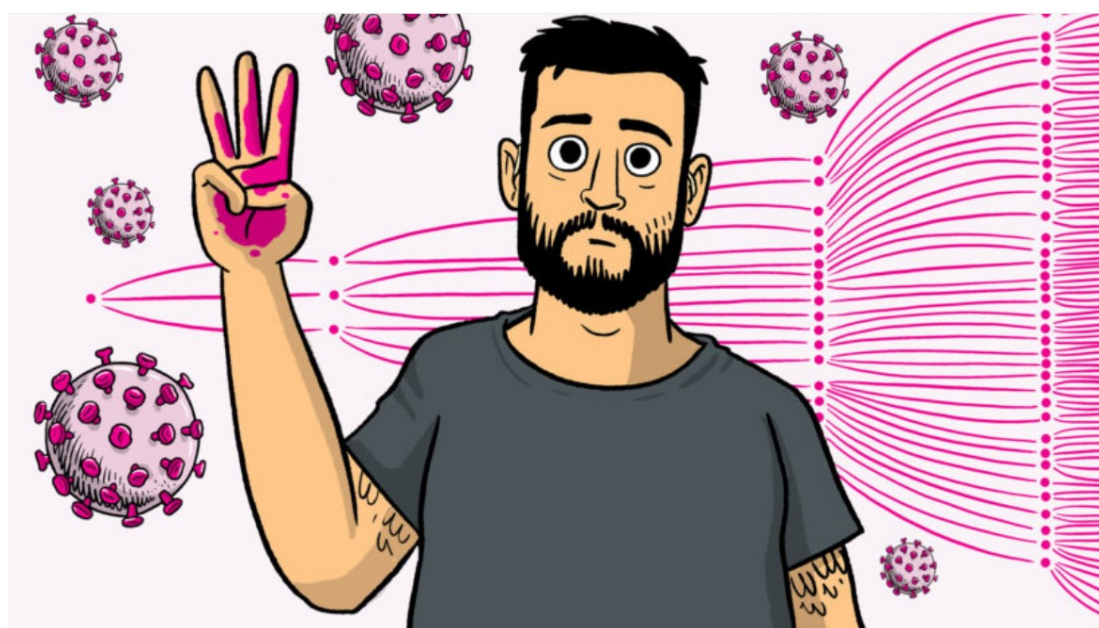


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SocialLink Thursday - Online Forum



SocialLink held its first informal forum last Thursday for anyone interested from the social and community sector to come together to hear about what is being experienced by organisations and their communities. We discussed areas of need that SocialLink or other organisations could address or escalate to the appropriate authority. Participants found it most interesting and useful to share information and to progress solutions. We welcome your participation and plan to hold it every Thursday 11-12, please register <https://www.eventspronto.co.nz/event2624> and we will send you a Zoom meeting link.

From last Thursdays meeting - Te Tuinga Whanau are urgently looking for:

- House Parent / Caregiver for our soon-to-be set up Bail House. They lots of life experience, practical housekeeping and family management skills, and ideally some acquaintance with the criminal justice system. They will be expected to live at the house, or be prepared to sleep over at the house each night.
- Kaimahi/Youth Mentors. These are people who have skills in counselling and guiding young people who are with us for all the usual reasons. They need to be physically fit, adaptable, emotionally stable, sober and drug-free and able to show an understanding of young people's development and psychology. They will work in a shift system, so need to be excellent team workers and accustomed to the disciplines of working on a roster
- Motel 'Mindors'. They will be well-balanced people with people management (read: de-escalation) skills, health and safety training, and cultural understanding. They must be willing to live in a motel unit (rent-free), to work at odd hours and to cope with quite a lot of down-time although they will also be on-call most of the time. (This job might suit someone who has worked in the tourism industry.)

All will need to have a full driver's licence and to undertake Police vetting.

Anyone who wants to be considered should send a cv, and at least two referees' names and contact details, to beth@ttw.org.nz



A request from the editor:

If you receive this email and the formatting is bad ie, graphics are far too big etc, could you please email me: kathy@socialink.org.nz

Here is a link to this newsletter in pdf format.

