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What's been happening...

Since May, Streetworks has been enjoying a time of transition and getting back to basics. The formation of the Streetworks Charitable Trust has prompted us to pay attention to intentionally creating a firm foundation of practical processes and accessible knowledge that Streetworks can grow from. Streetworks has reached the stage in its life where it's no longer practical to remain as the indefinable 'thing' of the past. In order to grow, we need to be a bit more structured (but not too much!). As we start down the path of 'legally existing', our desire is for Streetworks to retain its heart, energy, freedom & passion! Colin, Stu, Sam and I have been getting our heads around what it means to be the trustees of Streetworks Charitable Trust. We've been getting a learn-as-we-go crash course in governance, policy and all the different technicalities of being a trust board.

Olivia Buchanan moved into the role of administrator for Streetworks. With autonomy over all filing, systems, processes and other administrative joys (which to her really are joys!), Olivia began the task of ordering four years of chaos. Within her first official five minutes of being the administrator, Olivia had emptied the Streetworks office of all files, furniture and filth and systematically waded through file after file, box after box, categorising and discarding. The aim of the revamp of Streetworks administration is to make the accumulated knowledge and information of Streetworks more accessible to the individuals who become involved in Streetworks. In essence, we are trying to capture as much of Streetworks on paper as we can.

Claire



Planning is underway for Spring Streetworks, which is the next major event taking place on October 1st. We are very excited about the projects happening at this event. However, Streetworks is more than just an event and a whole heap of projects that are over and done within a day. Streetworks events are a launching pad to expose people to the needs of our city! We want to do more than renovate gardens; we want to revamp perspectives on community and serving. Our desire is to see a new culture emerge in Hamilton; a culture of community, compassion and togetherness. And yes, we believe this can and will be achieved; starting with an event!

Streetworks' capacity to impact Hamilton will grow as individuals put up their hands and take ownership of new projects, ideas and initiatives. Every week, exciting suggestions, potential projects and amazing opportunities are presented to Streetworks. The level of need and opportunity in Hamilton is phenomenal, but so is our ability to respond. We would love to fill Streetworks with passionate individuals who respond to needs and suggestions as they arise. We want to be the beginning of what sets Hamilton apart as a unique city full of people who, in their own way, continually decide to love the person in front of them.



"The clothes swap provided an opportunity for me to bring along some new friends of mine, a refugee family who had only been in Hamilton a few weeks. They had fun interacting with people in their new community, met other spanish-speaking people, sang along to the sweet blues band and loved the opportunity to scour through the abundance of clothing. For the first time since arriving here and possibly the first time in years, they had the opportunity to pick and choose. I enjoyed watching their faces light up as they found not only warm, practical items to get through the winter, but bright, fun clothing that represented a slice of their country of origin. Listening to their spanish babble of excitement on the car trip home made it all worth it for me."



THE
GREAT
GIVEAWAY IS BACK!!

SPRING STREETWORKS

01 OCTOBER 2011



YOUR TOWN

IF YOU'RE KEEN TO SPEND A DAY
LENDING A HAND TO PEOPLE YOU
LIVE ALONGSIDE WE ARE KEEN TO
HAVE YOU JOIN US! WE'VE GOT A
BUNCH OF PROJECTS PLANNED AND
WE WANT YOU IN!

CHECK OUT THE DETAILS ON OUR
WEBSITE AND GET REGISTERED

OCTOBER 01 2011 (SATURDAY)
TIME: SIGN-IN CLOSSES 9AM

PLACE: TE WHANAU PUTAHI
(END OF OXFORD ST FAIRFIELD)

(WE NEED TO KNOW YOU'RE COMING)
REGISTER ONLINE BY 27 SEPTEMBER

WWW.STREETWORKS.ORG.NZ 