

Women's and Men's Hui

The National Network of Shopping Violence Services in conjunction with Hamilton Abuse Intervention Project is holding a Women's and Men's Hui in Hamilton 29-31 March 2007.

Family Violence is the topic. Preseters will discuss this topic from various perspectives, including cultural and gender. Experts will discuss the effects of violence on children, the development of strategies for change and the rights of women and

children to be safe in their own homes. There is an exciting line up of speakers, including Neville Robertson, Sue Bradford, Darrin Hartman, Ruth Busch, Roma Balcer, Jill Chirip and members of the Brainwave Trust Committee.

This is a must for anyone who works in this area. For more details or registration please contact Lila Jones, 07 8343148 or haip@hug.co.nz



Population Health Service Project Planning and Evaluation Introductory Training Programme*

Phase 1. Introduction to Project Planning & Evaluation Workshop 17 May 2007

Objectives:

- Understanding project planning and evaluation
- Defining a project and a project plan
- Learning how to use the project plan guidelines with a practical example
- Key components of the evaluation plan and the link to project plan

Phase 2. Evaluation Workshop (Types and Methods) 25-26 May 2007

Objectives:

- Learning about the main types of evaluation (Formative, Process, Impact, Outcome)
- Learning how to use the evaluation plan guidelines
- Understanding methods of evaluation
- Practical example of project plan alongside evaluation plan

Phase 3. Evaluation Reporting Workshop 8 November 2007

Objectives:

- Learning how to utilise the evaluation report guidelines and template
- Understanding audience, structure and language when writing reports
- Learning how to reference a variety of sources

- * All workshops held in Hamilton, venues to be confirmed.

Participants must have completed phase 1 to progress to phases 2 & 3

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Symphony of Love

Kaumaitia Po Whakangahau

On Friday 23 March 2007 6.30 to 12.30 pm the Fancourt Dinsdale Rauwauwau Charitable Trust are holding their annual Kaumaitia ball at the Te Rapa Sports Dome. Tickets are \$35.

Organisations, send your Kaumaitia along!

Any enquiries please contact Hokioi Kopya 07 847 6980, rauwaawatrust@xtra.co.nz

Charities Commission Workshops & Training

Are you involved with a charitable organisation? Come along to one of three FREE registration workshops in the Waikato region.

Bookings are essential. To reserve your place, please contact the relevant workshop host below.

Monday 19 March – Hamilton

10am - 12noon or 1pm - 3pm
Te Puna O Te Ora, 50 Colombo Street, Frankton
Contact Donna Smith or Yvonne Wilson at Frankton & Dinsdale Rauwauwau Trust on 07 847 6980 ext 209 or rauwaawatrust@xtra.co.nz, by 14 March.

Wednesday 21 March – Te Kuiti

10 - 12noon, Te Kuiti St, John Hall
Contact Kim at Te Kuiti Community House on 07 878 5272, by 15 March.

The Charities Commission will also give two one-hour presentations on registration under the Charities Act at the **Funding 007 Expos:**

- Hamilton: Tuesday 6 March, Hamilton Gardens Pavilion, 1-2pm
- Te Kuiti: Wednesday 21 March, Watimono Civic Centre, 1-2pm

To find out more about registration under the new Act, its benefits and how your tax exempt status may be affected, contact us.



www.charities.govt.nz

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Funding — can it be sustainable?

Sustainability requires a four-pronged approach – environment, economy, society and governance. Sustainable funding goes hand in hand with the sustainability of the organisation. Governance and management of the organisation needs to be working well so that the organisation is strong. The economy affects how much funding is available for the social service sector. Our physical environment and the economy affect the wellbeing of our people which in turn affects the need for social services including health services.

If our people are doing well, if they're in adequately paying jobs and are well housed and fed our social services move from a lot of ambulance at the bottom of the cliff work to building the strength of communities. Strength comes from supporting communities to increase and develop involvement and networks and the growing sense of belonging that helps people to be active members of their communities with a pride in their environment, families and communities. These are crucial to the wellbeing of our society.

Planning, including strategic planning is crucial to sustainable funding. Financial sustainability won't happen without putting time and resources into thinking and planning. Think about the needs your organisation is set up to meet, how it is meeting the needs, how successful it is in meeting those needs and what needs your organisation might be meeting in five years time. Then think about what resources are needed and develop a funding plan.

Funding is never easy so make it easier on yourself by using the tools at your disposal such as the FundiView and CorporateCitizens databases. Use them free at a library or pay the subscription – it's a cost to you but if it helps you to get funding then it pays for itself. Use FundiView to identify appropriate funders and then take the time to build relationships with them. The time you put in may be a cost to you in terms of time lost to providing services but in the long term it will pay for itself. If a funder understands what you're doing and can see yours is a credible organisation doing great work they may be more inclined to fund you more generously and for a longer period.

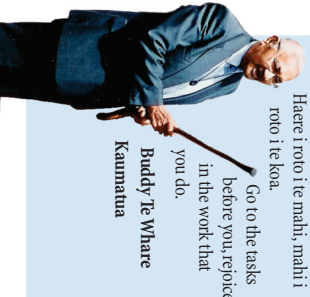
There are organisations, usually large ones, that have bequests and other donations invested to give them a substantial reserve and some funding for projects from the interest. So there is one way to make the dream a reality – try for a substantial bequest or donation and invest wisely. The temptation might be to use the donation or bequest for current services and you need to be thinking strategically to resist that temptation and keep the money for the future.

Your funding needs to ensure you recruit good staff, train and pay them well and provide them with up to date and effective IT, resources and office equipment in a comfortable environment. That comfort includes cultural comfort. These factors are important to the health and effectiveness of the strong organisation.

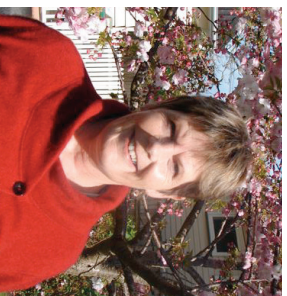
Evaluate your work, check with stakeholders that your services are still relevant. Strong and healthy organisations that are meeting needs they can identify are more likely to attract funding. Having a good strategic plan that you are following, an annual plan and a funding plan will help in building longer term funding. If you want help with your planning, governance or other aspects of organisational capacity contact our Manager of Advisory Services, Jane Stevens jane@com-trust.org.nz or call Jane Ph: 07 838 1583

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Haere i roto i te mahi, mahi i roto i te kōa.
Go to the tasks before you, rejoice in the work that you do.
Buddy Te Whare
Kaumaitia



CE's greeting

Kia ora koutou katoa, kia orana, namaste, talofa lava, greetings to you all. Here we are well into 2007, the comet has been and gone and summer is already on the wane. Social Services Waikato staff have been planning their year and diaries are filling up fast. Over the last six months we worked with 197 organisations and have networked with a further 80 throughout the region. We've increased our liaison with local Councils, government workers and MRs as well as funders to encourage collaboration and a stronger voice for our region. We are involved with the Waikato Community Sector Taskforce pilot, an initiative which aims to grow our regional networking and ability to make Community Sector voices heard.

This issue of Kumara Time gives you more information about the Taskforce pilot and lots of other interesting stories, views and news.

We hope 2007 is a good year for you all and look forward to working and networking with you.



Youth Week: Waikato - Aotearoa, NZ

Youth Week is an annual international event that aims to generate public awareness and appreciation of young people and their accomplishments.

The theme of Waikato Youth Week is: **Recognising, celebrating and encouraging youth.**

Along with this message we continue to reinforce our previous theme of challenging youth stereotypes.

The week long celebration and interaction is intended to bring a stronger connection between young people and their communities.

During Youth Week providers and young people around the Waikato, Aotearoa and the world organise and participate in many activities, including:

- Award ceremonies
- Community projects
- Sports events
- Agency engagement
- Art displays
- Talent shows

During the planning of the 2006 Waikato Youth Week it became apparent that, due to the National event being run during the school term, attendance opportunities for young people, particularly in main stream schools, were limited. At this time the Waikato Youth Week Planning Committee decided it would run against the grain, in order to better meet the needs of young people in the Waikato, and hold Youth Week during the second week of the April school holidays.

Within the Waikato the focus of these activities is to recognise diversity, celebrate achievements and encourage young people to participate and to continue being proactive and involved in their communities, education and personal development.

When is Waikato Youth Week 2007?
13-21 April 2007

These dates are specific to Waikato Youth Week and chosen so that youth week runs in conjunction with the school holidays. National Youth Week runs from 21 to 27 May 2007 during the school term.

Waikato Youth Week information
Waikato Youth Week is coordinated by a Planning Committee. The committee welcomes the registration of events for this year's Youth Week. Currently they are involved with the development of the 2007 event calendar which will be available to young people, providers and communities to inform them of the planned events.

