



2016 Sister Cities NZ Conference – Draft Programme

“ Connecting People – Celebrating our Past, Creating our Future ”

- Creating & sustaining strategic alliances & partnerships
- Resource & relationship sharing to create win-win outcomes
- Connect globally, thrive locally – the benefits to local communities of being globally connected, culturally confident and having strong sister city relationships
- Keeping the conversations alive – sustaining the support and engagement of young people
- Celebrating significant anniversaries and milestones

Each speaker will cover one or two of the above topics from their own personal experience and perspectives.

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DAY ONE – 28 April:

5.30-6.30pm Welcome Reception & Mihi Whakatau – Rutherford Hotel Nelson

Delegates will then have a free evening to meet, mingle & enjoy dinner at one of Nelson’s many centrally located cafes & restaurants (own cost).

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DAY TWO – 29 April:

8.00am Registration Desk Opens

8.45am Delegates move through & are seated

9.00am MC Introduction & Welcome

Opening address - Nelson Mayor Rachel Reese

- 9:15am** Keynote speaker – Nancy M Huppert, Global Envoy
- Sister Cities International
- 9:45am** Presentation by Mark Pearson, Lead Adviser
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Trade
- 10:00am** Presentation by Mr Xie Yuan, Vice President
- Chinese People’s Association for Friendship with
Foreign Countries (CPAFFC)
- 10:15am** **Morning tea**
- 10:45am** Andrew Petheram, Nelson City Council
- Nelson’s Sister City Gardens
- 11:00am** **Off-site visit & presentation at Miyazu Garden & Huangshi Garden**
- 12:15pm** **LUNCH – Miyazu Garden**
- 1:15 pm** Arrive back at Rutherford Hotel
- 1:30pm** Nelson-Miyazu Sister City Association
– Celebrating a 40-Year Sister City Connection
- 1.45pm** Lorellin Syben, Department of Internal Affairs, Nelson
‘Thinking Outside the Square for Funding & Creating
Strategic Partnerships’
- 2.00pm** Mayor Kelvin Coe, Selwyn District
- New relationships with USA & Indonesia
- 2.15-3.15pm** Group Discussion & Report Back
- 3.15pm** Presentation by Richard King, Chief Executive
2017 Host City - Invercargill
- 3:30pm** **Afternoon tea**
- 4:00-5:00pm** **Sister Cities New Zealand AGM**
- BREAK**
- 6.00-6.15pm** Coaches depart Rutherford Hotel for 2016 Sister City Awards Dinner
at Saxton Oval Lounge
- 6.30pm** SCNZ Awards Dinner incorporating a celebration of the 35-Year
Anniversary of SCNZ inception
- 10.15pm** Awards Dinner concludes, coaches return to Rutherford Hotel

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DAY THREE – 30 April (Youth Development Focus)

- 9.45am** MC Introduction & Welcome
- 10:00am** Bing Lou, SCNZ Youth Director,
- Launch of SCNZ Youth Sub Committee
- 10.20am** Presentation by Mr Katsunori Kamibo, Director
- Japan Local Government Centre (CLAIR, Sydney)
- 10.40am** William (Bill) Wilson, President, Sister Cities Australia
- Sister Cities Australia Youth Programme
- 11.00am** Jonathan Glassey, Asia New Zealand Foundation Intern
- Exchange, internship & work experiences in Japan
- 11.20am** Christine Ward, NZ China Friendship Society Nelson Branch
- Nelson-Huangshi Schools' Art Exchange Project
- 11:40am** Taylah Shuker, Nelson Youth Council & Waimea College students
- Waimea College's recent Fujimi-machi exchange
- 12:00pm** **LUNCH**
- 1:00pm** Jessica Czarnecki, Tempe Sister Cities
- now studying at Victoria University
- 1.15pm** Aaron Hape, Executive Director
- Commonwealth Youth NZ
- 1:30pm** Group Discussion/Workshop & Report Back
- 2.45pm** Farewell & last words from SCNZ
- 3.00pm** **Conference programme concludes with Afternoon Tea**

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