

A Third Sector in New Zealand Housing

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We'll cover

- What is third sector housing
- The historical context
- Need for development of third sector

- Building the infrastructure
- Two case studies
- Where to from here?

What are we talking about?

- Bringing together the public and private sectors to work with communities who need support to meet their housing needs
- ‘any non-government and non-private housing interest groups’
- Iwi approach

Need for third sector

- Damage from free market approach
- Shift in type of housing needed
- Who can still afford to buy?
- More poor people wanting a say
- Government unable to meet need

Networks

- Housing Network
- National Housing Association
- New one beginning

NZ Housing Foundation

- Equity schemes
- Support groups to become self sustaining
- Support growth of emergency housing
- Support community development and renewal
- Support research
- Provide advice

Locus Housing

- For/by mental health consumers
- Vision “to manage housing for ourselves in a way that makes a major contribution to our health, our housing, our lives and the lives of those around us. By managing our own housing, we create and maintain our ability to believe in ourselves, to act and be treated with dignity and respect, and to learn the skills of making viable and productive communities. We develop the ability to become more self-sustaining in the areas of health, housing and employment.

Why Locus works

- Consumers run it
- Consumers choose their homes and can stay
- Separation of housing and support

Locus difficulties

- Funding
- Balancing the personal with the sustainable

Te Runanga O Te Rarawa

- Partnership
- 25 local people learn to build
- Produce two houses

The Runanga's successes

- Contributes affordable rental stock
- Gives previously unemployed a qualification, skills
- Trained will build new homes
- Increases community pride
- Builds relationships

Runanga difficulties

- Lack of adequate training opportunities
- Big need

Where to next?

- Support structure
 - More models
 - Funding pool
 - Growth of partnerships
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- End of 'social housing'
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