

Community and Voluntary Sector Research Forum

24 March, 2015

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PROGRAMME

When? Tuesday, 24th March, 2015, 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)

- **Adrian Shields:** "Public Trust and Confidence in Charities: Variations over time"
- **Paul Stone:** "Open Government Data – Supporting democratic participation in the Community Sector"
- **VUW Summer Scholars: Harry Berger:** "The Third Sector in 2045: a supporting literature review" and **Ciahn Dalgliesh-Waugh** "A study of Community-led Resilience Planning"

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Adrian Shields: "Public Trust and Confidence in Charities: Variations over time"

Abstract: The Charities Act 2005 has a purpose to promote public trust and confidence in the charitable sector. During 2014 Charities Services conducted the fourth biennial survey of the public's trust and confidence in charities. The research exercise investigated three related themes covering the public's trust in charities, and the drivers for that trust, how and why people donate; and charities registration, and people's response to charities' provision of services. In this presentation Adrian will review this exercise and the issues and challenges it presents to Charities Services, and set this in the context of reflective research in the UK and in New Zealand. Opportunities to address issues raised in the research

will also be considered.

Bio: Adrian is the Policy and Research Manager in Charities Services, and previously held this role in the Charities Commission. He has managed this research over time, and has a particular focus on using the research as leverage for initiatives that support improvements in the public's trust and confidence. Adrian's current focus is on assisting charities to respond to the new reporting standards that come into force on 1 April 2015.

Paul Stone: "Open Government Data – Supporting democratic participation in the Community Sector"

Abstract: Open government is not just about transparency, it's also about democratic participation. Open government data can be an enabler for communities to participate in policy development; it can help understand problems better enabling better solutions; or to formulate stronger arguments when advocating for positive change.

This session covers what "open data" is, what the Open Government Data Programme is about, and provides examples of data re-use in the community sector to stimulate your imagination with possibilities...

Bio: Paul Stone is the Open Government Data Programme Leader. He has over 20 years' experience in IT for a variety of organisations including Knight Frank (NZ) Limited, Ministry of Defence, Charities Commission and the Ministry for Culture and Heritage. Paul was responsible for delivering the Charities Register as open data in 2012. He worked one day a week on secondment to the Open Government Data programme for nearly three years, and is now working full time for it.

VUW Summer Scholars: Harry Berger: "The Third Sector in 2045: a supporting literature review" and Ciahn Dalglish: "A study of Community-led Resilience Planning"

Berger: New Zealand's Third Sector is significant. However, the social and demographic changes in the last few decades provide evidence of change. Expressive organisations rely almost solely on volunteers, yet Tennant et al. (2007) note disquiet about the increase in professionalism, safety and accountability which impact the enthusiasm and availability of volunteers. There are also issues regarding time poverty, commercial recreation and cultural provision, funding sustainability and independence.

Limited research has drawn on 'futures thinking' to identify emerging trends which may assist third sector organisations to prepare for an unstable future. This literature review analysed both the pressures on third sector organisations and futures-oriented research to consider drivers that may affect their ability to exist in the future.

Dalglish: Disasters can occur at any time as a result of human, technological or natural causes. In order to counteract the indeterminate consequences of disasters,

researchers are promoting the importance of greater community resilience. According to Norris et al. (2008), a resilient community is a connected community with a plan for disaster preparation and response. In order to encourage preparation and response plans throughout the Wellington region, with the aim of "empowering and connecting communities" (Wellington Region Emergency Management Office, 2012), the Wellington Region Emergency Management Office (WREMO) formed a Community Resilience Team of advisors to help support, initiate, and facilitate the development of 'community-driven response plans'.

Using the Motivation Opportunity Ability framework, this research was designed to investigate the community-driven response planning process in order to gain a better understanding of participant experience along with greater insight into their motivations, opportunities and ability.