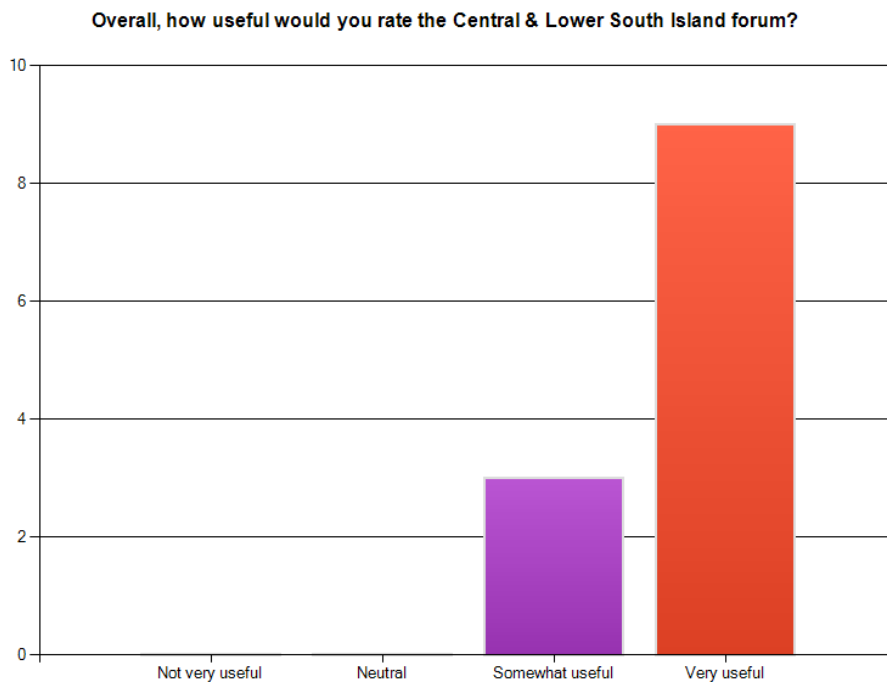


# Queenstown Regional Funders Forum Feedback Summary

The Queenstown forum, held Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2009, was hosted by the Central Lakes Trust. Twenty-eight people attended the forum and 12 people (43%) provided feedback. The comments below are a summary of those received.

## 1. Usefulness of the Queenstown Forum



## 2. What was most useful for you about the Queenstown forum?

This is a summary of responses received.

- Discussions on criteria for grants and networking
- Networking with new people/organisations. Comforting that our organisation is proactively addressing the issues raised. International perspective on relevant issues
- The networking opportunities; and the international scan of what funders' responses are to the recession
- Listening to the facilitator and presenters voice ideas and issues and realising our Trust is already thinking along those lines. Re-enforcement that we are not isolated in our thinking which is comforting to hear.

## 3. What was least useful about the Queenstown forum?

This is a summary of responses received.

- Overseas information
- I found the day very useful and inspiring
- The last session working open forum

#### **4. How could we improve any future events in your region? What topics and formats would be of most interest/use to you?**

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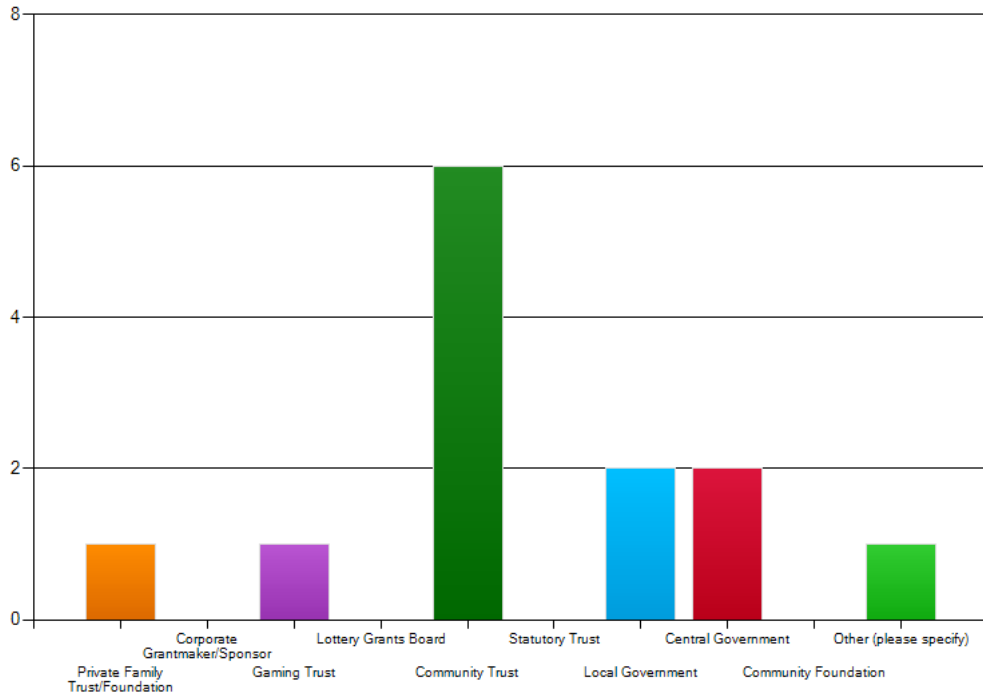
- Perhaps a little more of a local focus around working together
- Maintain 4 hour workshop timeframe. Sharing of some best model practice examples
- I thought the layout of the forum and the presentation was very good and interesting, maybe more time to talk to the other participants
- I was surprised at funders' reluctance to get involved in a meaningful way in providing operational funding, and would like to see this as a future topic
- Champagne cocktails on arrival?? Seriously, it is hard to think how the format could be improved upon. I thought the mix of speakers and topics, the amount of 'listening' vs 'doing' was spot on.
- Was a good format. Topic of interest would be relationship building with Grantees - however, I know this was the focus at last year's forum. Maybe just similar to this year - focussing on the what the latest research in the sector is based around e.g. recession etc.
- I think it was good and would attend again but need plenty of notice of the date.

#### **5. Did you take-away the gem of an idea from the forum which you want to follow up on? If so, please explain briefly and if you have thought it through, outline your next steps in developing this idea.**

1. Working differently during a recession funding people rather than bricks & mortar
2. No specific gem just a realisation of the need to understand our partners more.
3. Some developmental 'thinking' was solidified. The forum highlighted the need for collaboration and the next step is to meet with the funder and work together on future direction.
4. Provide grantees opportunities to network. Funding forum for grantees.
5. Accountability requirements should reflect size of grant.
6. Yes I am going to try and change the procedure of accountability in our organisation although it may be a 'gem of an idea' it will not be easy.
7. When we hold our next funders forums, probably about October, I would like to bring the FundView lady down to be present. I have already spoken to her about it. That way it gets the message out to even more people in an easily accessible face-to-face way. It's not rocket science or a 'Eureka moment' but something simple which could be really effective and help our local nfp groups.
8. Another trustee introduced an idea that other Community Trusts will follow up.
9. Confirmation that 3 large trusts in area should work even closer together
10. No gem of an idea, but came away with the view of approaching my work in the best possible manner that I can.

## 6. Types of Organisations Present

About your organisation:



## 7. Roles in Organisation

About you:

