

# Community Research or the Tangata Whenua Community and Voluntary Sector Research Centre

The place to find good community research and researchers in Aotearoa New Zealand.

**Research** that is done *with* communities,  
not to communities, is...  
more **effective**, more likely to be used,  
and more likely to **make change**.

It's a better use of money,  
Yields **better insights** and findings, and can build and  
**unite Communities**

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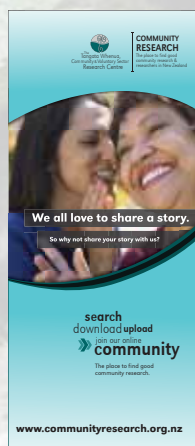
The Tangata Whenua Community and Voluntary Sector Research Centre, now known as Community Research was established in 2008 to create a basket of knowledge that would help the Tangata Whenua, Community and Voluntary Sector grow and thrive.

The Community Research Centre gathers research about New Zealand's tangata whenua, community and voluntary sector, shares it with a broader audience, creates a virtual hub for researchers, iwi and community organisations to share their ideas, and advocates good methods in community research.

## What does Community Research mean?

Community research is everyday research, case studies, evaluations, articles, reports, essays and multimedia documentation that is undertaken by, or in collaboration with the tangata whenua community and voluntary sector. This website gathers and disseminates community research. This means research that adds to knowledge of tangata whenua (Maori communities), and the community and voluntary social service sector organisations along with research that promotes good ways of working with communities, so that people learn through participating in the research.

The website wants your research, evaluations, reports, studies, dissertations, powerpoints, conference papers, case studies and theses – and these need not be peer-reviewed. All forms of documentation are encouraged, including song or waiata, poetry and art. There is help available for any questions and clear guides on how to go about uploading your work.



**So make a difference -  
share your stories**

**Their website [www.communityresearch.org.nz](http://www.communityresearch.org.nz) has become Aotearoa's principal  
website for community research and resources for your sector.**

## FAQ's

### Where do I start?

Go to [www.communityresearch.org.nz](http://www.communityresearch.org.nz) and browse the site. You can download research, find researchers, participate in discussions and networks, get news feeds and lots of other good stuff.

### Why should I register?

Registration on the Community Research website entitles you to all the good stuff, like free searches for research, downloads, discussions, getting news feeds and uploading your research. If you are a researcher you can add your details to our searchable database of researchers.

### How do I register?

Registration is free. Click on the registration link and fill in your details.

### Why would I upload my research?

Uploading your research has a number of benefits both to the researcher, organisation involved and to the wider community.

#### **Well-managed community-based research is...**

- More likely to be used
- More effective
- More likely to make change
- A better use of money
- Yields better insights and findings and has processes which build and unites communities.

#### **By uploading your research you can...**

- Share your stories and findings
- Pass on what you have learned you can be found by those with an interest in your field
- Sector and iwi knowledge is retained- not lost
- Make the sector stronger
- Inform funders, policy-makers and government

### My research is in te reo Maaori. Does the website have provision for this?

Maori metadata is available for your research to make sure Maori-related resources can be referenced and searched.

### What about copyrights to my work?

We can help you protect your work while sharing it, with the help of Creative Commons licenses.

### Why is community based research more effective?

- Research that is done by communities, not to communities has impact. Communities often use it immediately.
- It's empowering. Ordinary people can use it to support the need for change.
- The research process creates collaboration
- Researchers can gain far greater insight when they work with community people
- Well-designed research brings credibility, increases visibility with policy-makers and by providing solid base line evidence moves community problems from being considered 'disgruntled grumbles' to something real.
- To make research truly effective it needs to be shared.

*Ko te hokai nuku*

*Ko te hokai rangi*

*Ko te hokai a to tupuna*

*A Tane-nui-a-rangi*

*This whakatauki links to the three baskets of knowledge for all to share.*

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**COMMUNITY  
WAIKATO**

*"Supporting strong communities"*

Hei tautoko kia tuu pakari ai ngaa haapori

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