

Inspiring Communities January News – email newsletter

Kia ora tatou

A warm welcome to 2010. From now on the Network News Update from Inspiring Communities will be in this new email format.

Three things have led us to a change in how we approach our Network News for 2010:

- Our ongoing quest to focus on collective learning;
- Your feedback on what you most appreciate from our newsletter – inspiration and practical ideas, knowing what's happening in other communities, links to good references, and a desire for more evaluation and learning. See our Reader Survey Results on page 6 of our November newsletter at www.inspiringcommunities.org.nz/community-news/newsletters ;
- Our continuing desire to share the good things happening in communities around New Zealand, and globally, to create connections and support community-led development.

We plan to bring to you email updates like this on a regular basis – monthly, or more often when worthy content dictates. These will keep you up with events, community news from the media and our network, Learning Links and timely information. Meanwhile, to allow for a deeper focus on learning and to dig deeper into important community-led development stories, we are working on a second publication which we will produce periodically. We are looking forward to bringing you the first edition in March.

This email edition includes links to:

- Community-Led Development Thinking - our outcomes from the Auckland Inspiring Communities forum, Strengthening Auckland from the Streets Up, held in December and the latest newsletter from our associate organisation, Tamarack - an institute for community engagement;
- Upcoming Events - including New Zealand's first Community Economic Development Conference, which we are excited about;
- Media Links - some of the latest media coverage that has caught our interest, particularly for the positive focus on our provincial communities;
- Careers - a new position with The Todd Foundation.

We hope you enjoy the links below, and as always we welcome your feedback, and news of important community-led development initiatives, events, workshops and the outcomes for more vibrant and dynamic communities. Simply click on reply to send your thoughts, or story ideas.

All the best for 2010

Mary-Jane Rivers
Inspiring Communities

Visit our website to find out more about Inspiring Communities:
www.inspiringcommunities.org.nz

COMMUNITY-LED AND COMMUNITY DRIVEN

*** Inspiring Communities Forum: Strengthening Auckland from the Streets Up ***

December 2009: Auckland is buzzing with locally-led initiatives and people happy to tell their story and learn from others. Street and Neighbourhood Development offers some new, exciting ways of enabling amazing community change... and it often starts with one person who has the belief and hope that things can be different. And on a scorching hot Auckland day just before Christmas who would have thought that close to 80 people would want to meet and share stories and handy hints about local communities...



Read about the forum on our website: www.inspiringcommunities.org.nz/community-news/256-strengthening-auckland-from-the-streets-up

*** Engage! ***

The latest newsletter from Tamarack - An Institute for Community Engagement (Ontario, Canada) is now online: <http://tamarackcommunity.ca/newsletter/engage.htm>

*** Imagine Chicago's resources available to inspire your community ***

Bliss Browne has facilitated vision setting for Matura, a town in revitalisation mode, and Great Start Taita has turned to Imagine Chicago for ideas and inspiration in helping the local Taita community bloom. Imagine Chicago offers resources to all. Visit <http://imaginechicago.org/index.html> to browse the website, which has 30 new pages of new tools and activities for creative community engagement. Find the Tools section under Resources. Everything is free to download.

UPCOMING EVENTS

*** Asset Based Community Development Workshop ***

Where: Hamilton

When: 4 - 5 February

Details: <http://www.interactionz.org.nz>

*** Community Economic Development Conference ***

Where: Auckland

When: 9 – 11 February

Details: http://www.csbec.org.nz/index.cfm/Community_Economic_Development_Conf

*** Community Economic Development seminar ***

A three-hour seminar with three speakers featured in the Auckland Community Economic Development Conference. Jointly presented by the NZ Federation of Welfare Organisations, ANGOA and NZ Council of Social Services.

Where: Wellington
When: 16 February
Details: Email info@nzfvwo.org.nz

*** Toi Whenua 2010 Maori Arts Wananga ***

Where: Auckland
When: 27 – 28 February
Details: Email maoriarts.wananga@aucklandcity.govt.nz to register or enquire

*** Art of Hosting March training series ***

Looking for a way to involve people in conversations that open new ground and really get somewhere? The Art of Hosting <http://www.artofhosting.org> combines a people centred way of working with powerful methodologies that create the container for commitment and change. Used in large scale community and business change projects overseas.

What: PARTICIPATORY LEADERSHIP: The Art of Hosting & Harvesting Conversations That Matter
Where & When: Auckland, 4 - 6 March

What: TEAMS CREATING STRATEGIC RESULTS: The Art of Hosting & Harvesting for Success
Where & When: Wellington, 11 - 13 March

What: WARRIOR OF THE HEART: The Aikido of Balanced Leadership
Where & When: Levin, 19 - 21 March

All details: [http://www.artofhosting.org/events/?content\[news\]\[id\]=63](http://www.artofhosting.org/events/?content[news][id]=63)

MEDIA LINKS

Our 2009 Network News updates featured stories about small towns being revitalised, particularly Opotiki and Matura. Over the summer, the media have been noticing too:

*** Shannon: Small town, big plans (Dominion Post, 19 Jan 2010) ***

<http://www.stuff.co.nz/travel/new-zealand/3239811/Shannon-A-small-town-with-big-plans>

*** Tuatapere: The little town with a big backbone (NZ Herald, 17 Jan 2010) ***

http://www.nzherald.co.nz/travel/news/article.cfm?c_id=7&objectid=10620221

*** Adam Award: Refugees want to participate fully in NZ life (NZ Herald, 14 Jan 2010) ***

http://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c_id=1&objectid=10619991&pnum=0

*** Teacher wanted, must like (Rakiura) island life (NZ Herald, 13 Jan 2010) ***

www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c_id=1&objectid=10619872

*** Rod Oram's A summer ride into our past - and future (NZ Herald 20 Dec 2009) ***

<http://www.stuff.co.nz/sunday-star-times/business/3177814/A-summer-ride-into-our-past-and-future>

CAREERS

*** Child and Family Advisor, The Todd Foundation ***

This new role has been created to help maximise The Todd Foundation's contribution to children and their families and communities; see <http://www.toddfoundation.org.nz/jobs/> for details or contact Kate Frykberg, Executive Director, The Todd Foundation 04 931 6036, PO Box 3142, Wellington.

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