For more information regarding the Youth Week Planning Committee or to register an event or access the 2007 calendar once it's available, please do not hesitate to contact: Maree Nikora, at Social Services Waikato, Ph: 07 838 1383 or email: maree@community.org.nz

This idea worked well and as a result we will run the 2007 & 2008 Waikato Youth Events during the school holiday period.

Waikato Youth Week Planning Committee will continue to support any initiatives held during National Youth Week dates. They are currently coordinating a calendar of events for Waikato Youth Week 2007. Please keep your eyes open for the calendar and accept our invitation to participate in the Waikato Youth Week events.

Websites for you

www.koreromaori.org.nz
The Koroero Maori website is a useful and easy to use site developed by Te Ihara Whiri i te reo Maori – the Maori Language Commission – in order to raise awareness about the Maori language by increasing opportunities for people to learn and use it. This is a great site for learners and fluent speakers of te reo alike. Along with te reo there is information about tikanga, karakia, using te reo in business, and much more.

www.nzfwo.org.nz
New Zealand Federation of Voluntary Welfare Organisations. This website gives you up to date information about what's happening in the voluntary sector and has submissions and other useful resources for you to use with your work.

www.youthworkers.net.nz
The National Youth Workers Network Aotearoa website provides support and advice for those working in the youth worker sector.

www.goodworks.co.nz
Good Works (NZ) Ltd began in 2005 and is New Zealand's specialist Not-for-Profit, Community and Government jobs website. Goodworks is a gateway to this sector. It is an affordable, cost effective recruitment advertising strategy to enable organisations to spend less on administrative costs and ensure more funds are put towards their good works.

www.volunteeringnz.co.nz
This site give you access to Volunteering New Zealand (VNZ). VNZ is an association of volunteer centres and national organisations with a strong commitment to volunteering. Established in 2001, their mission is to create an environment that supports, promotes, values and encourages effective volunteering by the people of Aotearoa New Zealand.

Applications in Action

Get your Trust Waikato application into action with a little bit of help!

Trust Waikato Donation Advisors, Sandra Larsen & Michael Wano, will be spending time in eight Waikato communities offering practical sessions on the Trusts' 2007 application process.

Along with useful tips, groups will be able to clarify their project eligibility for funding and gain an understanding of how to optimize their applications.

"Our aim is to make the applications as stress free as possible," says Sandra Larsen. "We felt it was important to meet with people and answer any queries before the Trust Waikato applications were due."

Trust Waikato's 2007 application round opens on 1st April and closes on 11th May. Applications in Action is free of charge and does not require groups to register.

"Our aim is to make the applications as stress free as possible."

Huntly
Riverside Room, 16 April 6.30 - 8.00pm

Raglan
Town Hall, 17 April 6.30 - 8.00 pm

Ngauruhia
Memorial Hall, 18 April 6.30 - 8.00 pm

Contact:
Sandra Larsen
Donation Adviso
07 838 2660
021 776 748



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Funding workshops



Presented by local community funders – Department of Internal Affairs (Lottery & COGS), Hamilton City Council, Trust Waikato, Hamilton Community Arts Council, Arts Waikato and Social Services Waikato

Time: 9am – 3pm
Cost: \$20 per person
Bookings: Through DIA, phone: 07 839 9960
Numbers limited to 30 per workshop

Community group looking for funding?

Want to make successful applications? Come to our friendly "hands on" one day workshop.

The 9am to 3pm workshop covers:

- how to fill out a successful application form
- budgeting for your project
- selling your project to the funder
- tips on getting prepared
- how decisions are made

Hamilton

St Peters, 23rd March
St Peters, 19th July

Te Kaiti

Civic Centre, 3rd May

Tokoroa

Te Mananga, 11th June

Huntly

Riverside Room, 18th October

Cambridge

Cambridge Health & Community Centre, 8th November

KiwiSaver is on the way

The start date for the government's initiative to encourage long-term savings amongst employees – KiwiSaver – has been pushed out to 1 July 2007, but the message for employers is still the same: start preparing now!

KiwiSaver, which was announced by the government in its 2005 budget, aims to encourage more New Zealanders to save for their retirement. It was originally scheduled to start with the new financial year on 1 April 2007, but the Government has decided to delay that date to give employers and scheme providers more time to prepare.

