

SCNZ 2015 Conference

James Cook Hotel
Grand Chancellor
10-11 April

Citizen Diplomacy Its Power Locally and Globally

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Although we come from various cultures and backgrounds, we are all citizens of a global community.

Each and every one of us has the power to make a difference in the world.

Speakers will also be sharing their personal stories and experiences on the above.

Things to ponder:

- What is a **citizen diplomat**?
How can we all actively seek to be one?
- As a **multicultural society**, what are we doing right and what could be done better?
- How does working locally help bring about closer **international communities**?
- How have you seen **cultural links and community engagement** grow business-to-business and/or region-to-region economic development?
- Why is engagement at a local level important for building **closer relations** with other countries around the world?

Day One: 10 April

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	Master of Ceremonies: Mark Sainsbury
9:00am	 Powhiri
9:30am	Opening address Celia Wade-Brown, Wellington Mayor
9:40am	Welcome Hiromi Morris, President, Sister Cities New Zealand
9:50am	Keynote Speaker Mike McRoberts
10:30am	Berlinda Chin, Director, The Office of Ethnic Communities
10:45am	Robson Liang, Chairman, IEF Investment Group Ltd
11:00am	 Morning tea
11:30am	Chris Ward, Group Manager, Community Services, Nelson City Council
11:50am	Community Initiative and Engagement <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Keith Cowan, Chair, Christchurch-Adelaide Sister City Committee• Graeme Penty, Plimmerton Volunteer Fire Brigade• Janet Andrews, President, Wellington Xiamen Association

12:30pm	 Lunch
1:30pm	Presentations by Overseas Delegations <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Felix Hao (Hao Zhongwei), Deputy Director General, Department of American and Oceanian Affairs, Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries (CPAFFC)• Noriyuki Shiba, Assistant Director, Japan Local Government Centre (CLAIR Sydney)
2:00pm	Best Practice Model: How to Engage Sister City Activities Judy Livingston, Gisborne District Sister Cities Committee Member — followed by group discussion & report back
3:15pm	Presentation by 2016 Conference Host City, Nelson
3:30pm	 Afternoon tea
4:00-5:00pm	 AGM
7:00pm	 Air New Zealand Sister Cities NZ Awards Dinner

Day Two: 11 April

Youth Development Focus

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- 9:30am Master of Ceremonies:
Mark Sainsbury
- 9:30am Keynote speaker
Shawn Thomas,
Graduate from the Office of Ethnic
Communities Young Leaders Programme
- 10:00am James Penn,
Director, Business, Asia NZ Foundation
Melanie Crawford,
Leadership Network Coordinator,
Asia NZ Foundation
- 10:40am Aaron Hape,
Executive Director,
Commonwealth Youth NZ
- 11:00am  Morning tea
- 11:30am Nick Leggett,
Porirua Mayor
- 11:50am Timothy O'Brien,
Youth Programs Specialist,
U.S. Embassy
- 12:10pm Simon Park,
Undergraduate Programme Manager,
School of Information Management,
Victoria University of Wellington
- 12:30pm Stewart Brougham,
Director, International Business
Development and Relationships,
Waikato Institute of Technology (Wintec)
- 12:50pm  Launch of the SCNZ Logo Competition
sponsored by Asia NZ Foundation
- 1:00pm  Lunch
- 2:00pm Youth Initiative and Engagement
• Edon Hoppener,
Policy Officer, North Asia Division,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Trade
and Adviser to Sister Cities
New Zealand
• Carla Lindley,
Nelson Youth Council
- 2:30pm  Workshop
- 3.30pm Ray Wallace,
Hutt Mayor
- Graeme Penty,
Teacher, Tui Glen Primary school
- 4.00pm  Live Skype session with Minoh City
-  Afternoon tea