Kia ora and Greetings from the wonderful world of collaboration in Waitakere

Ringing the Changes

I’ve now spent five months in the Project Manager role and I have really been impressed by the enthusiasm and energy encountered. Much of this time has involved reviewing the current status and progress of the Calls to Action, as well as the future priorities and directions indicated by the previous Wellbeing Summit and Community Outcomes process. Meeting so many of the marvelous movers and shakers involved with the innovative and impressive initiatives happening in Waitakere city has been inspiring. I’ve also appreciated the frank and constructive discussions about the gaps still apparent and the challenges involved in collaboration. A key reflection for me is to ensure we maintain momentum and move forward together, with our diverse perspectives and different paces, but united in ultimate endeavour.

Most of you will probably, have now met me, but for those who haven’t, here’s a bit of background. I’ve lived in Waitakere for over 25 years with my partner, and four children and had many different community roles with antenatal education, school committees, health advocacy and local residents’ associations. My work roles in the Health, NGO and University sectors have spanned community project development and management research and evaluation; health promotion skills development and community capacity-building. I’ve previously worked with several projects based in Waitakere, including the ‘Building Community in Massey’ scoping study and evaluation of some of the Safe Waitakere projects, as well as the Ranui Action Project.

There are many opportunities ahead to build on and bring out the best in the Collaboration Project. We particularly need to extend our reach to those who are most disadvantaged and marginalised. By supporting key initiatives, we can open doors to enable them to thrive, not just survive. The Call to Action is for all of us to share our knowledge, skills and resources so that no child, no person is left behind.

A Plan for the City

This is a framework for agencies in Waitakere to work together on identified priorities and activities, particularly in response to the Community Outcomes and Local Services Mapping reports, but also other mandated community visioning processes. It will be collectively developed and delivered by key stakeholders in Waitakere to increase social, economic, cultural and environmental wellbeing in differing levels of partnering.
The Wellbeing Collaboration Project is taking responsibility for promoting the social wellbeing area of the Community Outcomes. Although social wellbeing is the WCP’s main focus, the interlinking connections to economic, cultural and environmental strategies activities will also be actively explored and integrated. The Collaboration Strategy Group (WCP governance group) will take a co-ordination role, ensuring alignment for agreed priorities, collaborative work programmes, measures and action planning to then be taken to the 2007 Wellbeing Summit to confirm a mandate.

Wellbeing Collaboration Project Review

After four years of activity since it was first launched at the 2002 Summit, it was time to undertake a review of the processes, progress and future directions. This also involved a self-assessment review with all the Calls to Action.

Findings from the review suggested an overall improvement in networking and collaborating on joint initiatives. Most of the Calls to Action were seen to have made their mark in contributing to the development of increased initiatives and services in their respective areas. All Calls to Action were regarded as benefiting from the ongoing linking role that the Collaboration project provides. Some Calls to Action are now at the stage where their work could be mainstreamed into existing work programmes or integrated across the whole of the Wellbeing Project.

Due to a lack of baseline measures established at the outset, it was not possible to measure and attribute improvement in wellbeing outcomes such as more children in early child care education, more refugees in employment, more affordable housing available etc. So if we want to be a more rigorous in assessing how we’re doing, are making a difference, we will need to put more tangible measures in place. It is important to be aware, too, that many issues are complex with often multiple factors in play. A range of complementary strategies are required that may go beyond the capacity of some current Call to Action groups to achieve.

At a Call to Action Convenors meeting in December 2006, it was suggested that all Call to Action groups take part in a simple, but useful, results-based accountability exercise to help develop realistic measures (currently being organized - watch this space) for future planning. See www.raguide.org for communities and programmes that want to get from “Talk to Action”.

For further information, see The Future Directions 2007 paper on the WCP webpage http://www.waitakere.govt.nz/Our Par/collabproj.asp

2007 Wellbeing Summit - 26 July

Planning for this is underway - a flyer will be sent out soon but meanwhile, diary this date.

