Responding to COVID-19

Webinar

- Webinar slides: https://charities.govt.nz/assets/Responding-to-COVID-19-webinar-.pdf

Resources

Resources for planning and running your charity during COVID-19

- JBWere has published a guide Navigating Through Rough Seas: For-Purpose Board Leadership in Times of Crisis that has seven areas of focus for board leadership.

- Parry Field Lawyers has produced a COVID-19 legal handbook to help with issues that have arisen during the COVID-19 crisis.

- Community Law offers free legal help throughout Aotearoa New Zealand. Visit their website to find your local centre.

- Community Directors Australia has an excellent policy bank for charities to use and also has some great resources for strategic planning.

- NZ Navigator is a free online self-assessment tool that has been developed for New Zealand community organisations.

Financial support, fundraising and grants

- Our April newsletter has more detailed information about the government wage subsidy, as well as other COVID related advice.

- Use this simple financial support tool to see what type of support you or your charity may qualify for.

- Find out more about the wage subsidy support and how to apply here.

- Visit Inland Revenue for more information about the small business cash flow loan.

- The Fundraising Institute of New Zealand (FINZ) has brought together a panel of experts for their Ask the Experts page.

- Philanthropy New Zealand has some helpful ideas and resources on responding to COVID-19 and is also hosting webinars on topics such as grant seeking and how philanthropy can respond.

- On our How to fund your charity page you will find some examples of funding options that are available for New Zealand charities and not-for-profit organisations.

Reporting support

- Annual return checklist for smaller charities.

- The reporting pages on our website have a number of great templates and guidance, particularly for Tier 3 and Tier 4 charities.

- Visit our webinars page for a number of different webinars on annual reporting.

Supporting staff and volunteers

- Volunteering New Zealand's website has [resources to help manage pandemics and disasters for volunteer organisations](#).

- [The Red Cross has some great tips](#) on how to support wellbeing, which have been translated into a number of different languages.

- [Charities Services has a great resource](#) that outlines the duties of registered charity officers.

Remote working

- [CommunityNet Aotearoa has some great tools and links to aid in remote working.](#)

- [TechSoup has highlighted a number of useful tools](#), online platforms and [another page suggesting helpful tech resources](#) to aid in the transition to a remote workforce.

Scams and digital safety

- [CERT NZ has highlighted different COVID-19 themed scams](#) and guidance on what to do if they affect you.

- [Netsafe New Zealand has further information](#) on the different kinds of scams that may target individuals or organisations.

- [The Department of Internal Affairs' Digital Safety Group](#) has a number of resources on how to safely use different in house applications.

Deregistration and winding up

- [The Gift Trust](#) is a registered charity and donor advised fund that helps people who want to make larger donations to charitable causes do so more effectively.

- Community Foundations of NZ is the national body supporting all of the regional Community Foundations across Aotearoa New Zealand. [Find out more about how it works here](#) or [check out their blog post](#).

- On our website you can find information on how to [voluntarily deregister](#) as well as [information about winding up](#).

- These two blogs offer some advice on what to do with remaining funds after winding up: [Options when ending a charity](#) and [Ending a charity-What to do with what's left](#).

Wider government

- [Hāpai Hapori Community Operations](#)

- [Office of Ethnic Communities](#)

- The Ministry for Pacific Peoples is releasing [a daily Pacific Peoples Bulletin](#) on COVID-19.

- Te Puni Kōkiri has [information on potential changes to legislation](#) that could support Māori governance entities as well as [more general COVID-19 information for Māori](#).

- The Māori Land Court [has outlined how they will be operating](#) under the different alert levels.

General information

- Find out details about your charity and others by checking the Charities Register: http://charities.services/Search.

- Log in to your online account to update your charity details. You can find more information about updating your details here.

- Companies Office is where you will also need to update any changes to your rules document.

- Visit our COVID-19 pages for more resources, FAQs and information on how to support charities.

More information

- Join us on Facebook for information and updates relevant to registered charities: https://www.facebook.com/CharitiesServices.

- Sign up to our newsletter: http://charities.services/NewsletterSignup.

- Email for general enquiries: info@charities.govt.nz.