SECTOR SHOWCASE

CommunityNet Aotearoa

COMMUNITYNET AOTEAROA

An online hub of resources designed to strengthen organisations and communities

We love the NZ Navigator Trust (CC55129) because of the work they do to support and grow community organisations across Aotearoa. They run three different capability building websites: the CommunityNet Aotearoa resource hub, the NZ Navigator tool designed to strengthen your organisation, and Digital Stuff We Love! We caught up with Barbara Wallace to find out a little bit more about each tool, and what else NZ Navigator Trust have on the horizon.

How do you think your resources help community organisations?

"Our focus is on creating and sharing free or low cost, accessible, digital tools to assist community organisations in Aotearoa New Zealand that can save them time and money while helping them grow and thrive.

Free Resources! - The CommunityNet Aotearoa resource hub gives community organisations access to all the featured resources without the need to sign up to anything. These curated resources provide clear advice for organisations, templates and examples, and links to great content developed by others.

Free, simple and self-managed review process - Focusing on assessing and improving governance and management operations of community organisations, the NZ Navigator tool helps people make better plans and decisions for their organisations.

Timesaving and demystifying, free or low cost - Digital Stuff We Love introduces the key features and cost implications of using digital tools and applications that the Trust and others in the community sector think can add value to the work done every day by community organisations."

How do you collaborate with other organisations?

"**CommunityNet Aotearoa** is a place for organisations to share and showcase their best resources, making them available for all of Aotearoa New Zealand.

Communities of practice are also encouraged to share their resources on CommunityNet Aotearoa so they can be easily accessed by their group's members, as well as shared with other Aotearoa New Zealand organisations.

NZ NAVIGATOR TRUST

The digital Go-To space to equip a thriving community sector in Aotearoa New Zealand

They connect with all existing and potential contributors, widening their organisation's reach and promoting the work they do.

Last year we teamed up with Hui E! on their special Spring Webinar Series – He Raupapatanga o Te Kōanga centred on finding the best technology tools for you and your team. The webinars aim to give community groups a better understanding of what technology tools are available and why you should be using them.

We are talking to other capability organisations with a view to enhancing the resources presented in the NZ Navigator assessment report."

What are your most utilised resources?
"With more than 125,000 page views on CommunityNet Aotearoa in the last 12 months, there are many well utilised resources. The most visited pages include:
- governance and management
- the process and template for setting up a registered charitable trust
- governance roles and functions of a governing body
- formal meetings
- strategic planning
- community trusts
- developing policies
- example risk management plan
- AGM guide templates
- applying for funds"

What's on next for you and CommunityNet Aotearoa?
"As well as resources created in Aotearoa New Zealand, we share a number of wonderful resources produced by organisations in Australia, the U.K, and U.S. that can easily be adapted for kiwi organisations. This year we are focused on developing more of our own new, locally focused, practical resources for **CommunityNet Aotearoa**.

For **NZ Navigator** we are re-developing the 'what's next' action planning resources; and for **Digital Stuff We Love** we're creating short help videos and resources to help organisations confidently evaluate digital tools themselves."

What is one thing CommunityNet Aotearoa loves to do?
"We love making things easier for the hard-working people in the community sector – there's no need for everyone to create their own risk management plan from scratch when we can make a great example freely available!"

What advice would you give to the charitable sector who use your websites?
"Keep checking in to see what's new on CommunityNet Aotearoa and Digital Stuff We Love. Remember you can use the NZ Navigator tool regularly to check how you are doing. We love to get feedback from the sector so if you didn't find what you were looking for, or want to share a great idea about resources that would be helpful to community organisations, or have a resource that you've developed and want to share with other community organisations, please get in touch on info@community.net.nz"