

Community Sector Taskforce

Panui 001

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E nga mana, E nga reo, kia koutou Nga Rangatira.
Anei nga mihi a nga kaihautu o tenei o nga waka kia koutou i roto i tenei te tau hou...
Tena koutou, tena koutou, tena tatou katoa.

The Community Sector Taskforce (CST) received the green light from Government. This means that we can all look forward to some significant progress at last.

Since the National Hui in May 2004, a lot of work has gone on with Government to secure their support and encouragement for the development of the national strategic leadership entity

The CST's job is to develop a widely supported new entity which will work towards increasing the capacity of Tangata Whenua and Tangata Tiriti community and voluntary organisations to serve their communities; and which will ensure more informed policy advice to Government on community and voluntary sector issues.

The new entity will reflect an appropriate relationship between Tangata Whenua and Tangata Tiriti, based on the Maori and English versions of the Tiriti/Treaty of Waitangi. It represents the Treaty at work in Aotearoa New Zealand.

The new entity will come into being in late April this year, with the first AGM planned for 27-29 May. This will give the sector a powerful voice in the community and at Government level.

A series of gatherings around the country over the coming months are planned leading up to the selection of Trustees and to the first AGM.

These meetings will help generate shared priorities for the new entity to focus on over the coming year, in the interests of the community and voluntary sector.

Following are the profiles of the three Project Development Managers who have been appointed to assist the development of the new entity by the CST over the coming months. They will be in touch with you through regular Panui and will be organising regional and sector hui and meetings leading up to the first AGM.



Profile: Barbara MacLennan

Originally from "the far south" and with Irish and Scottish heritage, Barbara MacLennan has lived and worked in Christchurch, Wellington and Rotorua (which is her home of two decades now.)

Her professional experience spans working in non profit community organizations and networks at both local and national levels, and in local and central government. Her unpaid work experience ranges through health, education, recreation and youth arenas. Community and social development and social justice are core themes of Barbara's work to date.

Barbara's toolkit includes management and project management skills; analysis and social policy development; social research, monitoring and evaluation; advocacy; group development and group work; strategic thinking and planning; adult teaching and tutoring; facilitation and negotiation.

Barbara has most recently been working as a Manager within local government. In that capacity she frequently contributed to national committees including advising on the new local government legislation.

Barbara was also the local government representative on the Community and Government Relationship Working Party which developed "He Waka Kotua" which set some of the foundations for the current Community Sector Taskforce processes and priorities



Profile: Iris Pahau

Kotahi te hoe, ka u te waka ki uta

Iris is Te Aupouri and is a mother of four and grandmother of five. She has twenty years experience in Information Technology and Management with DSW and EDS and thirty years experience working with and in Voluntary Organisations on a Local and National Level.

Iris has project managed several Information Technology Projects and served as a subject matter expert in the Ministry of Social Development Team as a Business Analyst and Project Manager. She has vast experience in the NZ Government sector and in particular the legislation relating to Information Sharing and the Social Security Act.

She is currently Co-Chairperson of Pomare Community Health & Social Services Inc, and serves as a committee member on the Orongomai Marae Committee and has been the Maori Representative on the Valley PHO. She has held various Committee Executive positions of Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer for multiple Voluntary Organisations over the past 30 years.

Iris is a Company Director for AWE Consultants Limited. She has worked with Marae and Community Organisations in preparing and implementing their Strategic & Business Plans. She has facilitated Risk Management and Business Planning courses for local government Community Development Units.



Profile: Tony Spelman – Ngati Hikairo

Tony is involved in tribal management for his iwi Ngati Hikairo in Kawhia as Secretary of Te Runanganui o Ngati Hikairo. He is also involved in a Mangere community education and training organisation as Chair of the Board of METTCi (Mangere Education and Technical Training Incorporated).

He has worked on the development process that has led up the May 2004 hui in Hamilton, worked as a member of the Transition Team for Tangata Whenua along with Atareta Poananga and recently as one of the Co-Chairs (Tangata Whenua) of the Taskforce.

He has been the Community Participant in the credentialing process for Counties Manukau District Health Board Clinicians since January 2004.

Since 1984 Tony has worked in the field of Human Resources and Organisation Development within the Public Sector and since 1990 has worked on the question of the place of the Treaty of Waitangi in the life and work of Public Sector organisations, in both central and local government.

Recently he has worked for Housing New Zealand Corporation on the implementation of a Maori Capability Plan. Before that Tony worked for the Manukau City Council, initially as Human Resources Manager and then as Manager of Governance and Democracy. His work at the Council was concerned with the question of community participation in the affairs of the local authority as well as the effective development and management of the Council's Tiriti/Treaty relationships with Mana/Tangata Whenua.

Noho mai i raro i nga manaakitanga a te Rungarawa

Kia ora tatou katoa