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Strengthening Communities
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STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES HUI

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1ST-4TH OCTOBER 2017

You are invited to partner with us to actively promote a stronger, more resourceful New Zealand

Environment Hubs Aotearoa (EHA), The Community Energy Network (CEN) and the Community Recycling Network (CRN) are working together to organise a hui where our members and stakeholders will meet to discuss how we can improve our impact to make our communities stronger. For the second year, we're proud to present the Strengthening Communities Hui!

A LITTLE BIT MORE ABOUT US

EHA, CEN and CRN are national bodies that support and represent community enterprises with a sustainability, healthy homes and zero waste focus respectively. Our members are involved in a wide range of initiatives and range from Kaitaia to Bluff and include groups like Xtreme Zero Waste in Raglan, Sustainability Trust in Wellington and EcoMatters in Auckland. All of our members are doing incredible jobs in their communities, improving the health and financial resilience of our most vulnerable families, strengthening communities and creating jobs. Between us we employ 830 people, organise over 500 events each year, and have an annual turnover of \$46 million.

THE EVENT

The event is going to bring community organisations from similar sectors and backgrounds together to develop innovative ways of maximising current resources and adopting new strategies for engaging with our communities and working with current/potential funders. The themes for this year's event are Social Enterprise and Resilience. We'll hear from practitioners who are helping their communities achieve solutions to some tough problems, as well as leading local and international thought leaders. We'll be together for three days, which will include keynotes, case studies, workshops, dialogue and networking.

This year's event will take place on the 1-4 October at Living Springs, Governor's Bay, Christchurch, right after the Social Enterprise World Forum.



WE'D LOVE YOUR SUPPORT

As you will appreciate, a strong community sector offers multiple benefits to local authorities. We provide meaningful work for all kinds of people, including some of the most vulnerable members of society, helping to grow safe, inclusive and healthy communities.

Investing in supporting communities to implement their own locally relevant solutions will pay dividends over the long term. The Strengthening Communities Hui is an opportunity to show your commitment to the outcomes community enterprise bring throughout Aotearoa. **We are seeking councils partners to financially support local organisations to attend the event.** The attendees could be from our existing networks, or from other groups who are interested in connecting with like-minded people.

Your support has several potential benefits:

- Strengthen and build your relationships with local organisations.
- Increased capability of local groups via the connections to similar organisations around the country through network building and the sharing of ideas and resources.
- With a focus on social enterprise, this years event will offer useful information for organisations on reducing reliance on grant funding.
- Inspiration and learning about the realities of community energy, resource recovery and environment projects.
- Increased diversion from landfill, healthier communities through food and insulation programmes.
- Stronger, more resilient communities.

We would also welcome attendees from local authorities themselves, or if your council is interested in supporting the event generally we would be very happy to talk to you further about either of those opportunities.





MORE INFORMATION

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