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Philanthropy New Zealand has joined with Volunteering New Zealand (VNZ) and The Office for the Community and Voluntary Sector (OCVS) to lead a project that aims to promote greater generosity in New Zealand.

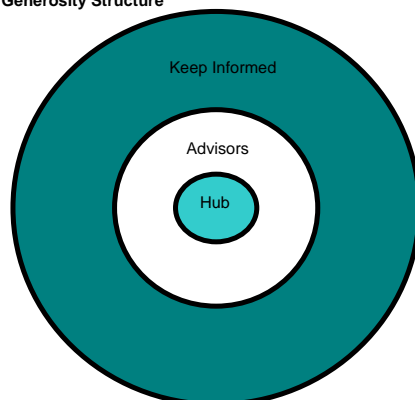
Philanthropy New Zealand's second Strategic Goal; "To Foster Generosity", requires the organisation to build an awareness of giving, encourage acts of generosity and increase the understanding of philanthropy.

So the Minister of Finance's budget announcement, in which he sanctioned work to be done to find ways to promote generosity, has provided Philanthropy New Zealand with a timely opportunity to accomplish the organisation's second Strategic Goal.

Working alongside Government gives Philanthropy New Zealand access to resources we could not afford alone, as well as another source of knowledge and experience.

A meeting of representatives from various sector organisations and individuals with an interest in generosity was held in September last year to gauge interest and commitment to the project (Philanthropic, volunteering, business, sports and art sectors, Maori, Pacific peoples and other ethnic groups were represented.) It was decided the best way forward was to develop a "hub" or steering group that would be informed by advisors and interested parties. People attending the meeting decided which area they would like to be involved in.

Promoting Generosity Structure





It is envisaged that the Hub will have 15-18 members. Numbers for the advisory group and those wanting to be kept informed have not been limited in an effort to gain wide experience and views. The Hub met for the first time in February; the meeting began the process of establishing relationships and a framework for the project. It is clear the promoting Generosity Project is an organic process, which will run alongside existing work in this area, as well as initiatives individual sectors want to take themselves. Philanthropy New Zealand continues its work on payroll giving and other programmes that promote the giving of money. Philanthropy New Zealand has a number of members involved in the Promoting Generosity Project and we welcome any input from other members. If you would like more information please e-mail rachel@philanthropy.org.nz

Government increases funding to some Community & Voluntary Organisations.

The Government's funding announcement of \$446 million over four years to community organisations will impact on Philanthropy New Zealand members who are funding the areas the government has identified. The money is to provide full funding for contracted essential services delivered by community groups to families, children and young people. Groups to benefit include:

- Parenting programmes (e.g. Barnardos, FamilyWorks)
- Women's' refuges and family violence prevention and crisis programmes
- Budgeting advice services
- Mentoring programmes for young people and community programmes to address youth offending
- Victim support

The Government believes fully funding their contracted services will give organisations more ability to plan ahead, attract and retain qualified staff and improve service effectiveness. Smaller services will also move from contracts to a grants-based model which will reduce their compliance costs.

This is part of the Government's "Pathway to Partnership" initiative which was announced in the 2007 budget - a model intended to maintain a flexible and supportive relationship between government and non-government organisations. The Government says the model will also encourage groups to work together to focus on providing relevant services, rather than focusing on outputs by individual programmes. The Ministry of Social Development has produced an informative question and answer sheet about its Pathway to Partnership package. It discusses the impact of the new funding model, when it will be introduced, who it will affect and their plans for future sustainable funding. This document is sent as an attachment with this edition of In Touch. You can also download it from the [Ministry of Social Development's website](#)

The Tindall and Todd Foundations to Fund Climate Research

Two philanthropic organisations have joined forces to create a new foundation to find practical solutions to the challenges of climate change. The Hikurangi Foundation has been established with funding of \$500,000 from the Tindall and Todd foundations respectively. Todd Foundation chairman John Todd said the Hikurangi Foundation was born out of the desire to ensure the sustainability of New Zealand's environment. Tindall Foundation chairman Stephen Tindall said the collaboration reflected the importance and urgency of the challenge. (Source: NZ Herald)



Payroll Giving Update - Submission Process closed

Inland Revenue received 36 submissions on payroll giving. It is presently reviewing these submissions, salient points being passed to the relevant ministers. It is expected an announcement will be made in April on Payroll Giving and issues going forward from the Reimbursement of Volunteers Discussion Document.

Philanthropy New Zealand's Payroll Giving submission can be downloaded from our website www.giving.org.nz

ASB Community Trust to make major investment in Maori and Pasifika education initiatives

ASB Community Trust has set aside substantial funds for education projects that will promote Maori and Pasifika educational excellence. This will fund innovative interventions that challenge the status quo. Multi year funding is available for initiatives that demonstrate a collaborative community approach. The initiative is based on the following principles:

- Strategic relevance - funded projects must advance Maori and Pasifika engagement in citizenship through education
- Projects must be sustainable and outcomes measurable
- They will be based on partnership and self-help and must have evidence of community ownership
- Projects must have adequate capacity for delivery

ASB Community Trust is now calling for expressions of interest. If you know of an organisation, or are working with an organisation that may benefit, please go to their website www.initiative.org.nz for more information and to download the expression of interest form. Closing date is 14 April 2008.

