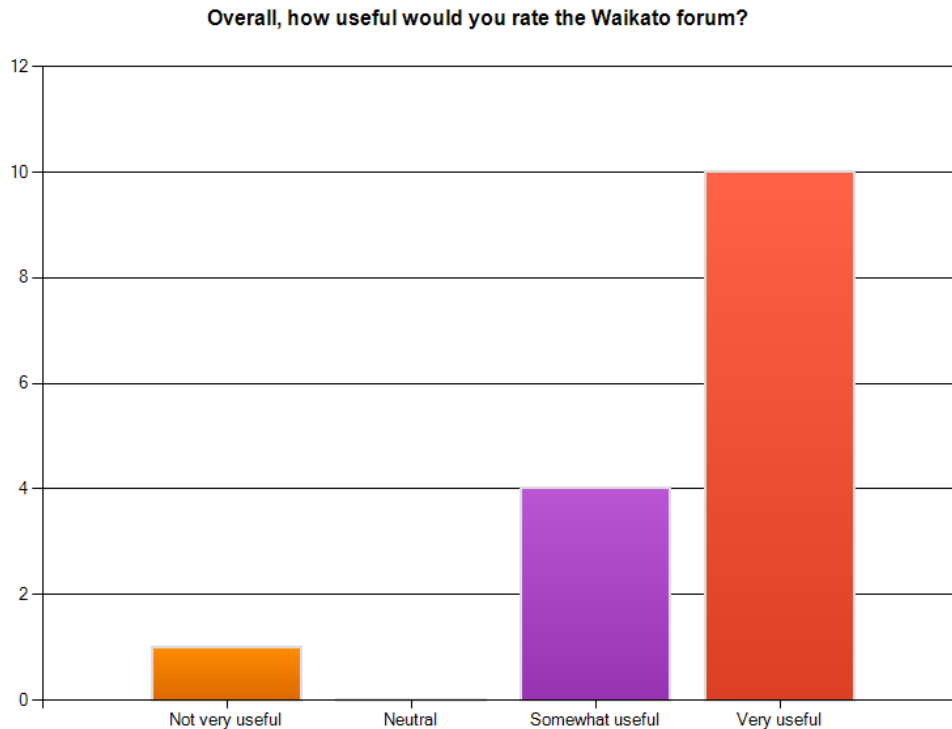


Waikato Regional Funders Forum – Feedback Summary

The Waikato Forum, held on Monday 22nd June 2009, was hosted by Hamilton City Council. Twenty-three people attended the forum and 15 people responded to survey (65.2%). The comments below are a summary of those received.

1. Usefulness of the Waikato Forum



2. What was most useful for you about the Waikato forum?

This is a summary of the comments received:

- Hearing about how the recession is impacting on non profit groups overseas and what we should be doing to respond to the recession back here in NZ
- Getting the big picture of trends/what is happening regionally, nationally & globally for Funders and NFP's in this current climate, and then thinking about where we sit within that.
- Meeting new people. and exposure to innovation ie the Todd foundation initiative. Hearing about the case study– thank you for the willingness to share.
- Hearing + seeing the passions of other people. Its awesome being surrounded by so many people who think alike - it makes you want to bring all that you learned back to your organisation. It makes you realise what you need to do to make more of a difference to the lives of others.
- Discussions about ways to connect with fundees more.
- Opportunity to network with other funders, up to date information from presenters and breakout groups

3. What was least useful about the Waikato forum?

This is a summary of the comments received.

- Some things needed more time. ie move around the room to discuss issues each had. Workshops groups should have had times to move so everyone had to move at least once
- There seemed to be a distinction between those that had been involved for some time in grantmaking and those that had been on the applicants side of the fence.
- Nothing is ever not useful, always pick up something to take back.
- The speed dating didn't really work well for me in terms of the topic, but that is due to my role
- Some of the same old topics and 'ideas' that are not new eg funders combining to hear about/discuss a funding application.
- Thought it was all useful thank you

4. How could we improve any future events in your region? What topics and formats would be of most interest/use to you.

This is a summary of responses received.