Proposed theme: Social Inclusion/Reducing Poverty

Useful Websites

- Local Partnerships and Governance (LPG) Research: www.lpg.org.nz
- For the latest census information on Waitakere City, its suburbs, employment, ethnicity, employment & education: www.waitakere.govt.nz/AbtCt/ps/index.asp
- Also available on the WCC Website is information on Community Grants: www.waitakere.govt.nz/CnclSer/fn/index.asp
- An interesting site for US Social Policy resources and links to projects is: www.libraries.cua.edu/irsocpol.htm
- Trying to find that central or local Government agency or service on the web? Try: www.govt.nz
- Office for the Community and Voluntary Sector is www.ocvs.govt.nz
- For really useful information and resources go to: Community Net Aotearoa www.community.net.nz
- Waitakere Online. A portal to information about, living in, business in and visiting Waitakere. www.waitakereonline.co.nz
- NZ Federation of Voluntary Welfare Organisation www.nzfwo.org.nz
- Asian Health Website www.asianhealth.govt.nz
- Health Promotion Forum: www.hpforum.org.nz
- Family violence information: www.nzfc.org.nz
- WAVES (Waitakere Anti-Violence Essential Services has a new website www.waves.org.nz

For the latest Violence Essential Services Health Promotion Forum: www.asianhealth.govt.nz

For really useful information about, living in, business in and visiting Waitakere. www.waitakereonline.co.nz

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**“Calls to Action” Update:**

The recent review noted that the Calls to Action are generally operating well in terms of the Calls to Action criteria relating to purpose and process. However the last two criteria related to achieving outcomes and measures remain work in progress.

**Every Waitakere Resident has Access to Affordable Appropriate Housing:**

The Housing Call to Action has three distinct workstreams – Waitakere City Sustainable Housing Plan, Secure Home Tenure and Third Sector Housing – with a number of projects within these. Over the previous year, for various reasons, progress was limited but is now moving ahead again and will be boosted by having its own Housing C2A Coordinator (part-time) to be appointed soon.

- A community forum was called in October to Revive, Rebuild and Resurrect the Housing Call to Action. It was decided that separate projects will continue but the working groups for these will report back to the wider C2A, rather than just the workstream previously responsible for this work. It is hoped that opening projects to the full C2A will provide renewed energy to the project work and encourage more people to get involved with the different projects.
- A very successful C2A meeting was held on 16 November, at the Friendship Centre Trust. Speakers provided updates and overviews on: the recent Affordable Housing Summit held in Wellington, the status of the Waitakere City Sustainable Housing Plan, and progress in the Housing New Zealand HIF (Housing Innovation Fund). The New Zealand Housing Trust gave a presentation on the large scale project they are undertaking in the Waitakere locality to help people into home ownership.
- There’s been considerable movement on the social housing front with the Friendship Centre Trust having just set up their first house in their community housing project and Monte Cecilia now active in Waitakere.

The first meeting of the Call to Action, will be on at the Waitakere Community Resource Centre, on **1 March from 1.30 – 3.30pm**.

Convenor: Lisa Howard-Smith lisa@wadcoss.org.nz Ph 838 7593

**Every Migrant and Refugee in Waitakere Settles Successfully (New Out West - NOW)**

- There was excellent participation in the visioning exercise and action planning sessions held late last year. Key areas were identified to further progress Successful Settlement such as Employment, Education, Housing, Health, Connection (to local communities) and Families Together. Potential projects in these areas will be prioritised with identified convenors and lead agencies in the first two meetings of the year.
- The Refugee and the Employment Working Groups will need to reconvene to consider actions for the 2007 year.
- The Waitakere Settlement Support Service have worked with Migrant Action Trust to organise a very successful Employment Support group.

Convenor: Monica Sharma monica.sharma@waitakere.govt.nz Ph 836 8000 ext 8417
Every Child has access to Quality, Early Childhood Education

- Planning for Toddler Day Out 2007, 4th of March at the Trusts Stadium is the current focus. The venue and date have changed due to the bad weather we experienced last year. We look forward to increased participation this year. The focus for the Early Childhood “Call to Action” group now is the development of an ECE.

