

working together online

A new web-based platform for New Zealand community groups



“CommunityCentral will be a cool, new, easy-to-use place for doing your work faster, finding out what you need to know and running your projects more successfully.”

Paul Duignan
SHORE

“CommunityCentral will better connect people in communities to work together to generate great outcomes through web-based communications.”

Tina Reid
NZFVWO

“All kinds of people in the sector will be able to use CommunityCentral—the young and not-so-young, those who use computers all the time in their work, as well as those who want to use them more.”

Ros Rice
NZCOSS

Contact us if you'd like to find out more, or watch out from mid-2008 for further announcements about how you can sign-on.

You can phone the NZFVWO office on 04 385 0981 or email projects@nzfvwo.org.nz

Coming soon, CommunityCentral is a friendly space on the internet for Tangata Whenua, the community and voluntary sector, public health workers, advocates and others to come online to converse, share and work together.

You will be able to:

- Quickly find relevant information for the sector in one place;
- Share with and support one another through broad online networks;
- Discuss hot topics;
- Share documents and communicate with others on a project or committee in a private workspace;
- Subscribe to broadcasts, newsletters, and notice boards.

The five initial partner organisations have so far identified priority needs and have chosen proven internet software.

But this is only the start.

As CommunityCentral evolves, we are committed to involving other people and organisations. After the release of a prototype version around mid-2008, we want to get your feedback to help us decide on refinements and additions.

Over time, too, CommunityCentral will grow, so that further phases will be tailored to a growing range of user needs.

Alongside our work on the technical side of things, we will be discussing how CommunityCentral, as a sector-owned project, can grow and survive for the long-term, and increase the confidence and skills of people working in the sector.

With grants from the Digital Strategy Community Partnership Fund, the JR McKenzie Trust and Lottery Community, we've been able to get started.

CommunityCentral is an initiative of five national umbrella organisations:

- ANGOA (Association of Non-Governmental Organisations of Aotearoa)
- NZ Council of Social Services (NZCOSS)
- NZ Federation of Voluntary Welfare Organisations (NZFVWO)
- SHORE (Centre for Social and Health Outcomes Research and Evaluation)
- Volunteering NZ.

Incorporating CAPH (Community and Public Health Online Groups)