Update from the Charities Commission

Registration Update

The rate of applications coming in to the Commission is increasing (currently around 300 per week), and so is our queue - so now it's even more important to send your application to us, if you haven't already, to avoid any uncertainty about your ongoing tax exemptions.

Organisations whose applications are received after 1 July will no longer have a charitable-purpose tax exemption, and are at risk of tax liability. Remember, we are only able to backdate correctly completed applications to the date we received them.

Charities registered as at 25 January 2008:
2,142

Processing time:

Our registration analysts are currently reviewing applications received from 29 August.

If you don't hear from us for a while after receiving confirmation that we have received your application, don't be concerned. We are concentrating all our efforts on processing applications as they reach the front of the queue, so you may not hear from us until you are registered. If we need further information from you, or when we have processed your application, we will be in touch.

We'll keep your place in the queue for you

What happens to your place in the queue if we ask you for more information or clarification after we review your completed application?



Sometimes, we may need to ask you for more information or clarification when we are processing your application. But, as soon as you come back to us with the information, the analyst looking at your application will pick it up again straight away and continue work on it - your application isn't put back into the queue of those waiting for analysis!

If you'd like to read The Charities Commission's full newsletter please visit http://www.charities.govt.nz/news/update_newsletter.htm.

Education and Professional Development

Effective Foundation Management

This is the latest publication from Joel Orosz, author of the very accessible and practical book "An Insiders Guide to Grantmaking." His latest effort; "Effective Foundation Management: 14 Challenges of Philanthropic Leadership and How to Outfox Them", is also receiving rave reviews.

There is no science to the management of charitable foundations, and even the art of managing them is poorly understood. The foundation field is relatively young, university centres for the study of philanthropy arrived only recently, and foundation leaders typically had little experience in the foundation field before taking their posts. Consequently, both seasoned and aspiring CEOs fall into traps that make them less effective leaders.

These traps arise from the highly idiosyncratic nature of the foundation field, and thus are not fully understood by leaders whose training and experience generally lie elsewhere.

But there are predictable challenges and recognisable dilemmas, and a hard-won knowledge base does exist. In *Effective Foundation Management*, Joel Orosz, a seasoned philanthropy professional and educator, introduces the new foundation board member CEO, vice president, programme officer, and other foundation staff members to seven vexing challenges and seven inescapable tradeoffs, along with strategies for meeting and resolving them.

In simple and engaging terms, Orosz describes the steps foundation leaders need to take to maximize positive social impact and avoid poor outcomes - in other words, to become fully effective in their consequential roles.

"Effective Foundation Management: 14 Challenges of Philanthropic Leadership and How to Outfox Them" - available from Philanthropy New Zealand for \$40.00 including gst and postage. Orders can be sent to info@philanthropy.org.nz

Joel will also be a keynote speaker at Philanthropy New Zealand's 2009 Conference, Te Papa, March 18th/19th 2009.

Imagine, Involve, Implement

The findings from Phase 2 of GEO's Change Agent project, which outline and examine the necessary steps to change the approach of grantmakers and their organisations. A compilation and analysis of 25 interviews, which draw conclusions and synthesize them in four crucial steps for grantmakers looking to transform their practices. You can download this report from www.geofunders.org



New from Grantcraft

GrantCraft has produced a series of videos that capture the insights and dilemmas of grant making from the point of view of the individual grant maker. They take an up-close look at how experienced practitioners coped with some of the most common challenges of grant making. The videos are learning tools, which grantcraft believe can be used by individuals or to launch discussion among colleagues.

Topics include 'Managing a funders collaborative with colleagues from other foundations' to open up a discussion of the nuts and bolts of starting a funders' group; 'Building a Network' to introduce the idea of adapting a national model to fit state or local needs; and 'Starting as a New Grant Maker' to jumpstart a conversation with new and experienced staff about how to find people and ideas that make a difference. These videos are easily downloaded from [Grantcraft's website](#).

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Philanthropy New Zealand Conference '09

DATE: March 18th and 19th 2009
VENUE: Te Papa, Wellington

Philanthropy New Zealand can confirm leading author and educator Joel J. Orosz as a keynote speaker at the '09 Conference. Joel is the author of two books on philanthropic practice; "An Insiders Guide to Grantmaking," which explored the complex role that grantmakers play, and "Effective Foundation Management: 14 Challenges of Philanthropic Leadership and How to Outfox Them".

The 2009 conference will once again combine with the Community Trusts conference and will build on the achievements of last year's Philanthropy Matters Conference also held at Te Papa in Wellington.

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Philanthropy Australia Conference

Date: 16 - 17 October 2008

Venue: Sofitel, Wentworth, Sydney

Keep an eye on Philanthropy Australia's [Conference Website](#) for more details.

*Noho ora mai
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