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BreakOut Essential to Local Authorities

To help with the cost of paying for university degrees, the Funding Information Service provides a searchable database of the most up to date scholarships and grants information available in New Zealand.

The database is called BreakOut and is available on the Internet at www.fis.org.nz/BreakOut/, or in a Windows version.

Our mission is to make BreakOut widely available and to achieve this aim we encourage local and district authorities to subscribe and provide access free of charge in public libraries, or in the case of tertiary institutions, free to their students.

A number of local authorities have recognised the benefits of providing scholarships and grants information free to the public but there remain many areas throughout New Zealand where the service is still unavailable.

You don't have to have an A bursary or be a doctoral researcher to qualify. Of the 1800 plus scholarships and grants available on BreakOut more than 700 relate to undergraduate study, approximately 600 cover graduate and postgraduate study with the rest being divided between research, professional development, arts, primary and secondary schools, travel and sport.

There are more than 260 scholarships for overseas study; in excess of 190 relate to ethnicity; more than 100 are gender specific; as well as 67 scholarships for people with a disability.

BreakOut can be searched by place of study, region, area of study and preferred subject or by ethnicity, disability or membership, eg. ex pupil of Avondale College. An option is also included to search for overseas study grants. Broad subject areas covered by the scholarships and grants include health, medicine, education, sciences and mathematics, engineering, architecture, management, accounting and finance, social sciences, primary industries, computing, manufacturing, music and fine arts, law, sport and recreation, communication and transport.

For more information contact the Funding Information Service on tel: 04 499 4090, fax: 04 472 5367, email: annette@fis.org.nz or try our website: www.fis.org.nz

Andrea's Report

Funding Information Service AGM



Janice Calvert

Our Annual General Meeting held in October was a great success. We had two excellent speakers and lots of attendees and interest in the achievements of the organisation over the last year.

Copies of the annual report are available from the office (call 04 499 4090) or will be posted at our website at www.fis.org.nz.

Our speakers were Janice Calvert, General Manager, Gaming and Censorship, Dept of Internal Affairs, and Bill Brien, Chair of the Wellington Community Trust. Their topic was 'How the funding sector is evolving'. Janice talked about the profits from gaming machines and the regulations around the process of getting 33% of the profits (\$120m) back to the community. Application forms are available from pubs (ask the manager) and anyone has a right to make an application for their community project.

There is to be a review of gaming over the next 18 months and community organisations are urged to make submissions when the time comes in February, March and April. We will let you know when submissions can be made.

Bill told us that the Wellington Community Trust was the top earner in its investments of any Community Trust last year. For groups in the Wellington region wanting to make application to the Trust, 32 libraries around the region hold application forms. Next year the Trust won't be making so many large grants but will still do lots of 'bread and butter' ones. The Trust continues to support the Festival of the Arts.



Bill Brien

We will be talking to Janice further about how we can improve information about, and access to gaming profits for the community. We want to start by including the rights and regulations under which these grants operate, as many groups don't know that they are eligible and that they don't have to be users of the pubs facilities to be eligible to make a successful application.

Philanthropy New Zealand National Conference 2000 - Communication and Philanthropy

Held in Wellington at the beginning of November, the Philanthropy New Zealand

conference theme examined how trusts create value with their grants and how that value may best be communicated to their colleagues and the community in general.

Day one included seven guest speakers and a panel discussion on business and philanthropy with day two offering a workshop on monitoring and evaluation involving managing the link between knowing and doing.

The Honourable Steve Maharey, Minister responsible for the Community and Voluntary sector spoke about the Government's role being one of advising and mentoring rather than providing direct assistance. He talked about the link between the Community and Voluntary Sector and Government and the working party being led by Dorothy Wilson to define the roles and relationships which will change the way Government interacts with the community.

Dr Diana Leat, visiting Professor in Philanthropy to Australia and New Zealand focussed on the need for appropriate accountability in philanthropy. The issues of accountability versus autonomy create tension between government and the third sector, but public accountability is necessary because it keeps Philanthropic Trusts honest. She emphasised the need for philanthropists to concentrate on quality giving and outcomes rather than quantity and outputs.

Tim McMains spoke from a personal perspective on philanthropic giving. He outlined the problem of how to make the philanthropic sector work in New Zealand. He saw the need to be lean, but have paid competent staff; to use cost effective extra help; and to use technology in a smart way.

Paul Dyer, Head of Investment Strategy, AMP Henderson Global Investors spoke about investment issues and tax implications, and Rick Christie, CEO, Rangatira Ltd, discussed marketing issues facing philanthropic trusts.

Andrea Goble and Cathi Maryon from the Funding Information Service talked to funders about the information they provide and the need for trusts to be aware of what other funders are funding when they are deciding their policies and funding criteria.

Cathi demonstrated FundView and BreakOut and discussed e-commerce solutions to raising the profile of grant-making trusts and communicating their vision and direction.

An evaluation and monitoring workshop for funders was held on the second day and was

well attended. Garth Nowland-Foreman ran the workshop and provided excellent reading references and information about the reasons for doing evaluations, the merits of time and resources spent in relation to the size of grants made, the different ways of evaluating eg. open inquiry (strategic accountability) v audit review (summative, functional).

