

HUI E! COMMUNITY AOTEAROA PRESENTS

WHY IMPROVING COMMUNITY / GOVERNMENT RELATIONSHIPS MATTER

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WHO ARE WE AS A SECTOR?

We deliver programmes
and services

We provide opportunities
for public participation

We grow community
leaders and volunteers

We build social cohesion

We help people work
together to achieve
better societies

We contribute to a
functioning democracy

We understand the
needs of communities
where we are embedded

We are able to directly
respond to major events
and help others do the
same – government,
businesses, community

WHY IS OUR SECTOR CORE TO THE GOVERNMENT?

- We are a fundamental component of the Government's delivery of the Wellbeing Budget and Treasury's Living Standards Framework (Nature, Human, Social, Economic Capital)
- We help democracy work properly
- We provide a vital link between communities and government
- We explain the views of the people to government and help society be heard

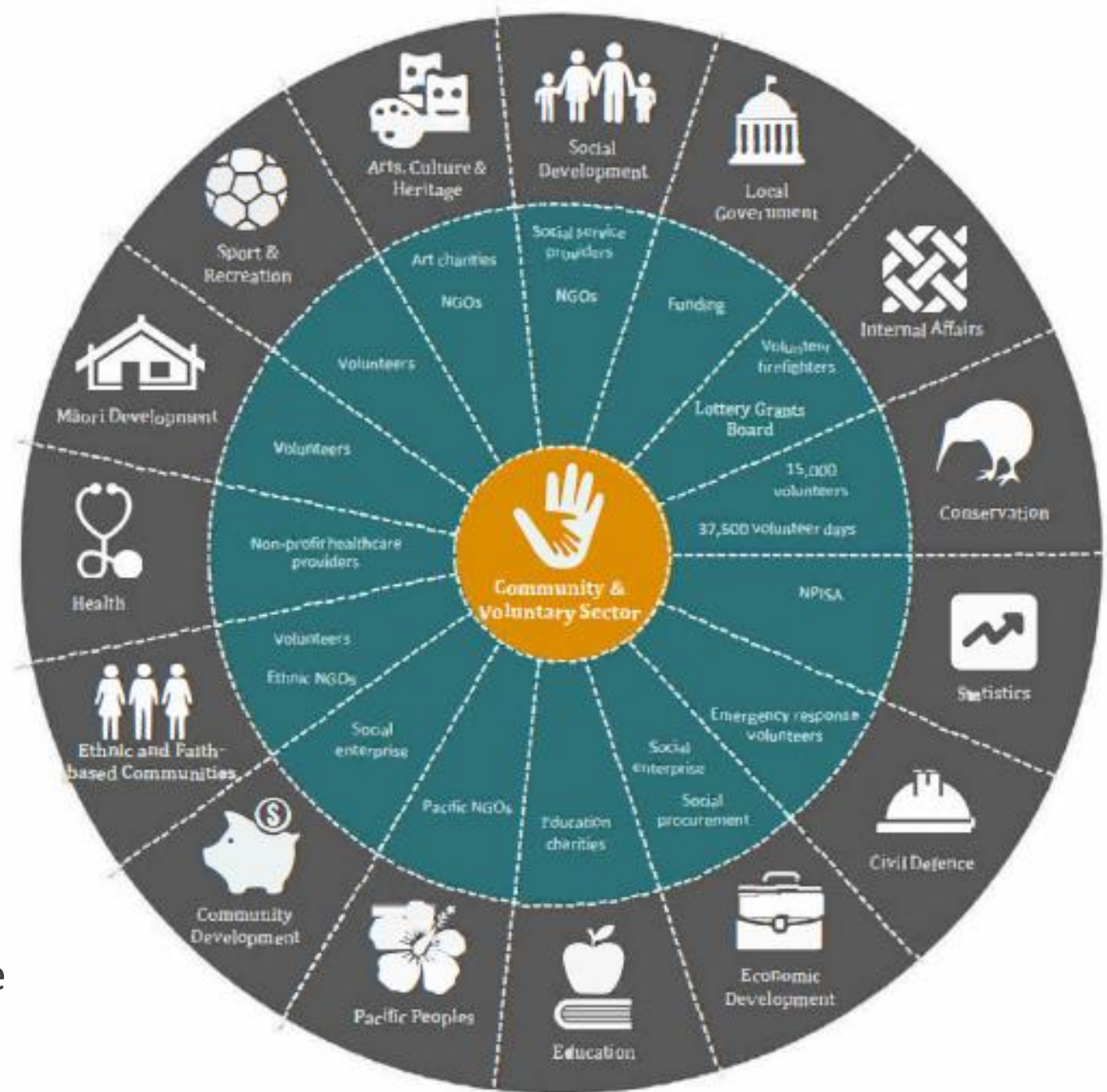


Figure 1: The Community and Voluntary Sector portfolio interacts with many other Ministerial portfolios

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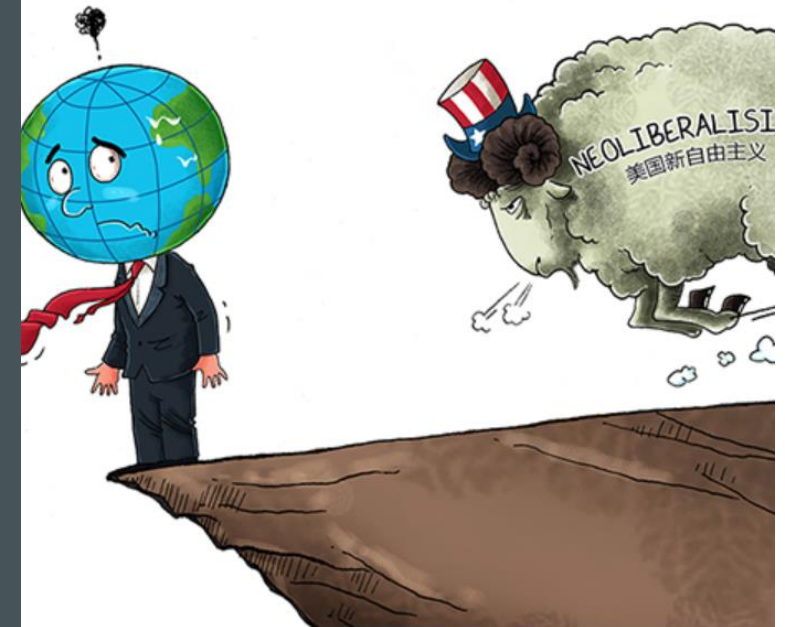
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Government are a major funder of some of our organisations

