

Community and Voluntary Sector Research Forum

24th June 2014

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The next forum will be **23rd September**.

The topic will be **social enterprise** with a range of speakers who are researching and participating in this exciting development in social organisation.



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PROGRAMME

When? Tuesday, 24th June 2014, 3pm-5pm.
(Refreshments provided from 2.45pm)

Where? Victoria's Railway West Wing Room 501

(Victoria University's door on the left hand side of the Station; take the first lift to the 5th floor, or take one of the other lifts to the 4th floor and walk up a flight of stairs.)

Speakers: (see over the page for abstracts)

Cherida Fraser: "The AppleCART Project: Action research aiming to improve health and wellbeing of a 'hard-to-reach' Māori community"

Frances Kelliher: "Developing Community Circus in Aotearoa New Zealand: Evaluation techniques and conclusions"

Nishanie Pereira: "Exploring ICT use in non-profit organisations that provide services for older people who live within the community."

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Cherida Fraser: "The AppleCART Project: Action research aiming to improve health and wellbeing of a 'hard-to-reach' Māori community"

Abstract: Consultancy Advocacy Research Trust (CART) works to improve the health and wellbeing of "hard-to-reach" and "difficult to deal with" Māori in South Wellington. The AppleCART Project was a collaboration with CART to improve nutritional outcomes and increase social capital for this community. AppleCART provided low-cost healthy meal ideas to whanau in a supportive and social setting, thus integrating whanau, physical, and social facets to health and wellbeing. Data collection included an action research diary, pre- and post-project interviews, a discussion group, and workshop observations. Micro findings include the daily food practices of this community, social capital measures, engagement,

and some dietary improvement. Macro findings reveal a challenge in pleasing two masters; by reaching a hard-to-reach community and simultaneously adhering to bureaucratic protocols. A Māori relational approach and a Pākehā rational approach are reflected upon and discussed.

Bio: After working as a beauty therapist, and travelling and living abroad, Cherida returned to NZ to study. She completed a BA majoring in both sociology and psychology, and has nearly completed an MSc in cross-cultural psychology. Cherida is particularly interested in action research methodology, community work, and bi-cultural relationships in Aotearoa/New Zealand.

Frances Kelliher: "Developing Community Circus in Aotearoa New Zealand: Evaluation techniques and conclusions"

Abstract: This presentation focuses on four community circus programmes independently evaluated in 2012 as part of a two-year research project called 'Developing Community Circus in Aotearoa New Zealand' conducted by Rachael Trotman with support from Point Research

The research, supported by the Lottery Community Sector Research Fund also included a national online survey, literature review, workshop and stakeholder interviews. All publications are available online at www.communitycircus.co.nz.

Frances will present evaluation findings from the literature review, the methods used to assess four community circus programmes in Northland and Auckland and the main evaluation findings from these programmes. She will also share

evaluation methods published by the Effective Circus Project in Finland in 2013.

Bio: Frances Kelliher and her partner Thomas Hinz have nearly 30 years experience between them running community circus projects with a focus on the integration of disabled people with all ages and abilities. Thomas founded Circus Fantasia in Rostock Germany in 1995; and together in New Zealand, Circus Kumarani in 2003 and the Circability Trust in 2012. They initiated this research in 2009 and presented it in December 2013 at an international seminar on social circus evaluation; 'Culture has Impact' at the University of Tampere, Finland. Frances manages the Circability Trust which won the Arts Access Aotearoa 2013 Community Partnership Award.

Nishanie Pereira: "Exploring ICT use in non-profit organisations that provide services for older people who live within the community."

Abstract: This study analyses the ICT environment and ICT support structures in four New Zealand non-profit organisations that provide services for older people who live within the community.

As ICT infrastructure becomes an integral part of this sector, organisations are evolving their fundraising mechanisms to make innovative use of existing platforms. We explore the limitations of existing client management software and how it fails to fully meet the unique needs of this sector. We also reflect on the role of information ecology and why there is a lack of sharing ICT use practices between organisations that operate in a similar manner. The future of these organisations will be determined by the need to support a mobile workforce and we consider how this trend will impact on the ICT infrastructure and the selection of software. Over the

next decade these organisations will become key users of ICTs and catering for their needs will become an important element of the IT sector.

Bio: Nishanie is a part time PhD student at the School of Information Management. Her research focuses on examining ICT use behaviours in non-profit sector organisations. Prior to enrolling in her PhD, she worked in healthcare, apparel and telecommunications industries as an IT professional. This experience enabled her to understand how organisational contexts influence ICT use behaviours. Nishanie is currently an IT Consultant at Tribal Education. She lends her expertise to implementing student management systems at polytechnics and universities. She enjoys working on the software implementation phase as it enables her to observe design in use.