

Auckland Community Development Alliance (ACDA) Update

Regional Communities Summit Planning – Tuesday 14 December 2010

When ACDA met with Auckland Mayor Len Brown in September he eagerly signed the Auckland Community Development Charter. He also agreed to work with us to co-host a regional communities' summit to continue dialogue as to how the Auckland Council and its communities can work effectively together to enhance community development and social wellbeing outcomes for all Aucklanders.

Now he's elected, ACDA is pleased to see that engaging Auckland's diverse communities is one of Mayor Brown's top five priorities for action. ACDA has met with Mayoral and Auckland Council officials to plan for an Auckland communities' summit confirmed for December. Details are as follows:

- **Auckland Communities Summit**
Tuesday, 14 December 2010, 9.30am – 1.30pm
TelstraClear Pacific Events Centre, Manukau

Please note that invitations to this landmark event will be formally distributed from Friday 3rd December.

Seeking Vibrant Volunteers!

Get even closer to the action and be part of the volunteer team for the Auckland Communities Summit. If you are keen to put your hand up and roll up your sleeves then we would love to hear from you. In particular we are seeking volunteers for the following roles:

- Several general go-for's
- Helpers on the ACDA information table
- Registration desk helpers
- Facilitators and note takers

Please indicate your interest when you register for the event with Mandy Spencer. Email: mandy@communitywaitakere.org.nz

Neighbours Day Aotearoa- Saturday 26 & Sunday 27 March 2011

Turning streets into neighbourhoods: Hurihia nga ara hei tui i te ata noho a te tangata LIFEWISE, Inspiring Communities, and Methodist Mission Aotearoa are excited to announce the inaugural Neighbours Day Aotearoa celebration for New Zealanders on 26-27 March 2011. So, fill the gas bottle, put the jug on, and gather your neighbours. It's time for us to celebrate our neighbours and to build even more neighbourly spirit in Tamaki Makaurau Auckland!

Neighbours Day Aotearoa is about celebrating the importance of neighbourliness in our streets and communities. Growing and strengthening friendships in our streets will help make our neighbourhoods healthier, safer and more fun places to live.

We'd love your community organisation to join us in making Neighbours Day a huge success here in Auckland. To find out about what's happening or to share stories about your neighbourhood please email: kiaora@neighboursday.org.nz. Also see: www.neighboursday.org.nz for more inspiration.

Village Planning

North Shore Community and Social Services (NSCSS) are running an innovative project to empower communities to develop their own community plans for their neighbourhoods. Called Village Planning, the project aims to establish bottom-up community-led village planning (VP) forums or groups across the North Shore, Albany and Rodney Wards.

The VP programme puts communities in charge of developing a vision for their village. This vision brought together through feedback is translated into action plans which summarise the goals and aspirations of the community. More than ever, there is a great need to put social on the map and make sure that

communities are at the centre of decision making. Village planning provides a catalyst for new thinking about community action and engagement.

For more information, you may get in touch with Joel Umali, Village Planning Co-ordinator at 09-4864820, 0212081125 or email joel@nscss.org.nz

How to join ACDA and Support our Vision?

An ACDA membership form is being developed. Whether you're an individual, or a community sector organisation, you can join us. We simply ask that you support the aims and goals of the organisation, and the principles of the Community Development Charter. These are all set out on the website, www.acda.org.nz. An ACDA membership appeal has been launched, and membership forms uploaded on ACDA website. Meanwhile, we encourage you to keep talking to your networks and share this opportunity with them to become an ACDA member.

Thanks for reading and we shall be in touch with you soon!

Have a great week.

The ACDA Establishment Team

Carol Ryan - Raeburn House; **Yvonne Powley** - North Shore Community & Social Services
Christine Herzog - Auckland WEA ; **Phillippa Pitcher** - Parnell Trust
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Megan Courtney - Inspiring Communities ; **Vishal Rishi** - The Asian Network; **Ray Tuala** - CARE Waitakere;
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