For more information about the conference or workshop contact: Martine Foster at Philanthropy NZ, P O Box 1521, Wellington or email martine@philanthropy.org.nz

Cathi's Report

Hawkes Bay Visits

In November Cathi was one of a four-member panel at a workshop at the conference of the **NZ Federation of Family Budgeting Services**. The workshop theme was *Funding for the Future* and the other members were: Beth Watson from Lottery Grants Board (Department of Internal Affairs), Pru Blythe from the Department of Child, Youth and Family and Mark Maxwell from Specialist Trustee Services at Public Trust. The session was facilitated by Alan Redrobe, Treasurer of the Federation and also from the Penny-Wise Trust.

The session was excellent and provoked fruitful discussion on the current and future role of grants and contracts for service and we hoped to provide an insight into making successful applications. The panel covered a wide range of points, from proofreading your application before you send it, to the value of a realistic budget and of demonstrating how your group contributes to positive change in your area. There was also recognition of the increasing competition for discretionary grants, for both government and private philanthropic funds.

The conference was held in Hastings and this gave Cathi the chance to visit **Hastings Central Library** and meet some of the library staff there. The library, along with Flaxmere and Havelock North libraries, have had FundView for about a year and are just about to get BreakOut. We had a great afternoon exploring the databases so that library staff are well equipped to answer any questions.

On the same trip Cathi dropped in on Jill at **Napier City Council**, Adrienne and Darrell at the Napier office of the Department of Internal Affairs' **Community Development**

Group, Chris at **EIT**, and to Janette at the **Waipukurau Library** and to Margaret at **Massey University** on the way through. It's really helpful for us to meet our subscribers in their own workplaces and see the services they provide to their parts of New Zealand.

UNITEC Forum - Central Government and the Voluntary Sector

UNITEC's third public forum this year will focus on the future relationship between central government and the voluntary sector.

The School of Community Studies will host this public discussion between panellists and an open invitation audience on Wednesday, 15 November from 7.30-9.00 pm.

Confirmed panellists include Tariana Turia, Associate Minister of Social Services and John Stansfield, a UNITEC lecturer in Community Studies. Rob Neale, a communications consultant and former broadcaster will facilitate the discussion.

Film and TV students will record the event for future broadcast.

The purpose of the forum is to have an open, informed and forward looking discussion about the voluntary sector's future relationship with government. The success of the forum depends on the participation of as many key interest groups as possible.

Attention all FundView and BreakOut Downloaders

All subscribers who now use the subscriber resource page to download their updates of FundView and BreakOut will no longer receive disks by mail.

This new resource is a time saver. No more waiting for the six monthly updates to arrive in the mail. It's simple - go to our subscriber resource page and follow the instructions which can be found on the back page of the newsletter.

Now you can update FundView and BreakOut each month. All you need is your installation name, serial number and password.

If you have a problem with this please email hilary@fis.org.nz.

Help keep subscription levels at current rates - try the new -download option!

Essential Information for Subscribers

Internet Download Options – Here’s How!

If you have Internet access, you may find our Subscriber Resources page at our website (www.fis.org.nz/subscribers/) has some useful options for you.

The **Funding Calendar** must be one of the most popular elements of our service and we are often asked for extra copies. The printed Calendar comes out every three months, containing four months’ closing dates from the time we go to print. The **on-line Calendar**, however, updates daily from our database and shows the next four months’ closing dates from the day that you view it, and as a registered subscriber you can print copies whenever you want!

Panui, our newsletter, is also widely read and again people ask us for extras. It is available on-line, to subscribers and non-subscribers, and can be read on-screen or you can print it if you prefer. You need the Adobe Acrobat Reader to view it; this is free software used on many websites today. There is a link on our website to the Adobe website if you need to download Acrobat Reader.

Every month we update our website with the latest information for **FundView**. Subscribers to the Internet edition automatically benefit from the continual updating we do here at the office, but we feel very strongly that FundView (Windows) users should also have the best information too where possible. Hence we package the data for you to download to your computer.

Here’s what you do:

1. Get to our website using your web browser (Internet Explorer or Netscape Navigator) – <http://www.fis.org.nz>
2. Click on “Subscriber Resources” on the left hand panel
3. Some things are available on that page, e.g. Panui and the Installation Guide
4. For FundView updates and for the Funding Calendar, you will need to log in – either press “login below” or scroll down to the form. *Please note: only current, paid-up subscribers to our products can log into these pages*
5. Put in your own first and last name. Then you’ll need to put in the three things you always need when installing FundView: your Licence Name (Organisation Name), your serial number and your password.
6. Choose the product (FundView or BreakOut) – NB if you are also a BreakOut subscriber and want the latest data and calendar for BreakOut, you will need to use your BreakOut serial number and password).
7. Press “Login”. You’ll see a link to the Funding Calendar and a link to the downloads.
8. If you view the Funding Calendar on-line, you can use your web browser’s Print button to print what you see.
9. If you choose the Downloads page, there are further notes there to describe how to install the update once it has arrived at your computer.

Why bother downloading if you send updates every six months?

The answer? We receive new information daily and we are continually adding new listings and updating the existing ones. We send out updates on disk every six months, but this way you needn’t wait. Downloading from our website is quick and convenient. IT support departments often prefer to update FundView from the Internet rather than waiting for the disks to come out.

Database expiry dates

FundView and BreakOut are distributed on disk twice per year, so we talk about “the March version” or “the September version”. The data expires about six weeks after the next version is released, ie. the March version expires in mid-October, the September version in mid-April. Then if you have the March version on your computer, and receive the September version and don’t install it, your copy of FundView and/or BreakOut will stop working before the end of October. This is so that you are not relying on misleading, outdated information.

The downloadable database packages at our website also expire at the next scheduled expiry date in April or October. For example, if you download in February (which is still within the September period), the data will expire in April unless you also download after 1 March.