

Community and Voluntary Sector Research Forum

MARCH 2013

Welcome to the CVSRF for 2013!

Here you'll find details of the first forum for 2013 and once again we have an interesting collection of speakers for you. You'll find details below.

Please note it's important to RSVP and we hope to see you on the 26th March.



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NEXT EVENT: Research presentations

When? Tuesday, 26th March 2013, from 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)

Nataly Noguer Blue: Measuring the Social Impact of Volunteers and Volunteering

Natascha Pancic and Sarah Greenaway: Piloting evaluation of outcomes measurement in the Mental Health Sector

Dr Sandra Grey: Voices of the community: The community and voluntary sector's role in New Zealand democracy

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Nataly Noguera Blue: Measuring the Social Impact of Volunteers and Volunteering

Nataly is a Summer Scholar at Victoria University and will be reporting on her work over the summer on measuring social impact in the voluntary sector. Nataly's Scholarship was supported by Volunteering New Zealand.

Abstract: "While the value added by voluntary organisations is widely accepted by government and other funders, there has been increased pressure for the voluntary sector in western democracies to measure their social impact and communicate the difference they

make to individuals' lives and wider society.

Drawing on approximately 150 articles in the international academic and practitioner literature, this literature review provides an overview of the trends, advantages and challenges of impact measurement methods."

Natascha Pancic and Sarah Greenaway: Piloting evaluation of outcomes

Natascha Pancic and Sarah Greenaway both work for Te Pou o Te Whakaaro Nui who, in partnership with Platform and the developers of DoView, piloted the evaluation of outcome measurement in the mental health sector.

Abstract: "DoView is a visual outcomes modeling software developed by Paul Duignan (see www.doview.com). Te Pou, along with Platform

Trust, supported 10 NGOs to use DoView to implement outcomes systems in their organisations and the project was evaluated. I

n this presentation, members of the evaluation team from Te Pou will present the evaluation findings. We will discuss the different ways DoView is being used to meet organizational needs and to develop outcomes systems."

Dr Sandra Grey: Voices of the community: The community and voluntary sector's role in New Zealand democracy

Sandra is a Senior Lecturer at Victoria University in the School of Social and Cultural Studies.

She and Dr Charles Sedgwick recently complete this research into the sector's role in our democracy.

Abstract: "The importance of the community and voluntary sector in contributing to democratic debate is widely acknowledged in academic publications, by governments, and by the sector itself.

However, our survey of the New Zealand community and voluntary sector shows this role has not been uncontested or easily executed since the adoption of New Public Management governance techniques in the 1990s. Democratic debate may be 'tolerated' in New Zealand but in many cases there is a climate of fear with regard to speaking out.

The survey responses signal that the re-regulatory assignment of state tasks to the community

and voluntary sector under contracts informed by fiscal austerity, risk aversion, and competitive tendering constrain democratic engagement. Added to this are the high demands placed upon those organisations that win increasingly limited government funding to meet the terms of their contracts which is also inhibiting engagement in policy debates."