- Multi Cultural Resource Service for Early Childhood Education. We have had a very positive response from the ECE and migrant and refugee community. We are now at the stage of putting together a funding proposal.

- ECE is also providing a lead role along with Te Korowai Manaaki in providing assistance for the organisation of a Mokopuna Day on March 31 in Massey as part of the Massey Matters Project.

Convenor: Anita Weir  ece.waitakere@xtra.co.nz  Ph 838 7105

Toddler Day Out – Great Parenting Fair
Sunday 4th March 2007, 10am - 3 pm
Trusts Stadium, Central Park Drive, Henderson

- The event is on, rain or shine!!! The event features two main areas... inside the stadium and on the playing field. The stage area, active movement and rides, food vendors are outside. Most of the stalls, interactive learning area (focused on early childhood) and parents’ area will have a discussion space. Massage and holistic health practitioners and displays of services to support parents will be in the stadium.

- There will be 50 stalls of service providers to young families and also those promoting early childhood education and support with a few stalls selling educational toys and materials.

- There is a non-stop stage show which will be child and family friendly.

- There will be speakers each hour (on the hour) on the main stage who will give tips on positive parenting and support strategies. Discussion and question opportunities will follow.

- Food is not free. We recommend families bring their own picnic, but food can be bought... sausages, vegetarian takeaways, bread and dips, café, coffee and fruit drinks.

- All other activities are free... rides, vertical bungy, Macdonalds petting zoo, active movement kids play space, face painting, clowns and stilt walkers, puppet shows etc.

- Parking... follow the signs and the traffic directors... there is paid parking opposite the stadium ($5.00) but not in the grounds. You can park in Te Pai Place and also some of the streets in the area and walk along.

- There are family fun prizes to be drawn from people who fill out evaluation forms and giveaways of fruit and other food etc on the day.

Enquiries about early childhood education and stalls to go to Anita Weir, ECE Coordinator ece.waitakere@xtra.co.nz or ph 838 7105 wk or 021 113 8990

Enquiries re stage and performers, social services and parenting area to Elaine Dyer elainedyer@clear.net.nz or ph 837 4849 wk
Educators and Communities Working Well Together to Improve Education and Community Outcomes

- A Learning Plan Coordinator (Chris McLean) has been employed since late June and her role has been an important catalyst for developing the proposed Learning Plan for Waitakere City. This position is funded through WEST (Waitakere Education Sector Trust) by WCC and ASB Trust.
- The purpose of the Learning Plan is to develop creative and innovative ways to ensure the best possible learning outcomes for all people in Waitakere City (from ECE through compulsory schooling to tertiary and community based education).
- The Learning Plan Coordinator has undertaken a first stage of consultation with a comprehensive range of stakeholders and is gathering and collating this and other relevant information in preparation for further consultation.
- A planning day in December provided a framework for the Learning Plan, including priorities and a timeframe for its completion.
- A second round of consultations will take place in February/ March 2007 based on the draft Learning Plan. Focus groups will be able to brainstorm their vision of where they want to be by 2026 and detail actions as to how to get there.
- Education and community stakeholders will have the opportunity to give feedback on the plan at the Waitakere City Sustainable Learning conference to be held on March 16 & 17 2007.

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Developing a Culture of Inclusion in Waitakere City

The group is now
- Reviewing the content and promotion of the Inclusion Checklist for an updated reprint in early 2007
- Advising the Summit working group on inclusion practices
- Monitoring the implementation of the Charter of Inclusion by the signatory agencies – encouraging to see protocols developed at the Waitemata District Health Board and a Waitakere City Council Disability Action Plan underway.

