

Community Sector Taskforce

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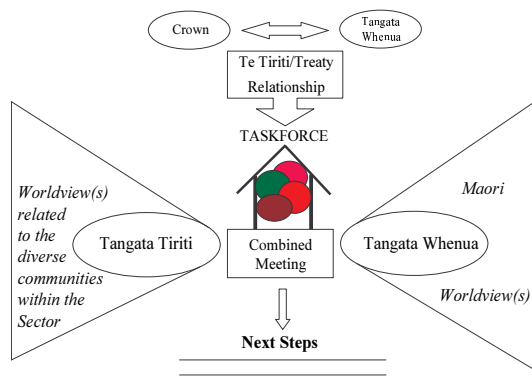
Ma pango ma whero ka oti te mahi
The work will be done when all the parts unite

Tena koutou, Kia orana, Ni sa bula, Taloha ni, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Malo e lelei, Halo olaketa, Kam na mauri, Ia orana, Talofa lava, Ni Hao, Namaste and warm Pacific Greetings

On 27 May 2005 the Taskforce held a meeting with strategic leaders from the Community and Voluntary Sector - Tangata Tiriti and Tangata Whenua together. The meeting sought input from the Sector on the agreement on next steps that had been reached between the Minister and the Taskforce on 19 May 2005 as follows:

1. The Minister agreed to continue to dialogue with his Cabinet colleagues about how best the government can support the initiatives of the Taskforce (and its predecessors) so that there is a mechanism bringing together the whole Sector to interact with government.
2. The Minister also agreed to fund and staff the Taskforce until 31 December 2005, to continue with the following tasks:
 - Taskforce membership replenishment
 - Sector engagement
 - Forum – October/November 2005
 - Development of a Research Centre
 - Development of the Media Project
 - Local Government engagement
 - Scoping future work (06)
 - Participation in Government projects e.g. FACs

The Leaders Meeting on 27 May 2005 met in the Tangata Whenua and Tangata Tiriti houses and then came together in the meeting Place to continue discussion and reach agreement on the matters important to both houses.



In the Combined Meeting Place the following next steps were generally agreed:

- Both houses need to reconnect with the Sector
- Let's express our tino rangatiratanga, claim our position and move forward – keep going, stay together and be true to the kaupapa

- Getting things done and having a two house view of the process for doing it brings together the strengths of both houses
- We need to consider whether we should change the name of the CST, establish a Trust to give structure to our work as part of our reconnecting with the Sector prior to a national hui in late 05
- We need to demonstrate the two-house model in all we do from this point onwards
- We need to undertake development projects including implementation support for the two-house model within the Taskforce and diverse organisations in the Sector, research and media projects, work on charities and IRD issues, and engaging with Local Government
- Identify and implement practical uses of the two house model in our future work programme at all levels of the Sector and in our communities

The Taskforce now is engaged with the Office for the Community and Voluntary Sector to agree the details of this work programme and budget and looks forward to moving on.

One meeting has been held with the OCVS to develop a common view of the work programme, the budget and reporting relationships over the period from 1 July to 31 December and beyond. That work is progressing well.

The Taskforce is looking forward to engaging our agreed work programme and working with all parts of the Sector, Tangata Tiriti and Tangata Whenua together over the coming months with a view to bringing together our diverse interests and needs on issues that affect us all.

SEEKING THREE NEW TASKFORCE MEMBERS

Three positions, two for Tangata Tiriti and one for Tangata Whenua, are currently available due to the retirement of some existing members.

Now that government support has been secured until 31 December 2005, the Taskforce invites community and voluntary sector people with an active interest in our work to signal their interest in joining the Taskforce. There will be a brief selection process as there is much work to do in the coming six months. Further information is available from: communitysectortaskforce@xtra.co.nz

Applications close on July 8th (to the above email address)

Background information on the Community Sector Taskforce and its development to date can be found on the website below:
<http://www.nzfvwo.org.nz/?/cst>