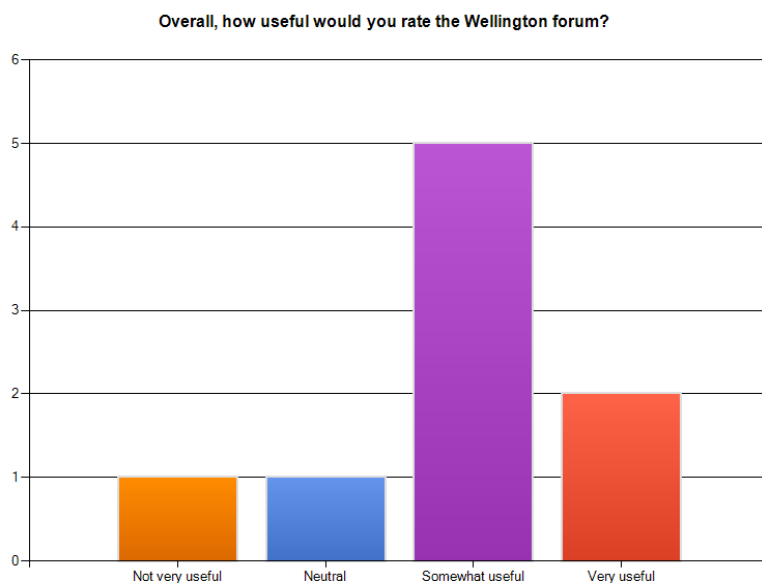


Wellington Regional Funders Forum Feedback Summary

The Wellington Forum, held on Friday 17th June 2009, was hosted by Department of Internal Affairs and Wellington City Council. Twenty-three people attended the forum and feedback was received from 9 (39.1%). The comments below are a summary of those received.

1. Usefulness of the Wellington Forum



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

This is a summary of the responses received.

- Networking. Meeting other funders and sharing of ideas about funding environment they each work in and strategies they use when making funding decisions.
- Open discussion
- Hearing from others how they were dealing with the unique economic circumstances we have currently
- Networking and the background information

3. What was least useful about the Wellington forum?

This is a summary of responses received.

- Was useful regarding research presently undertaking
- Some of the discussions were too brief to really identify any issues
- Need about 5 mins per person to introduce them selves and talk about who they work for
- All was useful
- Discussion on long term (e.g. 3yr contracts) funding.
- Friday afternoon is not a good time

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

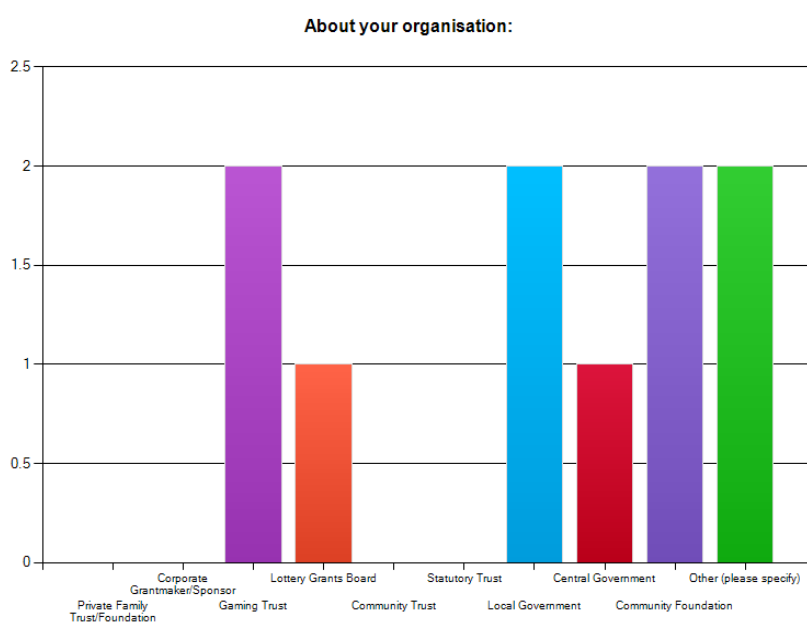
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- Region needs, who needs the money, where are others placing the money, what are others funding (type of support), tools, technology, findings, collaboration - wider representation number required
- More focus on key issues - some of the discussions were too wide to be of help
- More focus on regional groups. Not many of our community organisations have been hit by the recession as yet so most was irrelevant
- Funding for Outcomes- a perspective on how each funder organisation and NGO's are addressing this
- More time
- Half day format is appreciated.
- More to attract "Private Funders"

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. Communication between participants. No further thought on how this should happen
2. The Gem has been to approach applicants with an open mind and providing them access to other appropriate avenues, resources and networks outside of funding. We have started in this direction.
3. I liked "don't do anything about me, without me". I think that, together, grantmakers and grantees can be more innovative. I also like the idea of collaborating with other grantmakers.
4. The need for more flexibility and the need to widen the parameters we use. The current climate requires almost a case by case approach.
5. Use background information to support recommendations

6. Types of Organisations Present



7. Roles in Organisation

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