

Stocktake of existing or developing initiatives that are relevant to Actions identified in the CERA-initiated report *Third Sector / Not-for-Profit Sector Recovery in Post-Earthquake Christchurch*.

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In late 2015 the CERA-initiated report *Third Sector / Not-for-Profit Sector Recovery in Post-Earthquake Christchurch* was released. The report contains over 30 Action Points to aid in the recovery and wellbeing of the third / not-for-profit sector.

Lots has been happening for sector wellbeing since the earthquakes, resulting in progress on some of the Action Points. The Social Equity and Wellbeing Network (SEWN) has tried to identify as many as possible. This was done through a sector hui, a survey sent out on Survey Monkey, and informally canvassing people's knowledge.

Continue to invest in social networks within the sector.				
	Action	Sector hui	Survey Monkey	Otherwise identified
1.	Use community issues or shared problems as ways to draw sector groups together and build relationships <i>(Third Sector networks)</i>		Family violence.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sector capacity group: shared problem – promoting 'by the sector, for the sector' support to groups that may need their services. Non-profit / third sector groups that provide services to support sector capacity (e.g. legal advice, meeting venues, training, etc) are working together to jointly promote their services. • The Loft. Community issue: vulnerable family support? • OVTRK: shared problem – having the sector recognised and valued by central and local govt.

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volcan managers' group? • Chch Community House: shared problem – isolation; affordable resources incl accom, telephone & IT, etc.
2.	Create opportunities to connect disparate groups (e.g. connecting schools and older people, encouraging connections with the Ministry of Awesome, or helping cultural groups to participate in existing community events) to help new initiatives emerge.		Canterbury FV Collaboration	
3.	Develop a searchable notice board/ forum website or calendar to document Third Sector Network Activities in greater Christchurch.			
4.	Help groups use existing support groups/ organisations/ services better.		See note 1.	<p>Sector capacity group – by the sector, for the sector</p> <p>Min of Awesome: ?</p> <p>Local govt CDAs and central govt dept staff advising groups of what's available?</p> <p>CINCH – directory</p> <p>SEWN info</p>
5.	Support and help other groups to learn from the work of the East Side Information Hub, led by ACTIS, and the development of an information hub starting up on the south west side of greater Christchurch led by Hope Presbyterian.			

6.	Continue to support the <i>Leadership in Communities</i> initiative run by the Leadership Lab. (<i>Funders</i>)			
7.	Build good peer support processes. (<i>Third Sector networks</i>)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Thank God for SEWN and Volcan, Community house etc 2. A lot of this has occurred in the family violence space. 		<p>Volunteering Canterbury – NFP Managers group, volunteer coordinators group.</p> <p>Youth Workers Collective</p> <p>SSPA</p>
8.	Build on the work of existing Timebanks and similar initiatives to support the above actions and to build connections within communities to address social isolation etc.		For example – Otakaro Orchard and garden and Gather Café. (Will have a TimeBank component)	

Note 1:

This is an example of a NFP/local government collaboration:

To address the on-going need to improve communication to CALD communities BEFORE a disaster strikes and to encourage the use of the station's existing capability Plains FM devised a project in conjunction with CCC Civil Defence unit. 8 preparedness messages in English were drawn from the new promotional material devised by Civil Defence at national level. These messages were then translated into 3 languages (Samoan, Tagalog and Hindi) to play on air in those CALD radio programmes over an eleven week campaign.

Plains FM secured Strengthening Communities Funding of \$7,500 for this project and further promotion of the campaign will be done through the CCC marketing unit. This is a first in New Zealand utilising access radio for reaching CALD communities.

Improve capacity of the sector as a whole.				
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9.	Agree on and articulate shared Third Sector values and interests, including all four wellbeings, and use them to build a stronger sector identity. <i>(Third Sector networks)</i>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OVTRK – Valuing the Sector • SEWN – CDEM, FB posts
10.	Build the atmosphere of generosity to extend between Third Sector organisations. <i>(Third Sector networks)</i>		As above. <i>(Family violence)</i>	CCH – sharing of expertise
11.	Think about sector capacity as a whole and find ways to communicate this. <i>(Third Sector networks, funders)</i>		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. As above 2. Enspiral workshop 	? Data gathering by funders, Comvoices, Stats NZ ?
12.	Use sabbaticals or secondments between NGOs to provide peer support and deepen relationships. <i>(Individual NGOs)</i>			
13.	Develop a Greater Christchurch environmental network. <i>(Environmental groups)</i>		Some work done re this at the Enspiral workshop	

Continue to build partnerships between sectors

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14.	Facilitate governance conversations with local community groups around local developments to give groups and local government more capacity to prepare and adapt. <i>(Local Government (CCC, WDC, SDC))</i>	Project Lyttelton is developing a great relationship with its local governance team.		•
15.	Develop processes to learn from existing partnerships between sectors.		Innumerable collaborative meetings across the sector!	
16.	Recognise the systemic issues such as uneven power relationships that can get in the way of partnership processes and work with them on the table.	e.g. Living Economies Expo was involved in this conversation	Penny Prescott has drawn up a fun diagrammatic representation of 'Collaborative architecture re this.	
17.	Develop partnership accords to keep discussion about the partnership process open.		We have done this with Wellbeing North Canterbury re their restorative justice work.	
18.	Ensure that rebuilding community is prioritised in the rebuild.			CCC rebuilding / repairing community facilities

Build the use of existing information resources

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19.	Continue and grow the work of the Strengthening Communities, Community Development and Libraries teams in the TLAs in connecting people up to the assistance and information available to them.		Enspiral workshop was going to follow up on this	
20.	Build on the work that the University of Canterbury and others are doing with students to help Third Sector groups build their capacity.	Geog 309 has worked with many third sector groups e.g. Project Lyttelton – timebanking, school gardening & ? ? Talking (well might happen in the long ahead future) re accepting time credits for entrance to courses. (Having conversation with Ara.)		360 Deg Consulting (not a formal Uni initiative) Service Learning

Continue to encourage volunteering

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21.	Build on work in existing timebanks and new economic approaches to recognise and foster volunteering. <i>(Third sector groups)</i>	<p>Living Economies Expo – whole event was filmed – this will be available within a few months.</p> <p>Idea of Third Sector using a Timebank to share skills and spare capacity.</p> <p>Also growth of Savings Pools – whose members save and lend to each other interest free.</p>	Good work Volcan. Difficult to reconcile volunteers with increasing demands by statutory organisations for professionalism and compliance and increasing complex needs and issues arising from deprivation, and deregulation - particularly of the labour and housing markets.	
22.	Build on efforts already used by some schools and tertiary institutions to encourage young people to participate in their community. Timebanks might offer a way to recognise this work. <i>(Schools, tertiary institutions, third sector groups)</i>		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. UC students are working with us on a voluntary basis 2. Well done Volcan 	
23.	. Build awareness of Volunteering Canterbury amongst groups looking for volunteers	<p>Richard from VolCan here, we're working on it!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building awareness for organisations – we're going to reach out to 1900 not-for-profit organisations not covered by us, telling them why we exist and what we can do for them. (May/June). • Building a platform for volunteers and organisations to give / find skills, not just time. 'Skills-match' just started. (May). • Promotion of volunteering, telling volunteers' stories, ?hero- 		NFP Toolkit group

		<p>ing? 'Big Hearts' (supervolunteers) across different mediums. UC Intern joining us this year to help promote. (2nd half 2017).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Workshops / volunteer coordinator network meetings / not-for-profit manager network meetings – every month. Promoting trends, help, love & happiness!• New Volunteer Database (last year).• New website (June / July this year.)		
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Accommodation				
	Action	Sector hui	Survey Monkey	Otherwise identified
24.	Ensure indoor community meeting space is required in all new housing developments. <i>(Central government, Local Government)</i>	Look at Ohu Developments especially the case in Lyttelton – London St site – where the people in the community are being asked what they want to see this site developed as – and inviting them in to making this happen.		
25.	Recognise the importance of providing affordable accommodation to ensure Third Sector Organisations can meet current and future needs. <i>(Central government, Local Government)</i>			
26.	Make space available in libraries, or schools for Third Sector groups to hot desk or timeshare, and meet in libraries. <i>(Central government, Local Government)</i>	Recent Living Economies Expo – hosted by Lyttelton Primary School – and LAF. Also CCC space (Recreation Centre – paid for with Time Credits!) Libraries would be great – I've also started hot-desking at 'Community 101' – a free hot-desk / meeting place run by BNZ (on 111 Cashel St).		

Resource the Third Sector to meet the increased demands on them Post Earthquakes

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27.	Provide access to services and support such as photocopying, broadband, computers, meeting rooms, graphics assistance, or financial and legal assistance for community groups and individuals working to set groups up, building on support already provided. <i>(Central government, Local Government)</i>			
28.	Concerns regarding under-resourcing of the sector relative to the demands made of it should be given full consideration. <i>(Funders, government.)</i>			
29.	Collectively advocate for a role in funding allocation decision making. <i>(Third sector groups)</i>	COGS grants are decided by a committee of people elected from the community sector. Local priorities for COGS are decided by community meetings.		Twigger Womens Collective
30	Increase the length of funding periods and recognise the opportunity these present for groups to take a more strategic approach to their work. <i>(Funders)</i>	Rata is reviewing policies and procedures. Have removed deadlines, can now apply any time. Is slowly introducing multi-year funding.		
31.	Fund more positions and fewer projects, to allow greater flexibility for organisations to meet changing community needs. <i>(Funders)</i>	Rata is focusing on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capabilities – knowledge, skills and competencies. • Capacities – organisational and leadership development • Context – funding and policy environment. 		Rata Foundation funds salaries and operating costs. CCC, COGS and Lotteries do likewise.

		<p>Will be thinking more about how it can support the sector in these three areas.</p> <p>CCC has recently reviewed its funding process. Core funding / operating costs are now recognised – applications don't have to be about a project.</p>		
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