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Funders Forum.

Maximising Outcomes: *Investing to build effectiveness, comprehensive impact and social capital.*

Philanthropy New Zealand warmly invites you to our Funders Forum supported by the Department of Internal Affairs and Lottery Grants Board.

Date: Tuesday May 2, 2006

Venue: St John's Conference Centre, Willis St Wellington

Time: 9.00am - 4.30pm

This forum will feature a number of inspiring keynote addresses including **Bob Wyatt, Chief Executive of Canada's Muttart Foundation.** Muttart funds a number of programmes designed to improve the effectiveness of Community and Voluntary Sector organisations. Bob will share his knowledge and provide insight about how, as a funder, to support, invest in and nurture leadership in the community and voluntary sector. The Minister for the Community and Voluntary sector, Luamanuvao Winnie Laban, will open the

forum. She will be joined by a number of local speakers who will provide insight into critical questions around connecting philosophy with effective practice in grantmaking. There will be practical examples of effective practices and tools that can be used to help us inform our grantmaking practices.

Watch out for programme details in the next few weeks. There is a small registration cost of \$50.00 per person for this event and early registration is encouraged. Email info@philanthropy.org.nz or phone Philanthropy NZ 04 499 4090.

NB. Early registration is encouraged as this forum was over subscribed in 2005.

Philanthropy in the media

Dominion Post – Giving it all Away

"Giving" featured comprehensively in a 2-page article in Wellington's Dominion Post recently. The article looked at community trusts, community foundations and private philanthropy. It canvassed the issues of generosity and good practice. A number of our members contributed comments. It is worth a read you can find a pdf of the full article at www.giving.org.nz/whatshot

Financial Times - Understanding Philanthropy
Financial Times/King Baudouin Foundation/Giving in Europe. A 16-page insert in the European edition of the *Financial Times*. Topics include cross-border giving, the changing face of philanthropy, the role of business in philanthropy, and new ways of giving as well as cultural differences. To read or download the articles, go to www.ft.com/philanthropy

Interest free student loans for overseas charity workers.

The government has named the 48 charitable organisations whose volunteers may be exempted from interest on their student loans while working for those organisations overseas.

It will still be up to Inland Revenue to decide if individuals working for those organisations qualify for the full interest write-off.

Charities Commission Update

Timing it right

Bearing in mind that the Charities Register will open to receive applications from late July 2006, when is a good time to apply for registration? The easiest and most logical time to apply is around your Annual General Meeting as this is when you are likely to have all of your details up to date - and you will be electing or re-electing Officers.

The bigger picture

While our current focus is on finalising the registration process and keeping you informed along the way, it is important to remember what will come out of the development of the Charities Register for the charitable sector as a whole.

We see the Register evolving to become a valuable source of information both on, and for, the sector. For instance, we will learn a great deal more about the number of New Zealanders who volunteer and how many voluntary hours they work. We will also develop a better appreciation of the size of the sector.

Tina Reid, Executive Director of the NZ Federation of Voluntary Welfare Organisations, also sees the Charities Commission as having a much wider role than registration.

"The Commission can provide a strong independent focus and voice for charitable activities," she said. "It will be collecting unique data about charitable activities, which will inform research and policy advice, and provide help to strengthen the profile and understanding of the sector on New Zealand."

For example, registration information will feed into Statistics New Zealand's work as part of the Study of the New Zealand Non-Profit Sector and the John Hopkins international comparative study.

In time, the data captured by the registration process should not only tell us more about the makeup of the sector, but also help to inspire more public confidence in charitable work and direct more support towards it.

If you wish to subscribe to the full Charities Commission Update, email info@charities.govt.nz

with your name, organisation and postal address or call us on free phone 0508 242 748. Or visit www.charities.govt.nz for further information about registration under the Charities Act.

