

Governance Project

Our research and engagement with registered charities and other stakeholders showed that putting good governance into practice is an issue for many charities, but particularly for smaller charities.

Our governance project will involve producing resources and guidance to help charities improve their governance, and make these easily accessible to all.

What we found

Through our research, we found that:

- » The drive to do good is high, but knowledge and skills to effectively run a charity are low
- » New committee/board members often don't understand their obligations
- » A wide range of resources are available but they are not easily accessible
- » There is a need for clear guidance, designed specifically for charities in Aotearoa
- » There is a disconnect between governance requirements of government agencies and different funders
- » Collaboration with the sector is essential for us to tackle the issue

Next 6–12 months

At first, we will focus on resources for new committee/board members. In particular, we will help you:

- ▶ understand the role of a committee/board
- ▶ understand the positions on a committee/board (e.g. chair, treasurer)
- ▶ know your duties and legal responsibilities on a committee/board
- ▶ create induction and handover materials for committee/board members

We will aim to make our guidance accessible, appropriate and in one place, and ensure we are linking with community groups who work in this area.

We will be supporting [CommunityNet Aotearoa](#) as the hub of online resources for community organisations.

Long term

We will:

- ▶ work closer with funders and other government agencies to align our requirements
- ▶ explore opportunities for mentoring and governance training
- ▶ expand our online materials and continually review them to ensure they are fit-for-purpose and communicate best-practice

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