Our Response to COVID-19

[Read More](#)

[Rapid Response Fund Info](#)



Once again our local funders are showing great leadership by collaborating to help communities through the social and community sector.

Funders in the Western Bay of Plenty have come together to establish a new Rapid Response Fund to support community groups who are experiencing increased demand and/or funding shortfall as a

result of COVID-19.

The funders, who have committed to pool from their current granting reserves a total of \$600,000 in funding, include TECT, BayTrust, Acorn Foundation and Tauranga City Council. [Read more here:](#)

[Apply here:](#)



Access to food and support

Some links to places where people can access food and support if they need it.

The first place is <https://delivereat.co.nz/> It is a directory of 255 kiwi businesses delivering essential food goods. This may be useful for some of us who need to stay at home but are having trouble accessing online groceries from the big players.

[Read the official govt advice](#) around access to welfare and food. In particular, it sets out the phone numbers for all the Civil Defence Emergency Groups in New Zealand if people are unable to buy food.

[And here](#) is a video that Justin Latif (our new Comms Officer) created with Ricardo from AAAP just before he started about how people can

access extra support during this time if they need it.



Notes from Rethinking social work service delivery (Social Service Provider Aotearoa)

There is good evidence that text, email and phone calls are effective communication methods to communicate and work with clients

- Many workers are finding more regular but shorter contact with clients is proving to be effective
 - There is some privacy concerns about using Zoom or other video conferencing technologies for counselling
 - A wide range of online social work and child welfare resources - [see presentation here](#)
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A national voice for the not for profit and charitable sector to government

Over sixty national, regional and local charities and not-for-profits have come together to produce a letter to the Prime Minister and relevant Ministers offering our assistance and requesting that

- There is not-for-profit representation which can provide advice when required (in

the same way that Rob Fyfe is leading the business group

- A new “charities stabilisation” fund (requiring a whole of Government response) set aside for NGOs, charities and not for profits to provide emergency grants to ensure they survive the crisis – this could involve grants for the next 6 months of between \$10,000 and \$100,000 (strict criteria would need to be met);
- In the absence of a fund or in combination with one, Government loan facility to ensure liquidity at an interest rate of 0% or as close to that as possible;
- Incentivise donations to registered charities through more tax relief through increasing the amount that can be claimed by donors from 33% to 50% of donations, along with a public call to support charities from Government;
- Some groups are unclear if they qualify for the wage subsidy – a dedicated support team to answer the unique questions from this sector would be helpful; and
- Many organisations will need support to completely rethink their strategy, funding models, impact models, resilience support. It is suggested that the Regional Business Partners Network be opened up to more than just businesses and made available to charities as well.

This letter is still in draft form with the aim that the letter be finalised and agreed to be sent to the Prime Minister at the end of this week. If you have any other thoughts on what should be in such a letter email liz@socialink.org.nz.



ABOUT THE INCLUSIVE AOTEAROA COLLECTIVE - TĀHONO:

A country where everyone has a place to belong.

Our vision is of a collaboration of people across the country committed to building a socially inclusive Aotearoa New Zealand. To achieve this vision, the development of a National Diversity and Inclusion Strategy will bring diverse groups together in a way that will direct and empower communities to build and strengthen

actions at the regional and local level. ... [Read about the collective and their latest update.](#)



For those of you who attended the day with Jamie Gamble from Canada, and for those who were keen but just couldn't make it, here is another on-line opportunity.

As we navigate the rapidly changing world around us let's catch a breath, and take time to look at how we can apply what we've learned from community innovation approaches.

Join Inspiring Communities and our Co-Matters Canadian Colleagues Liz Weaver, Mark Cabaj and Jamie Gamble for a thought-provoking hour of insights and tools to keep at the cutting edge of our community-change keke.

For more information and to REGISTER: <https://inspiringcommunities.org.nz/services/co-matters/>

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