PNZ chair joins APPC Board

Jennifer Gill, Philanthropy New Zealand chairperson and ASB Trusts Executive Director is one of three new members to join the Asia Pacific Philanthropy Consortium. It is a three-year term. To see the changes to the APPC board visit: www.asianphilanthropy.org

Trust Waikato – Te Puna o Waikato Donations Advisor Position

We give money to community organisations making a difference in the Waikato. We share a living commitment to the principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi and strive to strengthen and enhance communities. Over 1000 community groups benefit from Trust Waikato donations each year.

We seek a vibrant person to join our small dedicated team in Hamilton as a new Donations Advisor. This is a varied role which involves:

- building relationships with groups and communities throughout the Waikato
- finding ways to ensure groups are supported in their application process
- communicating information about Trust Waikato funding
- assessing donation applications
- keeping abreast of issues facing the community sector and reporting back to Trustees and staff
- strengthening links between Trust Waikato and other funding bodies

To shine as a Trust Waikato Donations Advisor you will need to have:

- extensive experience working with a diverse range of community groups
- an understanding and knowledge of the community sector
- a commitment to honouring Te Tiriti o Waitangi
- outstanding communication and analytical skills including diplomacy and sensitivity

Please contact Michele Paul for the job description at mpaul@trustwaikato.co.nz
Applications close on Wednesday 5th April 2006 and should be sent to:

Bev Gatenby
Chief Executive, Trust Waikato, P.O.Box 391

Hamilton

www.trustwaikato.co.nz

WINGS seeks its next E.D 2007-2010

Worldwide Initiatives for Grantmaker Support (WINGS) invites applications for the position of WINGS Executive Director for the period of 2007-2010. The position will be based in Manila, Philippines.

The Executive Director will head the small Secretariat to manage and develop this worldwide network of about 120 grantmaker associations and support organisations.

The candidate should be a senior leader in a grantmaking foundation, community foundation, corporate giving programme, nonprofit organisation or government agency, with some international focus. Experience in a membership association or support organisation is highly desirable.

The successful candidate must be available to start in mid-November 2006, as some overlap time with the current WINGS Executive Director is planned. Deadline for applications is **Friday, 12 May 2006**. For more information about responsibilities, desired qualifications etc, and to apply go to www.wingsweb.org/ed.htm

YouthBank UK learning feeds into new funds for English youth

In UK grantmaking forms a core element of a new programme aimed at re-connecting with young people, £115m has been allocated to two funds which will place young people in decision making roles. YouthBank UK hosted the launch event with young people. Chancellor Gordon Brown, speaking at the Ministerial Launch of 'Youth Matters, Next Steps' said "I would like to congratulate YouthBank. We have learned from what you have done - this is about everything we are trying to achieve in our communities".

Mark Farrar, Executive Director of Youthbank UK is moving to New Zealand!

Northern Philanthropic members may remember mark speaking at an NPN Meeting last year.

Mark writes: "As a youth worker and trainer with over 15 years experience of working with young people in nationally recognised and innovative programmes I am seeking employment in New Zealand.

I currently work as a Development Officer for The National Youth Agency (www.nya.org.uk) on a new and exciting programme called 'YouthBank' (www.youthbank.org.uk)- where young people are placed in control of resources in their community.

I have experience of initiating, developing and managing;

- *New ways of working which engage with a wide range of young people*
- *Training programmes for young people and workers*
- *Media projects with young people- using radio*
- *Peer education and peer research*
- *Community arts*

I travel widely across UK and work with young people and educators in a range of settings- applying the youth led grant-making model to their situation which might be poverty, rural isolation, social exclusion, sectarianism or conflict. I lead on training and wrote both the YBUK Toolkit and a new DIY Evaluation Guide (examples of practical resources are included on the YouthBank website).

Full family application for residency under the skilled migrant programme is currently being considered by NZ Immigration.

For a copy of my CV contact Robyn Scott at Philanthropy NZ: robyn@philanthropy.org.nz

Who gives most?

While Americans give the most in cash donations to charities, the Dutch give more in terms of time and money combined, according to the latest report, *Private Philanthropy Across the World*, compiled by the Johns Hopkins Comparative Nonprofit Sector Project.