KiwiSaver is a work-based retirement savings scheme. Most new employees (including those who are new to the workforce and those shifting jobs) will be automatically enrolled in a KiwiSaver scheme when they start work, with the opportunity after a few weeks to continue or opt out.

KiwiSaver for beginners

What will KiwiSaver mean for employees?

- New employees will be automatically enrolled in KiwiSaver and have eight weeks to opt out.
- Employees can choose the level of their contributions: either 4 or 8 per cent of their gross pre-tax salary.
- Employees can select the KiwiSaver provider they want to save with, or use the preferred provider chosen by their employer (if there is one) or the default provider chosen by the IRD.

What will KiwiSaver mean for employers?

- Employers must provide information packs (supplied by the IRD) about KiwiSaver to new employees.
- They must also pass details of all new employees to the IRD so that they can be enrolled in KiwiSaver. If an employee chooses to opt out of KiwiSaver, the employer is responsible for letting the IRD know.



Existing employees can also choose to contribute to a KiwiSaver scheme, as can self-employed people and beneficiaries. Once people start paying into a scheme, their savings will be locked in until the age of entitlement for superannuation, which is currently 65.

There are some exceptions to this, such as for people facing financial hardship or buying their first house, and employers will also be able to apply for a "contributions holiday". But in general, KiwiSaver's aim is to encourage people to take financial responsibility for their own futures by forming, and sticking to, a long-term savings plan.

All employers will be obliged to offer KiwiSaver, and will also have some decisions to make about which scheme they would prefer their employees to belong to, whether to make additional employer contributions and, where an employer has an existing

superannuation scheme in place, the relationship this scheme will have to KiwiSaver.

Given that there are many small to medium size employers in the not-for-profit sector, and that these employers are unlikely to have existing superannuation arrangements in place, KiwiSaver will be particularly important for the sector as an affordable way of ensure staff's retirement needs are met.

The government will be launching a public information campaign about KiwiSaver this year. In the meantime, to help you get your heads around KiwiSaver, we've listed some of its main features below, as well as some web addresses where you can look for more information.

- Employers deduct KiwiSaver contributions as part of the PAYE process and forward them to the IRD.
- Employers can choose to select a KiwiSaver preferred provider for their employees, which will act as the default provider if employees don't choose one of their own.
- Employers can make additional employer contributions to their employees' KiwiSaver accounts, as a way of recruiting and retaining staff.
- Employers who are already running a work-based superannuation scheme can apply for exemption, so that their new employees are not automatically enrolled in KiwiSaver. However, they still have to offer KiwiSaver as an option.

What is the Government's role?

- In addition to the public education campaign, the Government will produce KiwiSaver information packs for employers to distribute to new employees. These packs will set out how

employees can get additional financial information about KiwiSaver, as employers are not expected to provide this information.

- The IRD will administer KiwiSaver by collecting contributions through the PAYE process and forwarding them to the employees' selected KiwiSaver scheme provider or a default provider.
- The Government is also proposing to provide a \$1000 lump sum contribution when an employee joins KiwiSaver, and financial help with purchasing a first home for KiwiSaver members who have paid into their scheme for a certain length of time.

Where do I get more information?

The IRD's website www.ird.govt.nz/kiwisaver/ contains an overview of KiwiSaver and a detailed list of questions and answers. A public education campaign and information packs will be available in 2007.

Alternatives to contracting

Funding. We spend an inordinate amount of our time trying to get it, there's never enough of it, and then we have to spend a whole lot more time explaining how we spent it.

The sector funding environment has changed significantly over the last 25 years. We have lived through the advent of public trusts, the establishment of the Philanthropic Community Trusts around the country and significant growth in the number of groups vying for a slice of the pie.

Professionalisation of the sector has brought with it major changes in the way we use our funding (and account for it). But the biggest change in the last 25 years has been the move to contract based funding.

A recent think piece by Tony Spelman the Co-Chair of the Community Sector Taskforce explores the contracting model we have operated under since the 80s and suggests that there are some real alternatives to the contracting model that the sector needs to explore with government.

Tony gives some historical perspective to the introduction of contracting in the 1980's stating that:

"Sector experience with the contracting model is mixed. In the 80s and 90s some community groups welcomed the introduction of the contracting model because it improved their access to government funding. Many of those groups would now argue that the cost of the contracting model is too high, that access on a sustainable basis is becoming progressively difficult. Contracting has in effect become too hard."

