

Benefits of Friendship with Community Waitakere



Connection & Networking

Community Waitakere is committed to enhancing cohesion to build, energise and activate our communities' strengths and assets. We play a key role in facilitating and brokering community building activities and connecting people. These linkages create exchanges of information, but also opportunities for collaboration. Community Waitakere encourages this through creating opportunities to link and network with other community organisations through such initiatives as our 'Open Door' gatherings in a friendly relaxed atmosphere, forging valuable connections.

Promotion

By being a Friend of Community Waitakere, you will raise your organisation's profile as you are instantly connected to other organisations, who can learn about your work not only through our networking events, but also via our website, where you will be listed on our new online members directory, and where your weblink will be listed on our Links page. You can also utilise our e-noticeboard for promotion of your organisations events or activities. This is a daily email that goes out to hundreds of recipients, and is a cost effective and easy way to reach a wide audience.

Information

Community Waitakere promotes knowledge of and interest in the community sector, and keeps you and your communities informed and knowledgeable via our website and daily noticeboard, which features information and early notification on a wide range of relevant and useful events, courses, and happenings within the community sector, in an easy to review format, saving you valuable time.

Support

Community Waitakere wants to foster long term sustainability and is committed to investing in the next generation community. We can provide support to people or organisation with 'like minded' objectives, with such things as advice on technical issues, sharing of information and experience, brokering, facilitation, and project / festival / event planning support, templates and expertise. Community Waitakere can also provide training and capacity building services to the community and voluntary sector of Waitakere City.

Resources

Community Waitakere manages the Waitakere Community Resource Centre that provides low cost office accommodation, meeting facilities and shared resources for the community and voluntary sector in Waitakere City, including a Resource Library featuring information leaflets, books, and DVD's. We also manage the Funding Information Hub where Friends can access specialised information and support to maximise their organisations successful funding applications and funding sustainability. Further, potential upcoming projects that Friends will have special access to include the Social Enterprise Incubator, and a Friends-Only area of the Community Waitakere website.

Discounts

Friends can receive a discounted rate for use of the meeting room premises at 8 Ratanui St, Henderson. This meeting room is ideally located within central Henderson and provides an ideal space for workshops, seminars, training days, mini-conferences, AGM's etc. All necessary services including catering, event hosting and equipment can be provided. Further cost savings can be made on: office services ie photocopying, faxing, laminating, emails; meeting room hire; interview room hire; hot desk hire; data projector hire.

Representation & Advocacy

Finally, Community Waitakere is a Community Champion, and the voice for the community and voluntary sector in local, regional and national forums, and will often make submissions on behalf of the community sector. By becoming a Friend, you are supporting Community Waitakere to continue lobbying, and have the opportunity to influence the direction of Community Waitakere.