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Personal Profile

I am a founding Director of Co-Creationz Ltd a social change consultancy specialising in assessing, measuring and improving positive social change and impact. I have spent the past 10 years in senior strategy and policy-related roles within Manukau City Council and Auckland Council. I have a PhD in international development and over 15 years' experience in community development, political analysis, social research, and policy advisory roles within the NGO and local government sectors in New Zealand, UK and South Africa.

I am active in social assessment and community development networks including the New Zealand Association for Impact Assessment and the International Association for Impact Assessment. I am a trained SIA practitioner and member of the EIANZ, as well as a trained and active member of IAP2 in New Zealand and Australia.

I have particular skills and experience in applying social science and research to areas of interest including community services, programmes and facilities, empowerment, social mobility, poverty, gender, children and youth, housing, health, community safety, local economic development, residential development and planning, NGO/ third sector, funding and charitable aid, water and horticultural management, rural economies and local food production.

Key Skills and Expertise

- Strategic and policy development, advice and advocacy
- Social Impact Assessment (SIA)
- Specialist skills in community and stakeholder engagement and consultation
- Social research and analysis (quantitative and qualitative)
- Participatory monitoring and evaluation
- Familiarity with the workings and functions of central and local government, and knowledge of the Resource Management Act, the Treaty of Waitangi the revised Local Government Act 2002 and the Land Transport Act.
- Effective written and oral presentation as SIA expert witness, academic journals and at international conferences and seminars.
- Sustainable development / international development
- Community development and resilience, socio economic justice
- Strategic planning, futures-thinking
- Project management through team work and co-design to promote integration across disciplines and quadruple bottom-lines, buy-in and ownership of planning, implementation and review.
- Collaboration between local and central government, business and third sector interests and policy areas.
- Training and expertise in Social Impact Assessment, Health Impact Assessment, Social Return on Investment, Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED), IAP2, Toastmasters, the Natural Step, and Participatory Action Research, among others.

Career Summary

Co-Creationz Ltd

Jan 2015 - present

Director

- Consultant – Community profiling, story-telling and change impact measurement and analysis on behalf of Manurewa Local Board (Feb-March 2015)
- Consultant – Preparation of LGNZ Awards application on behalf of Auckland Council (April 2015)
- Consultant - Participatory Monitoring and Evaluation Framework and tool design and implementation (2 yr contract starting May 2015).

Auckland Council

Nov 2010 – Jan 2015

Principal Policy Analyst, Community Policy and Planning

- Council's in-house SIA expert, providing advice, submissions and evidence to Wiri Prison Board of Inquiry, Drury South Business Project, Waterview, among other council projects and policy-based initiatives.
- Provided clear, well-researched, quality policy advice and support on social and community policy, needs assessments and analysis to local boards.
- Programme manager for the Safer Auckland CCTV project, a regional partnership to improve and coordinate the appropriate use of CCTV as a tool of community safety service delivery.

Manukau City Council

Jun 2005 – Nov 2010

Strategic Policy Analyst, Strategy Directorate

- Facilitated LGA 2002 community outcomes process
- Led community and stakeholder engagement in *Towards 2060*; working with local boards, communities and other stakeholders to participate to understand, advocate and act towards their sustainable long-term futures.
- Provided strategic analysis and advice on best practice in areas such as quality, integrated strategy and policy development, research, consultation and engagement, and monitoring and evaluation.

Oxfam NZ

Dec 2004 – Jun 2005

Policy Analyst & Researcher - Contract

Designed and managed a six-month research project of international and Pacific-Region water and sanitation policy and practice involving:

- Appropriate qualitative and quantitative research methods.
- Multiple stakeholder analysis (international agencies, service providers, Government officials, private and public sector agencies, community groups).
- Collaboration with programme managers and Pacific partners.

Trust for Community Outreach and Education (TCOE),

1998 - 1999

Cape Town, South Africa

Policy Advocate - Voluntary

- Research to analyse and develop TCOE's advocacy and communications strategy.
- Assisted community-based development work with local fishing communities to develop and execute their fundraising and income-building strategies.

**Centre for Advanced Studies of African Society (CASAS),
Cape Town, South Africa**

Apr 1997- Mar 1999

Research and Policy Advocacy Officer

- Advisor to the Director with responsibility for CASAS' strategic three-year plan.
- Conference planning and logistics administrator.
- Provider of demographic surveys, research and writing, and general editorial responsibilities for in-house publications.

Qualifications

University of Bristol, UK

Oct 1999 – April 2005

PhD International Development Studies

Thesis title: 'Britain's Support for Strengthening Civil Society: Lessons from South Africa'.

- Awarded (Category B)
- Funded by the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC), UK.
- Training courses: Political Economy of Developing Countries; Administration and Planning; Governance and Participatory Development; Public Policy and Management; Core skills in Social Research; Philosophy of Social Science; Principles of Social Research; Quantitative Data Analysis.

University of Cape Town, South Africa

Feb 1997 – Mar 1999

MA South African and African Politics

- Awarded First Class Degree
- Funded by international scholarship from UCT

University of Sussex, UK

Oct 1992 – Jun 1996

BA Hons. Politics and North American Studies

- Awarded Upper Second Class Degree (2:1)
- Year abroad study at George Washington University, Washington DC. USA

Affiliations

Director, Towards 2060 Trust

Director, Jericho Road Orchards Ltd

Member, Bond – British Overseas NGOs for Development

Member, International Association Impact Assessment

Member, IAP2

Environment Institute of Australia and New Zealand (membership pending)

Member, New Zealand Association for Impact Assessment

References

On request