It's an issue that many of our sector organisations grapple with, because significant amounts of our work is contracted out from government. Currently we are a cheap option for government for delivery of services. Increasingly we are hearing that it is becoming harder to find enough funding to keep organisations operating through grants and donations and often contracts do not cover all the operational costs or comprehensive services of an organisation. In addition the requirements for accountability and compliances are increasingly out of balance with the level of funding provided. Tony argues that there is a need to dig deeper into

sector values and the way they inform the process of identifying need, the way work is organised and managed, and how the sector measures a good job done. He says that this will require:

"Looking at key mechanisms of accountability, governance and management. It will require the unpacking and re-packing of a number of relationships at all stages of working together and funding processes in order to get a better fit between the role, values and contribution of the sector in all its diversity and the role, values and contribution of government in all its complexity."

There is a growing call to address the problems with the current forms of funding available to the sector. It is encouraging to see the Community Sector Task force addressing the need for the sector and government to work together to find ways to address relationships, sustainability and development of the sector, as Tony says "The tangible benefits will be of value to communities and to government equally".

By Jane Stevens

Waikato Community Sector Taskforce Collective Pilot Project

"A Strong, Healthy Engaged and Connected Sector"

The Waikato role has been acknowledged by the National Taskforce as an area that has a vibrant, collaborative community sector. In recognition of this they have offered us (and of course we took it up) the challenge of being the first area in Aotearoa to pilot the development of a regional community sector collective. The pilot runs through to June 2007.

Purpose

The primary purpose of the pilot is to explore strategies that will support the growth and sustainability of a strong, healthy, engaged and connected sector in the Waikato. One primary strategy for the pilot will be the establishment of a Waikato Community Sector collective. A Working Group has been beavering away at this mail. It includes representatives from the Arts, Social

Services, Tangata Whenua, Faith, Environment and Sports sectors. Supporting this work is Maire Morrison who has come on board on contract to undertake the coordination and administration for the pilot.

Benefits of getting involved

Maire says that the benefits of participating in the development of a Waikato collective include:

- Working collaboratively on approaches to social issues in our communities
- Networking and information sharing
- Working to ensure relationship building between the sector and local and central government
- Working to ensure we are strong and able to get our voices heard
- Being part of working toward positive changes in our sector

Maire will be making contact and coming out to visit groups over the next few months so look out for her. You can make contact with her by phoning 021 722 560 or emailing her on mikawetm@xtra.co.nz

National Community Sector Taskforce

The Community Sector Taskforce is the mandated leadership group for the Tangata Whenua Community and Voluntary Sector. The Tangata Whenua Community and Voluntary Sector encompasses the entire spectrum of community organisations, ranging from iwi sporting, arts, ethnic and faith communities to environmental, social service and arts groups.

There is a national forum planned in June 07 involving the Government and Tangata Whenua Community and Voluntary Sector.

Regional and National Forums

There will be regional forums leading up to this national forum, to enable people and organisations to have input into the national forum. One of the key topics will be alternatives to contracting. The contracting regime is one of the most significant concerns in the community sector today.

Bits & Bytes

Email tips

If you prefer to have an independent e-mail address such as applications@finder.org.nz, you could register your own mail domain. Some of the advantages of a mail domain include the ability to create your own e-mail addresses as required, not having to change your stationery when changing Internet service providers (ISP), having a unique and independent identity. Usually, your existing ISP can set up a mail domain for you but you could also do your own by going to the New Zealand Registrar of Domains website link <http://www.domainz.net.nz/Domains.asp>.

Most people store a lot of important information in their e-mail boxes just to lose it all when the hard drive crashes. On standalone systems and small networks, e-mail data is stored in separate data files on the local machine for each e-mail user. Unfortunately, those users who do backups of their data, seldom include the e-mail data files. You need to know where e-mail data is stored and include it in the backup jobs. Your IT support person should be able to identify them.

Good practice is to save all your important e-mail and other documents by using the "Save as" option from the file menu and selecting the file format that is appropriate i.e. "html" or "Outlook Message Format". Selecting the correct file format will ensure

that the saved message looks the same as before. Saving an e-mail message does not automatically save the attachments. You have to select and save them separately.

Web based e-mail services such as hotmail, yahoo and gmail offer free mail accounts that are easily accessible from any internet connection anywhere in the world. They are handy alternatives should you require extra mail boxes at no cost but may not be as secure as a mailbox hosted by your service provider. Gmail offers good value with storage capacity of more than 2 gigabytes of data. Some of these products include electronic calendars too.

