

Community and Voluntary Sector Research Forum

22 September, 2015

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PROGRAMME

- When?** Tuesday, 22 September, 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)
- **Annie Weir "Philanthropic Trusts investing in building evaluation capacity with NGOs: Collaborating to make a difference"**
 - **Gradon Diprose "The political potential of timebanking"**
 - **Dave Heatley "How can we make social services work well for everyone? "**

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Annie Weir: "Philanthropic Trusts investing in building evaluation capacity with NGOs: Collaborating to make a difference"

Abstract: Philanthropic trusts seek ways to improve their grant making practices, understand funded programme outcomes and evaluate their overall impact. This session presents a case study of how a large philanthropic trust focused on supporting family social wellbeing in lower socioeconomic areas in Auckland and Northland aimed to improve their evaluation of grants, and to create an evaluation framework to establish the value and cumulative impact of projects. Part of their framework included engaging with their grant recipients to improve their outcome-focused evaluation practices. Over the past few years partnering with a community funding broker and a research company, the Trust has invested in trialing 'Dancing with Data' evaluation capac-

ity building programme and Roundtable Reporting/Evaluation with its recipient organisations.

Bio: Dr Annie Weir is the Director of Impact Research NZ which provides research and evaluation across the education, health and social sectors. She is an Honorary Research Fellow with the School of Critical Studies in Education, Faculty of Education, University of Auckland. She has worked in research and evaluation for the over 20 years in New Zealand and the United Kingdom. Annie has worked with numerous NGOs to improve their evaluation practices and use of evidence to inform their practice

Gradon Diprose: "The political potential of timebanking"

Abstract: The sociologist, Kathi Weeks argues that since the global financial crisis the contradictions surrounding waged work have intensified. Waged work is reified as both a moral imperative and linked to conceptions of what it means to be a 'good' neoliberal citizen. Yet unemployment has simultaneously increased in many societies and those 'lucky' enough to be in waged work face increasing precarity and reduced workplace rights. This research uses a community economies framework to explore how members of the Wellington Timebank are engaging in alternative exchange practices to meet their needs outside of waged work and capitalist markets. The presentation outlines the re-subjection encounters

that members experience through participation in the Timebank and how the focus on relational trading enables the collective to partially avoid exclusionary and fixed representations of what it means to be involved in 'alternative' exchange networks

Bio: Gradon Diprose is a Lecturer in the School of Social Sciences at the Open Polytechnic. His research interests include diverse or community economies, with a focus on the ethical issues and learning experiences collectives go through when negotiating their interdependence. He is also currently involved in research on community based climate change activism in relation to deep sea oil exploration and drilling.

Dave Heatley: "How can we make social services work well for everyone?"

Abstract: The Productivity Commission will release the report of its inquiry into more effective social services in mid-September. Dave Heatley will present the key findings and recommendations from the report. Better integration of social services for a more seamless service for clients with complex and inter-dependent needs, a commitment to a more client-centred approach, better assessment of outcomes and more space for innovating and experimenting with new models of funding and providing social services are among the recommendations of the report.

Bio: Dave Heatley is Acting Inquiry Director at the New Zealand Productivity Commission. He joined the NZPC at its inception, and has played a significant role in its inquiries into international freight transport services, trans-Tasman economic relations and now more effective social services. Prior to joining the Productivity Commission, Dave was a Research Fellow at Victoria University of Wellington. In one of his past careers he was a software developer and successful entrepreneur. Dave has an MBA (with distinction) from Victoria University, and a Bachelor of Science (computer science) from the University of Tasmania.