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Te Korowai Manaaki – Great Start for Children Under 5 in Waitakere

Launched in 2003, Te Korowai Manaaki – Great Start Waitakere is a significant project within the Waitakere Wellbeing Collaboration Strategy. Based on the Maori Model – Te Korowai – a cloak of care and protection and led by four collaborative working groups – Hono I te Ora Maori Caucus, Ataata o le Ta ae Pasifika Caucus, Te Korowai Manaaki Strategic Working Group and the Te Korowai Manaaki Project Leaders Group. Although there are seven separate project strands within Te Korowai Manaaki, the following are currently the most active:

Hono i te Ora Maori Caucus
Hono I te Ora was a name given to the Waitakere Maori Service Provider Network by the late Papa Fraser Delamere. Hono I te Ora is now being used by the Te Korowai Manaaki Maori Caucus made up of Maori service providers and community members who come together to share resources, skills and support projects on behalf of the Maori Community. Facilitated by Tu Wahine Trust, the caucus has made considerable headway in projects supporting Maori Parents and Whanau, input into the Family Violence Prevention Training Package and currently, the development of a Strategic Plan to ensure services are reaching Whanau, Hapu, Iwi and the wider Maori Community.

Ataata o le Taeao Pasifika Caucus
This is a collaboration of service providers who work in Pasifika health, local and national government, social, family and community services and is committed to improving the health, wellbeing and environment of Pasifika Children under 5 and their families. As well as being involved in the parenting and training projects, Ataata o le Taeao has developed a media programme for national Pasifika radio which is due to be launched later this year.

Te Korowai Manaaki Promoting Great Parenting:
This project has three strands which are currently funded by SKIP – Promoting Great Parenting led by Violence Free Waitakere, Whakapakari Whanau led by Tu Wahine Trust and Hono I Te Ora Maori Caucus and Parenting Skills for Pasifika Parents led by Ataata o le Taeao Pasifika Caucus and the Samoan Potopoto. Promoting Great Parenting is about to release a scoping report – “Fathering Waitakere” - discussions are being held between agencies about furthering the recommendations from this report including the development of a Positive Fathering collaborative initiative. A ‘focus on fathers’ is planned for the week leading up to Fathers Day 2007.

A full programme of activities is coming up including Toddlers Day Out/Great Parenting Fair March 2007, support for Tamariki Ora Day 2007, the Whanau Ora Wananga Series and the Pasifika Community Fono in March.

Te Korowai Manaaki Family Violence Prevention Training for Community Workers Who Visit Homes:
Led by WAVES Trust and organised jointly with the “Reducing Violence against Women and Children” call to action, this project is currently working with agencies developing a training package to detect family violence in the home and procedures to support them to develop their own family violence prevention policies and protocols. A major part of this is training field workers to recognise family violence situations, respond and appropriately refer and support families to services that can help.

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Violence Against Women and Children is Reduced

- The multi-agency Case Management of High Risk Families initiative continues to work well.
- The first training package development phase of the Family Violence Prevention Training for Home Visitors initiative (with Te Korowai Manaaki) is near completion. A second training delivery phase is planned to deliver this to community organisations.
- The Family Violence Liaison worker initiative has now finished with some demonstration of the potential usefulness of this role.
- A consultation review with stakeholders involved in this Call to Action is now being planned for 2007 to look at future directions. It is hoped this will provide a fresh focus on Family Violence at all levels from a community groundswell, commitment from all the services working to reduce violence in Waitakere city and with the support of key leaders as illustrated by the strong support evident for the White Ribbon Day march in November.

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Infotech is used by Organisations to Support the Outcomes of Wellbeing and Collaboration

- The Events calendar has been reviewed and suggestions to improve its use are being explored and implemented where possible. Please register your meetings and events here - http://waitakereonline.co.nz/events. The calendar is a Waitakere-wide resource for all and everyone is urged to use it so we all stay connected about what’s happening when and avoid double-ups of events or meetings if we can.
- A collaborative funding proposal has been submitted to the Digital Strategy Fund to address infotech capacity building needs in the community and small business sectors.