Bits & Bytes comes to you courtesy of our IT advisor.

Acknowledging our funders

Trust Waikato is a proud supporter of Social Services Waikato. Their work has proven to be invaluable to those groups operating within the social service sector in our region. We support Social Services Waikato because we want strong community organisations in our region and a strong tangata whenua community and voluntary sector.



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Trust Waikato Overview

Where did Trust Waikato come from? Ever wondered where Trust Waikato's money originated? We were established by government statute in 1988 to hold the shares of Trust Bank Waikato. In 1996 all our banking shares were sold and we exited the banking business. Since then the Trust has built up a global investment portfolio and donate a percentage of its profits to community groups throughout the region.

Who are our Trustees?

Trust Waikato's trustees fulfill a vital role as well as managing the Trust's funds they decide which applicants will receive donations every year. Trustees have to be nominated for the role by a member of the community. The nomination is then assessed by a government committee, which looks at criteria such as the person's experience, qualifications for the role and their commitment to community service. The final appointment is approved and made by the Minister of Finance. Trustees are generally appointed for an initial four-year term and are often re-appointed for a second term.



Back from left: Pita Karaiti, Bruce Hickling, Kate Punnell, Clint Boulders, Michael Law. Middle from left: Fae Chung, Tina, Hori Awa, Dennis Aale, Christine Cave. Front from left: Fae Gentry, Glenda Saunders, Tureiti Moxam, Joie Anderson, John Kihiride.

What is our purpose?

Trust Waikato supports the things that make our corner of the world a better place by donating money to community organisations. Trust Waikato's funding supports groups and projects that focus on welfare, sport, recreation, youth, environment and culture.

Our vision is for resilient and vibrant communities.

Where do we fund?

Our funding area includes the districts of Thames/Conamandel, Hauraki, Matamata/Piako, Waipa, Waikato, South Waikato, Waitomo, Otorohanga, Ruapehu and Hamilton City. It covers a similar area to the lands of the Tainui waka and the peoples of Waikato, Rangawa, Maniapoto and Hauitaki.

Who do we fund?

We fund not-for-profit community organisations that:

- operate predominantly within the Trust's geographic bounds
- have an incorporated society or registered charitable trust status. Note-we can still fund groups without this status, please talk to one of our advisors.
- have a bank account, annual accounts and annual report on their operations

What do we fund?

We focus on projects, programmes and organisations which contribute to the well being of communities. This includes groups whose work may involve:

- Social Services
- Sports
- Recreational activities
- Arts
- Culture
- Environmental initiatives
- Preservation of our history
- Education
- Youth

Tip: Visit www.trustwaikato.co.nz to view lists of past donations and descriptions.

How can your group apply?

The Trust has one application form and one donation round each year. The funding round opens on April 1st 2007 and closes on May 11th 2007. You can get a copy of the form from:

Trust Waikato

Collect from: Trust House, 21 London St, Hamilton
Post: call Michele on 0800 436 628 or 07 838 2660
Website: a printable pdf application form available at www.trustwaikato.co.nz
Sport Waikato - offices throughout the Waikato.
Public Libraries - throughout the Waikato.
District Councils - your local District Council office.

Need to talk some more?

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Michael Wano & Sandra Larsen

Profile of a successful funding recipient



Franklin/Dinedale Rauawaawa Trust, award recipients at the 2006 Trust Waikato Child & Family Awards

Yvonne Wilson, Rauawaawa Trust manager, was asked:

What do you consider are the components that result in being a successful funding recipient?

She listed the following areas:

- Having and maintaining a good relationship with funders (i.e. by staying in touch via newsletters, workshops and organisational events).
- Not being afraid of communicating with the funder
- Ensure you are filling a gap or need within the community with the project you are fund raising for
- Ensure accountability and transparency with what you do. Report back properly, at the proscribed times in the way that the funder requires
- Never give up - sometimes you won't be successful, this is usually a reflection of the limited pool of funding available in the sector, not of your application or project.

Yvonne also noted there are challenges related to being successful fund seekers. In particular this relates to the time needed to complete often lengthy applications and accountability requirements, however the benefits outweigh the challenges when communities are proactive, responsive and strengthened to deliver quality programmes and services.

Yvonne suggests that the Community Resource Kit "Funding" area is a very good source of information.

This Community Resource kit can be accessed from www.community.net.nz

- Have a funding strategy and a plan. Map out in advance all appropriate funding application dates and accountability dates