The report examines both giving and the time value of philanthropic behaviour as a percentage of GDP from 1995 to 2002 across 36 countries. According to the statistics collected, while the US tops the list for cash giving at 1.85 per cent of GDP, the Netherlands is highest in terms of volunteering (4.7 per cent) and also tops the combined list, at 4.95 per cent, with the US in third place (3.94 per cent) behind the Dutch and the Swedes (4.41 per cent). *To download the full list, go to www.jhu.edu/cnp/pdf/comptable5_dec05.pdf*

Pensioners Most Generous Donors in the UK
Pensioners are Britain's most generous donors to charity, according to a new UK report.

Young people aged 15 to 24 are least likely to give their money away, UK market analysts Mintel found. Last year 75 % of Britons aged 65 plus gave more than £5 to charity compared to a national average of 64%.

This dropped to an average 44% among the 15 to 24s, while 69% of 45 to 60-year-olds made a £5 plus donation. Emergency appeals for specific events and charity Christmas cards are the most popular ways of giving money, Mintel's Charities report says.

Mintel's findings are based on an Omnibus survey of 25,000 adults aged 15 plus and a consumer survey of 1,015 people in the same age group, both of which were carried out last year. View the article www.probonoaustralia.com.au

Number of family foundations increasing faster than their rate of giving

The number of US family foundations has risen over the period 2000-2004 by some 28 per cent, though the amount they give has risen by only 12 per cent over the same period, according to the Foundation Center's newly updated *Key Facts on Family Foundations*. Over half of the 31,300 grantmaking family foundations gave less than \$50,000 in 2004, while some three-fifths reported assets of less than \$1 million. Among larger family foundations, grantmaking priorities included health and education, followed by arts and culture and human services. More information can be found at www.fdncenter.org/research/trends_analysis/pdf/key_facts_fam.pdf

Corporate Leaders can learn from NFPs

Australia's corporate leaders can learn several lessons from Not for Profit leaders according to a 12-month study called Engaging Leaders.

Global consultancy, Hay Group completed the 12 month study at the end of 2005 into what makes successful leaders in the Not for Profit sector.

Hay Groups managing director for the Asia Pacific region, Helen Scotts says the results show that the most effective leaders in the Third Sector can be role models for the corporate sector in how they behave and interact with their key stakeholders. to view this article go to: (<http://www.probonoaustralia.com.au/new/default.asp?a=2&b=1512&d=1>)

Calls for Global Philanthropy Roundtable

A leading US analyst has called on some of the world's best known 'good samaritans' to establish a Global Philanthropy Roundtable to encourage economic leaders to share best philanthropic practices. For more information: (<http://www.probonoaustralia.com.au/new/default.asp?a=2&b=1513&d=1>)

ImpACT Coalition to increase openness among UK charities

The top 15 charities (by voluntary income, ie donations from foundations, companies and the general public) in the UK, including organisations such as Oxfam, Christian Aid, ActionAid, Cancer Research, Save the Children, the British Red Cross and the RSPCA, have joined together with the aim of engaging organisations across the whole sector to work together to reinforce the standards of probity and accountability that an increasingly aware public expects.

The coalition has set forth a number of principles including increasing public understanding of the sector's work and values and communicating with clarity and openness, which it believes all charities will support. The ImpACT effort includes over 20 specific codes of fundraising practice for a wide range of activities from telemarketing to workplace giving and raffles. see www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/asp/search/ncvo/main.aspx?siteID=1&ID=18&subSID=92

2005 Lessons Learned: The power of community participation

Although international aid is necessary and important, says this report, community support and communal solutions are often quicker, cheaper and more effective in both the short and the long term.

Drawing examples principally from the areas affected by the South East Asia tsunami, it suggests that social entrepreneurs who are deeply involved in rescue, relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction efforts following disasters are demonstrating the power of applying local peoples' knowledge and leadership to catastrophe response, and that tapping robust social networks produces a quick and nimble response. Moreover, community-based responses demonstrate how an intelligent division of labour between the various sectors of society can avoid having relief efforts derailed or needlessly duplicated, and valuable energies wasted, often at the cost of lives.

www.changemakers.net/journal/300510/raghav.cf gives a full report.

