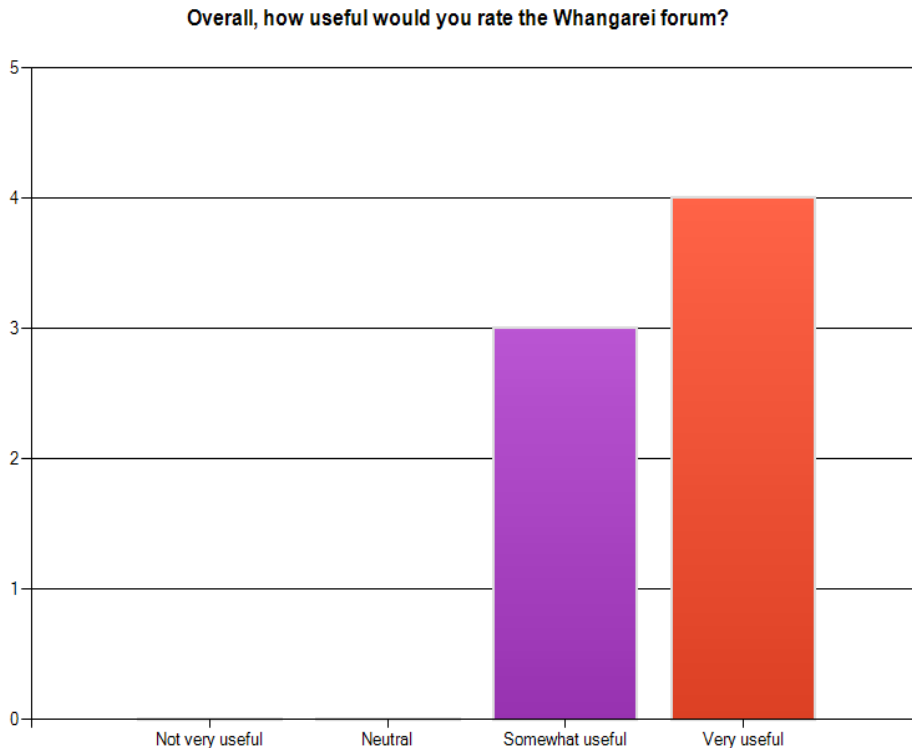


Whangarei Regional Funders Forum – Feedback Summary

The Whangarei Forum, held on Tuesday 23rd June 2009, was hosted by Department of Internal Affairs. Thirteen people attended the forum and feedback was received from 7 individuals (53.8%). The comments below are a summary of those received.

1. Usefulness of the Whangarei Forum



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

This is a summary of the responses received

- Learning what Grantmakers internationally are doing in response to the current economic downturn.
- The message most useful was "don't back off". We all know that the need increases in tough times, it was heartening to hear the philanthropic sector recognises this and is endeavouring to meet need.
- Meeting those who give out funding from gaming machine proceeds. Learning about what the rest of the world is doing in this recession.
- Getting different perspectives on common issues.
- Networking opportunity and ability to collect information on current funding trends and issues
- Making contact with representatives of other organisations involved in funding - many of whom I knew from other lives

3. What was least useful about the Whangarei forum?

- Not all of the right people were there
- No clear strategic outcome or conclusion

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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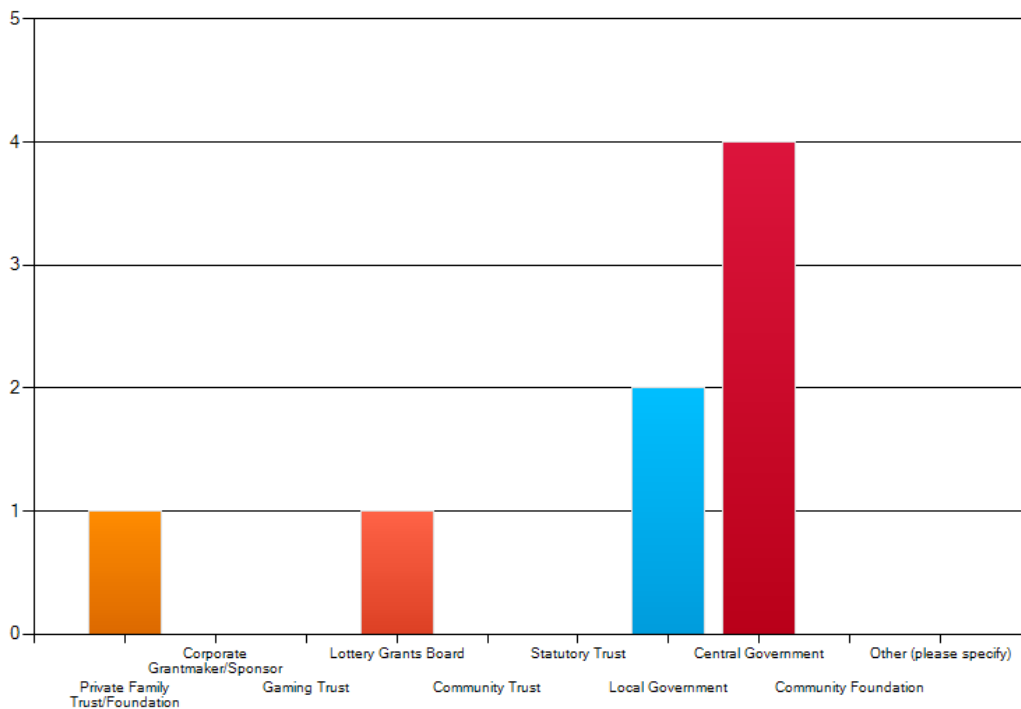
- Some research into the successful funding streams in our area would be useful.
- More notice to other funders. Half day with funders forum and half day for the community with funders. What's happening within NZ?
- At least 3 months notice prior to the event so that registrations are not last minute and all of the essential decision makers/influencers are in attendance to provide a more holistic and balanced view of what is going on. Once all the funders/grantmakers are on the same page then the community could be invited to attend. Information provided in these forums would be most helpful for the NFP sector.
- More time to talk to the participants would be useful. Structure in terms of regional LTCCP outcomes

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. Maintaining what is already provided
2. What I thought was interesting, was the Collaborative approach being espoused by Canadian and USA funders. We put our (Northland) model together in 2005.
3. Need a broker to assist grantors and grantees getting together - discuss with work colleagues to determine next steps - including potential combined contributions from all grantors to support employment of a broker.

6. Types of Organisations Present

About your organisation



7. Roles in Organisation

About you:

