



## Q&A for Janie Walker

	Question	Answer
1	How From local government perspective - How can we ensure that what the community is identifying as a 'need' is representative of the community?	As Megan from Inspiring Communities said, community means different things to different people, in different settings. Supporting more informal ways for ratepayers to connect amongst themselves, and council just being a connector is something I've seen work really well. Also taking a hard look at how council is currently supporting community groups is always good, and for me, this includes how they are supporting volunteering over and above annual volunteer awards. And as I said in the webinar, forget consultation - do action research! Kia ora, Janie.
2	change consultation to collaboration? Instead of Stakeholder what would should we use?	Participation. And action research which goes beyond co-design. Sometimes people just need to be asked how they are. And also all the stuff around self-determination is really interesting. Another word for stakeholder? Participant? Contributor? That goes along with self-determination nicely. Kia ora, Janie.
3	Maori Communities were smaller, so great face to face concepts - are they operable in large urban areas?	I think it's up to mana whenua to decide what's best. Trust looks very different to different people - what spaces in large urban areas do Maori trust are places to connect? Kia ora, Janie.
4	I really like the program of the community development and i think its a very good steps towards understand what the community needs. i have a suggestion and a question what about if were possible that the council was offereing food boxes during lockdown randomely for all type off communities as this will be saving queues at the supermarkets and calling for hardship assistance and this may also save a lot of taking advantage hardship assistance request.	This is a lovely example of all parts of the community working together. It did happen in some areas around the country. Trust the brain that came up with the idea - that's your brain! Who can you talk to in your own community about this? Kia ora, Janie.
5	Do the PSA have an official policy on the feasibility of an Unconditional Basic Income? What does it mean to panelists in terms of it's community value?	Great question. PSA official policies are developed through our elected governance structure - and we're in the process of doing work in this space now. This will be around universal access to basic services. So keep an eye out - you'll be hearing more about this soon.
6	Question is how do we address the real need and deliver much needed funding. eg through COGS who have had no increase for many years. Groups still need to meet operational cost. Covid has prevented fundraising activities etc	Yes, the funding landscape has been completely turned on its head for COVID. Do you follow the work of Philanthropy New Zealand? They have collaborated on some cool thoughts around this. Those who rely on gaming Trust money, philanthropy \$\$, regular giving etc. are starting to look at other models. Kia ora, Janie.



7	Is part of the government problem is that they start from a statistical 'problem' and come with a preconception of what is needed rather than a qualitative approach of asking the community what they see as the issues in their community and what they need to fix it?	The more we talk about community-led development the better! And chuck away old models of "consultation". Long live platforms for local voices! I think the arts is a cool way to amplify this. My hope is that if we all continue doing what we know is right, soon all our own initiatives will join up around Aotearoa and we will be living the model where everyone has a good life. Kia ora, Janie.
8	One question is how do we continue the community connections that were made over lock down now that life has got busy again for many of these communities	A great question. By having local BBQs, by requesting engagement with your local reps at council, by using your unique skills (are you a writer, musician, teacher, baker, gardener - how can you use who you are to connect with others?) And we FIERCELY refuse to let the desire to hold onto those connections that we made, go! And continue to be friendly EVERYWHERE we go. Anything is an opportunity! Even if you feel sad or lonely (my family motto is 'fake it till you make it!') Arohanui. Janie