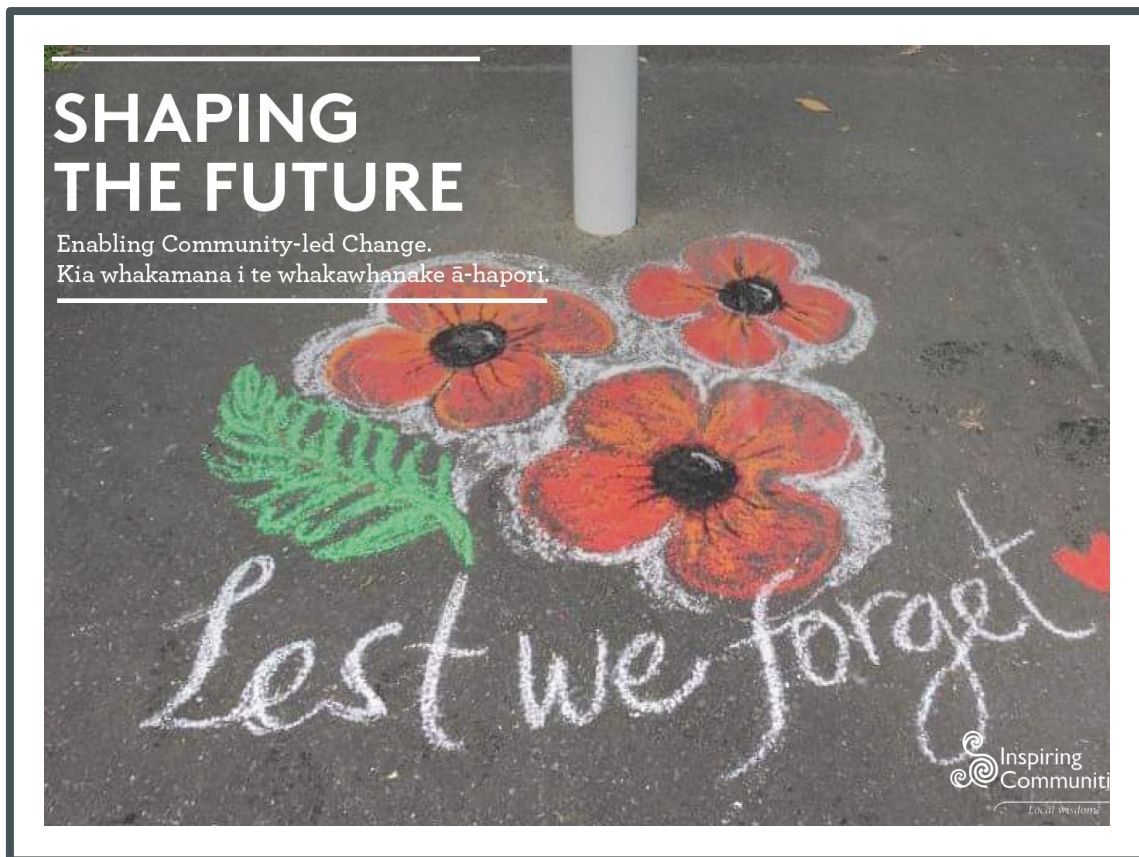
Our work is often guided and framed by government policies

WHY IMPROVING SECTOR / GOVT RELATIONSHIPS MATTERS

- Government System is based on neo-liberal 'new public mgmt.' approach introduced in 1980's (transferring managerialism of USA multi-national companies to public sector (markets, transaction focused, provider capture etc)
- Current Government System is no longer fit for purpose – Covid 19 has highlighted this, both response of community and need for Govts to borrow to support people (people over economy)
- Opportunity to re-imagine / reframe how we all work in the service of the public. Te Tiriti o Waitangi provides unique global opportunity to lock indigenous knowledge / world views into new system
- Lock-down gave us a glimpse of how this could work – key insights from Shaping our Future Report



SHAPING OUR FUTURE – TAKING ACTION



- Decentralise
- Recognise and respect difference
- Value people and relationships
- Embed collaboration
- Build local economic resilience
- Tolerate more risk

EMERGING 'BRIGHT SPOTS'

- Te Tiriti Informed Approaches – Iwi / hapu led, new structures
- Wellbeing Lens – shift from welfare focus – future generation focus, interlink social, economic, culture ...
- Participatory Democracy – citizens assemblies
- Community led development – economic, social, environmental
- Co-production, co-design movements
- Democratising the economy - cooperatives



WHAT THE SECTOR EXPERIENCED WITH GOVERNMENT SINCE COVID

Positives

- Increased engagement from / with government
- Improved, honest conversations
- Change from transactional to trusted relationships
- Increased funding
- Faster funding decisions and extended contracts

Negatives

- Difficulty getting key information shared into the right areas
- Difficulty getting active participation in decision-making
- Lack of community consultation around funding or resource allocation

REFRAMING RELATIONSHIPS

- To start improving relationships between the community sector and government, we need to reframe our mindsets:

Negative

Hopeless
Dismal
Energy stealing
Competitive

Positive

Hopeful
Filled with opportunities
Positive emotional tone
Collaborative



SHIFTING FROM TRANSACTIONAL TO TRANSFORMATIVE RELATIONSHIPS

Transactional

Contractual
Expectation of reciprocity
Concerned about own benefit
Fragile
Short-term

Transformative

Trusted
Give without expectation
Concern for others
Values-based & power sharing
Long-term