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Every Student Leaves School with a Plan/Waitakere Employment & Skills project (WESP)

Note this is now in recess as a Call to Action with many of its original goals reached. WESP will now operate only as a general network. Enterprise Waitakere has indicated it will continue to deliver on the project initiatives identified from WESP.

Hot items

Launch of Active Waitakere

Waitakere was identified as the least active region in New Zealand in Sport and Recreation New Zealand’s recent continuous monitoring survey. Low levels of physical activity are directly related to a number of growing health problems which are now reaching epidemic proportions in many areas. This was the catalyst to initially bring together a group of organisations including Sport Waitakere, Waitakere City Council, Waitemata District Health Board, SPARC and Waitakere to start the process of setting up a collaborative working group to address this issue. It was clear to this group that increasing physical activity levels needed these organisations to work in unison to start to make a real difference. A potential Call to Action was in the frame.

The group developed a draft general framework with some objectives, possible projects and measures for success which were discussed at the first annual Active Waitakere.
A forum held on the 30th of November at the Hoani Waititi Marae. About 40 people from local and central government and community agencies attended. There was some excellent discussion and great feedback on the framework. Action priorities were also identified for 2007. This resulted in a very robust framework established with clear direction for the Active Waitakere initiative to use for future guidance.

An Active Waitakere Collaboration group has since been formed from interested stakeholder organisations to develop overall strategic directions and oversee and direct the collaborative projects and activities identified at the forum. For more information contact Rob McGee at WCC on 836 8000 ext 8558 or at Robert.Mcgee@waitakere.govt.nz.

From Pen to Paper to Practice
In the spirit of recent work undertaken in Waitakere, the Council has signed a Partnership Agreement with Community Waitakere, formerly the West Auckland District Council of Social Services (WADCOSS). This is the first time the Council has signed such a document with a significant community organisation. It signals the shift from a funding and service contract with the Council to a strengthening of the longstanding association between the two parties. The Partnership Agreement acknowledges the contribution each partner brings to mutual areas of work within the wider community of Waitakere, and is a statement of a preferred way of working in the future.

Community Waitakere’s new name, adopted at their last AGM also indicates the distinct changes it has undergone over the last few years. From previously focusing primarily on the Social Services sector, the organisation has expanded its core purpose to embrace the full Community and Voluntary sector, with a particular emphasis on Sustainable Community Development. The organisation’s work on the Project Twin Streams programme and the establishment of the new Community Resource Centre are examples of their capacity-building focus.

As noted by Tony Mayow, Community Waitakere’s Chairperson, “The old name no longer described what we are. While we will still provide many of the same services to the community sector as before, we’re not only working on social services issues any more, our emphasis is on building strong organisations right across the board, to in turn build strong communities in Waitakere.”

Youth Services Network: Opportunities for CollaborACTION
There have been a series of Step Up Hui to bring together all the youth services in Waitakere to network, share information and start the process of working together with a common vision on key initiatives. Youth services have already provided valuable input into the new Waitakere Youth Centre. A Youth Services Directory will be launched on THURSDAY 1st March 2007, Kelston Community Centre, Waitakere City 9.30am – 11.30am. For further information contact Wiki Wolfram Ph 835 0150 wiki@waipas.org.nz or Wendy Ferguson Ph 835 1176 wendy.w@youthorizons.org.nz

Social Infrastructure Planner - Andrew Wood
This is a new position at the Council created in late 2006 and Andrew Wood who was appointed brings enthusiasm and knowledge from over 25 years experience within the social welfare sector in the U.K, Channel Islands and now New Zealand, having spent the last five years with Barnardos. Andrew has held a number of operational, management and service development roles in local government, government and not for profit/community organisations. He is a Community Waitakere Board member, was previously on the Kids Help Foundation Trust as a Board member, has four children and lives in Oratia. We asked Andrew for his thoughts on his new role:

“I think the concept of Social Infrastructure planning is both forward thinking and exciting. It seeks to ensure the integrated provision of social services, networks and facilities that support people and enables sustainable communities, with other infrastructure requirements, at the beginning of the process rather than as an afterthought. I look forward to meeting and working with a number of you on the Social Infrastructure Planning Framework in the “Waitakere Way”.
BEING THE BEST YOU CAN BE! Business and Community Sector Awards

The Waitakere Business Awards is a showcase of Waitakere businesses and organisations. It is an opportunity for them to benchmark against their peers. Year after year, finalists comment that the very process of entry is a catalyst for big picture thinking and ideas for development and growth. The Awards say ‘World Class in Waitakere’. Other local firms see this and are inspired to raise the bar. Organisations outside of Waitakere see this and enquire, “why are they in business there?”

