



**Philanthropy
New Zealand**

Tōpūtanga Tuku Aroha o Aotearoa

9 conversations to be part of...

Here are 9 conversations that Philanthropy NZ sees happening internationally and locally as philanthropists and grantmakers think about the challenges of doing more and doing better.

1. Transformation

Grantmakers are increasingly focused on tackling the causes as well as the symptoms of social and environmental challenges.

2. The power of venture philanthropy

We have enormous freedom to invest in innovative ideas to tackle social issues. We can take the risks needed to help start and test responses to social need.

3. High engagement

We are only as good as the organisations and movements we support. This suggests closer relationships, mentoring and capability building need to be part of our approach.

4. Diversity

Philanthropy and grantmaking cannot yet claim that we look like the communities we seek to serve.

5. Relationships with Mana Whenua

Some grantmakers are responding to the compelling evidence that the system is failing Māori in areas like health, justice, and education. We can also focus on powerful examples of Māori self-determination and community development.

6. Aligning investment with mission: impact investing

Investment activities can be an effective tool for achieving our mission alongside grantmaking. Impact investing has seen a huge growth in capital targeting social and/or environmental impact alongside financial returns.

7. Participation, transparency & power

For grantseekers, it can seem like funders have all the power. An unequal relationship is inconsistent with our values, and creates barriers to crucial conversations about success.

8. Funder burden

Grantmakers are considering how to reduce the direct costs their application and reporting processes impose on grantseekers.

9. Three growth trends for giving in New Zealand

- a) In the next 30 to 40 years, \$US30 trillion in financial and non-financial assets is expected to pass from the Baby Boomers to their heirs in North America alone. That will be echoed here and underscores the importance of our work engaging with young people.
- b) Community Foundations are closing in on nationwide coverage, and experience internationally suggests that their funds under management and distributions will scale-up significantly.
- c) Corporate giving will continue to rise as the focus on community, meaning, and contribution goes well beyond social enterprise to all parts of the business world.

Some examples and further reading:

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| Transformation, | Gary Continuum (Tindall Foundation version) Edge Funders Alliance Trust Waikato Strategy Peter McKenzie Project |
| Venture | Asia Venture Philanthropy Network Rockefeller NEXT Foundation Tomorrow Accord |
| High engagement | Jennifer Gill on high engagement philanthropy |
| Impact Investing | New Zealand Impact Investing Network Global Impact Investing Network Ākina IIX women's-livelihood-bond |
| Transparency | PNZ Transparency Guidelines Glass Pockets |
| Participation | Lani Evans on Participatory Philanthropy Wikimedia's participatory philanthropy |
| Reducing funder burden | Peak Grantmaking "Drowning in Paperwork" research report Pay what it takes Bay Brighter Futures funding gateway |
| Māori | JR McKenzie report on philanthropic funding to Māori |
| Community Foundations | Community Foundations NZ |