Greatconnections Launches In Victoria

Lynne Landy, wife of the Governor of Victoria has unveiled Greatconnections, a new philanthropic organisation that links experienced retired professionals with Not for Profit Organisations. <http://www.probonoaustralia.com.au/new/default.asp?a=2&b=1525&d=1> provides more information.

EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

New Resources from Grantcraft

Alternative Evaluation Techniques
As grant makers, we often look for assessment techniques that match the projects or programmes we fund, and sometimes a large, formal evaluation isn't exactly what's needed. To help grant makers understand some alternative approaches and weigh their advantages, GrantCraft is developing a new series of brief guides on these techniques.

The first two: [Getting Inside the Story](#) looks at ethnography as a way for grant makers to step inside an organization's or community's culture & hear ongoing feedback from multiple viewpoints, and understand a program's real impact.

[Learning Together](#) examines collaborative inquiry as a method increasingly used by grantmakers to improve grantee effectiveness, promote peer learning, and advance a field of practice.

New toolkit for community foundations

Blueprint Research & Design and the Monitor Institute have released a new toolkit, a companion to their report *On the Brink of New Promise: The future of US community foundations*, designed to help community foundations apply the lessons of the report to their own circumstances.

It includes a short presentation to use with board and staff, discussion guides to inform conversations about scenarios for future and emerging community changes, and worksheets to help users assess their community philanthropy environment and consider the strategic problem-solving roles they can play. All of the tools are available free of charge at the project website. www.communityphilanthropy.org

Report on trans-national resources for community foundations:

WINGS publishes a report on trans-national resources in the community foundation field: *International connections: resources that support the growth and development of community foundations globally*.

This report is researched and written by Eleanor W. Sacks, with the support of the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation. It documents the many resources and networks which have developed to support the international growth of community foundations. The report is available for download, in pdf, at www.wingsweb.org

Collaborative governance guide from Hewlett Foundation

The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation has produced a new guide, *Collaborative Governance: A guide for grantmakers*. It focuses on an emerging set of concepts and practices that offer prescriptions for inclusive, deliberative and consensus-oriented approaches to planning, problem-solving and policymaking. It identifies three new approaches to collaborative governance, and gives practical advice on how grantmakers can use innovative approaches to help strengthen connections between citizens and their government. *To download, go to* www.hewlett.org/Publications/collaborativegovernance.htm

UPCOMING EVENTS

Canterbury Funders Network

The next meeting of the CFN will be held on

Date: Monday May 22

Time: 3.30 - 6.00pm

Venue: The Arts Centre, Christchurch.

Charities Commission community events

10-12 April 2006 - Central Lakes Trust Funding Seminars, Queenstown, Cromwell, Wanaka and Alexandra, email info@centrallakestrust.org.nz

29 April 2006 - Meeting of the community and voluntary sector in Christchurch organised by the Christchurch Council of Social Services. Email ccoss@ihug.co.nz or phone 03 366 2050.

FINZ Conference

Registration is now open for "The Winds of Change " Fundraising Institute of New Zealand Conference. It will be held at the InterContinental Hotel Wellington.

May 28th - May 30th 2006

For more details visit www.fundraising.org.nz

CFC's May conference

Registration is now open for Community Foundations of Canada's 2006 national conference "Shining the Light on Leadership" 11-13 May 2006 in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

CFC invites international participants to link with colleagues, catch up on the developments in the community foundation field, learn more about the issues and trends shaping philanthropy, and to look at what it takes to be a leader within a community. Plenary speakers will include Catriona LeMay Doan, Kathleen Enright, Katherine Fulton, Peter deCourcy Hero, and Mark Kingwell. For more information, the full programme, and to register go to www.cfc-fcc.ca/conference06

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