This year the Business Awards will have the addition of new community categories that best represent the organisations in the area and that will most inspire Awards entrants. Community support is an area at which Waitakere excels. Encouraging not-for-profit organisations to apply a business model approach – and celebrating the success of those that do via The Unitec Community & Volunteer Sector Best Practice Award will help strengthen this vital community sector.

On the flip side, many of Waitakere’s not-for-profit organisations would struggle without the support of local business be it from donations of money, time or equipment. The Aucklander Business in the Community People’s Choice Award represents an opportunity for the community to nominate and celebrate the role businesses play not just as employer but as community citizen.

A series of workshops will be held soon to engage with the sector about the awards; give some background, information on the intent and purpose, explain the process of entering and outline the benefits of being a participant in these. This is a wonderful opportunity that recognizes not only the great work that is done, but how well your organisation does it. A recognition that comes with kudos, increases your exposure, promotes best practice and provides the opportunity build relationships with other successful operations within the Waitakere region.

Being part of this process will also allow you to explore support and mentoring to increase your organisational capacity, develop internal capability and improve performance. If your organisation was operating more effectively, would your outcomes be better – increased service delivery, increased contracts and/or funding?

For further information go to www.waitakereenterprise.co.nz or contact Barbara Joy at Enterprise Waitakere; Barbara@waitakereenterprise.co.nz or ph 837 1855

Advocacy in Action / Waitakere Community Law Service/ Community Legal Advocacy Network (CLAN)

A group of keen community based people shared two days at Unitec in November participating in a workshop that Cissy Rock believes will go down in history. The message around empowerment of clients and empowering people to speak up, rather than us speaking for, was key. Facilitated by the People’s Advocacy Network from Wellington – the content was fantastic (though a little centred on the health sector, and not as well facilitated as we in Waitakere are used to). However, it certainly challenged the concept of “helping people”. Most of us experienced key learning around the difference between ‘representing’ people and advocacy (which empowers people to represent themselves). Looking at real issues affecting our community, we applied models of different types of advocacy – what type of advocacy is needed? Face to face, systemic, crisis. Networking and strategising became a key outcome.

What is the next step for this group?

As a group we want to work with the principles of empowerment, self voice and partnership, and Feb 2007 will see a few keen people in a room, with a whiteboard – identifying advocacy that is already happening, identify gaps – and the gaps being turned in advocacy projects (which identify the type/s of advocacy needed, potential project working groups etc) for instance debt, civil rights for new settlers, best practice for government organisations.
Any one keen to be part of CLAN should contact Cissy at the Waitakere Community Law Service – 835 2130 or cissy@waitakerelaw.org.nz.

Resource Info

New Community Resources - North Shore Community & Social Services

Waitakere Local Services Mapping Report
Hot off the press from Family and Community Services - this is an excellent resource document which presents the findings and priorities from the local services mapping process undertaken in Waitakere. The LSM priorities are:

- Family Violence
- Older Adults
- Appropriate Housing
- Accessible and Appropriate Youth Services
- Child Poverty
- Sustainable Community Development

It provides context, local demographic data and information gathered from key areas such as health, education, employment, housing, family violence, environment, as well as a stocktake of local services and next steps. There will be a later appendix of the most recent local census data. If you want a copy these are available from sally.clarkson018@msd.govt.nz or kim.conway@waitakere.govt.nz