- I like the research feedback, it gives me some clear directions in which to focus on.
- Currently the recession is a big issue, I would like to know how other funders are dealing with it
- How to actually interact with stakeholders and to extend your stakeholder view beyond those that you are funding.
- Updates on selected sectors/organisation - something topical to maybe changes in funding from govt, how they see themselves going forward etc, gaining deeper understanding
- I think funders should be more open on their availability to share information about certain groups. They probably are but it is not "out there".
- Like the way the events are held, presentation's are always great, speakers, and personal experiences, loved that.
- Having Tindall present was very informative so other funders presenting is good. Fundees perspective, experiences etc (how to decipher a funding application)
- The next step in the conversation around building effective collaborative relationships
- Funding of significant Maori Projects within the Waikato region. Who funds these? What are significant Maori projects? What relationships do funders have with Iwi authorities within the region?
- Good to see some of the 'other' funders represented eg smaller trusts, gaming trusts etc - more effort needs to be made to reach a wide variety of funders and associates, eg govt agencies
- Innovative ideas used by other organisations

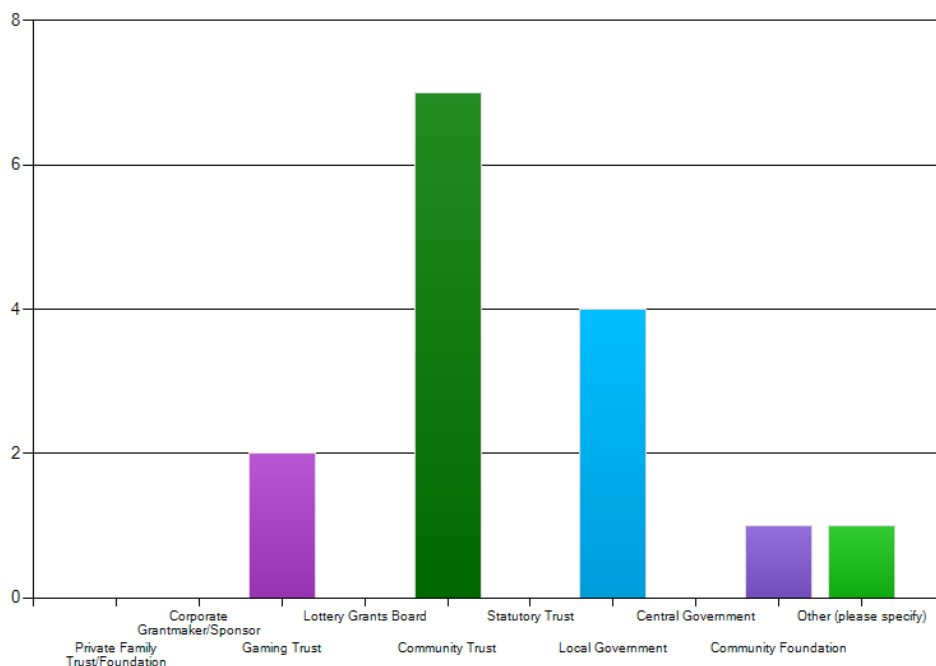
5. Did you take-away the gem of an idea from the forum which you want to follow up on? If so, please explain briefly and if you have thought it through, outline your next steps in developing this idea.

1. Support Maori in how to fill out their funding forms, will set up training forums to do this..
2. Maori Imitative of working with a couple of other funders to put a resource together to help with governance which might enable better or more applications from Maori.

3. Pitch party... suggested by someone from Kirikiriroa getting groups together to "pitch" their organisation to potential funders.
4. Future development of website, to be more user friendly eg online application to assess if they meet criteria before making application. Next steps are to follow up with management for feedback on ideas.
5. I was going to look at community/social grants with more empathy and really get to know what they do and how they make a difference, in order to get it across to the other decision makers. (hence answer to question 4)
6. Presentations from the fundees, Workshops to provide fundees with templates of minutes/agendas & financial reports to work from to help them when applying for funds.
7. Yes! With my Volunteer NFP hat on, I first thought about how fantastic it would be to have all our potential funders in one room for one hour...I have since further thought about how our organisation could possibly facilitate a forum for local NFP's working in similar fields, drawing from similar pools of funds, and for Funders who fuel our organisations and projects. NFP's could present to Funders on the role/purpose/vision/make-up of their organisation and on upcoming projects that will require funding. NFP's might be encouraged to look at ways of collaborating; making better use of community funding available, and Funders might also look at working together to better support initiatives (together offering full funding/ other support). This forum would provide an opportunity for networking and relationship building.... leading to core effective collaboration
8. Received an offer to share statistics from govt agency which will be useful.
9. Plan to work on establishing closer relationships with groups we fund
10. The funding of an organisation rather than project funding. I am working through some ideas for our next board meeting

6. Types of Organisations Present

About your organisation:



7. Roles in Organisation

