)

Māori Party		Support cross-organisation engagement that allows organisations to work collaboratively with government	Support community funding models Greater resourcing to Whānau Ora commissioning agencies			
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Historical developments

2000 – 2008

- [Community and Voluntary Sector Working Party](#) in 2000
- [Statement of Government Intentions](#) for an Improved Community-Government Relationship 2001
- NZ Office for the Community & Voluntary Sector [Established](#) in 2003
- [Community-Government Relationship Steering Group](#), set up in 2001 to carry out recommendations of Working Party
- [Community Sector Taskforce](#) was set up in 2004 and held a national forum to discuss issues facing the sector in 2005
- Charities Act introduced 2005 and register [launched](#) in 2007
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2008 – 2017

- Review of the Statement of Government Intentions by Len Cook (a former Government statistician), coordinated by ANGOA (ISBN 978-0-473-15168-3: “Good intentions – an assessment of the statement of government intentions for...” it includes 15 recommendations regarding improvement of the relationship), 2008
- Steering group of [Kia Tūtahi Standing Together](#) announced in 2010
- [Kia Tūtahi Accord](#) with the community and voluntary sector signed in 2011
- The Office for Community and Voluntary Sector integrated into the Department of Internal Affairs, with reduced staff in 2011
- Charities Commission [disestablished](#) and its functions transferred to the Department of Internal Affairs in 2012
- Review of the Charities Act [announced](#) in 2010 but [cancelled](#) in 2012
- [Review](#) of the Kia Tūtahi Accord in 2015
- Budget 2017 provided a \$2M boost to the volunteering sector and \$4M over four years to support community-led developments
- New financial reporting standards were [introduced](#) in 2015

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2017 – 2020

- [\\$5M grant](#) to support social enterprise and partnership with Ākina in December 2017
- A review of the Charities Act was [announced](#) in May 2018, but paused in May 2020

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