Putting Pen to Paper: Creating Partnering Agreements that Work
A highly useful and relevant document focusing specifically on the development of inter-agency partnering agreements. It provides both guidance on process and content to those entering into new multi-party relationships “putting pen to paper” and also highlights challenges and opportunities in developing and implementing partnering agreements in the current New Zealand climate. The work this is based on is home-grown in Waitakere City. Megan Courtney who wrote it on behalf of the Waitakere City Council and the Local Government and Community branch of the Department of Internal Affairs is currently working on a companion document of good practice examples to be released in July/August 2007. Available from www.localcentral.govt.nz

New Community Resources available from North Shore Community and Social Services

- Funding Directory 2006
- Marketing and Public Relations on a Shoestring - A Practical Toolkit
- Simple Policy and Procedures Manual
- Preparing Funding Applications
- Employing Staff - Getting It Right
- Governance Tool Kit

For more information Ph 09 486 4820 Email info@nscss.org.nz

Community Toolkit
A comprehensive and user-friendly guide for setting up and running community organisations. This is the latest revised toolkit replacing the previous one – to be regularly updated online. It covers Getting Started, Planning, Organisational Structures, Governance, Policies, Financial Management, Fund-raising, Employment, Communication, Meetings, Record-Keeping and Information Technology. The Kit can be viewed on or downloaded from the CommunityNet Aotearoa website: http://www.community.net.nz/how-to guides/crk/
Unitec Graduate Diploma in Not-For-Profit Management  (enrolling now)
Designed for managers and co-ordinators of not-for-profit organisations, team leaders, volunteers and board members. This is an applied course directly addressing the complexity of managing a not-for-profit organisation.

Develop the knowledge and skills to increase your not-for-profit organisations effectiveness. Improve your ability to analyse your organisational challenges, mobilise resources and manage multiple stakeholder relationships. Develop strategies for financial sustainability, managing staff and volunteers and effective governance. Gain a better understanding of the policy and legal environment and how to influence these. Understand how to research, monitor, evaluate and improve your organisation's effectiveness in terms of its mission, values, impact on clients, communities and social change.

For further information Contact Margy-Jean Malcolm mmalcolm@unitec.ac.nz

“Massey Matters” is an exciting new flagship sustainable development project being led by the Waitakere City Council.

The broad aim of the project is for the council to work alongside the local community and other partners to develop a programme for long term, community driven, sustainable neighbourhood renewal and development in the Massey area. There are two key parts to the project:

- building and strengthening community activity & networks and sense of local identity and pride.
- improving the way Massey looks and feels and functions – e.g. public transport, walking and cycling connections, shops, social services and facilities, parks and recreation opportunities, the natural environment, more local jobs etc.

The size of the Massey area (approx 25,000 people) means that the Massey Matters Project will be a local umbrella for a range of wellbeing focused projects. A significant number of government and community agencies have signalled an interest in being involved and it’s hoped that many new collaborative projects with a Massey focus will emerge over the next few years.

To assist community led projects and activities in Massey, Council has established the Massey Matters Fund. Applications to the new $25,000 fund are open until March 9th – to receive an application form please phone 839 0400.

A quarterly Community Forum has also been established to support the project and the first meeting for 2007 was held on 22 February.

Upcoming new Massey Event:
Te Raa Mokapuna Day – a celebration of young children, youth, parents and grandparents in Massey. This fun family day will be held from 10-2pm at Moire Park on Saturday 31st March 2007. If you’d like to have a stall, display or run some activities on the day please contact the event’s coordinator Denise Job on 833-3141.

For more information about the Massey Matters Project or to join the project data base please contact Megan Courtney on 836 8000 ext 8418 megan.courtney@waitakere.govt.nz
Social Policy, Research and Evaluation (SPRE) Conference 2007


Subsidised places are available for post-graduate students, delegates from non-government organisations and community workers to attend the SPRE Conference 2007. Subsidised registration fees for the SPRE Conference 2007 will be $170.00 per person (incl. GST).

Further information on registrations and subsidies is available on the conference website.