

Networking for the Environment in Greater Christchurch- Event 1: Linking with Government and liaising with Iwi

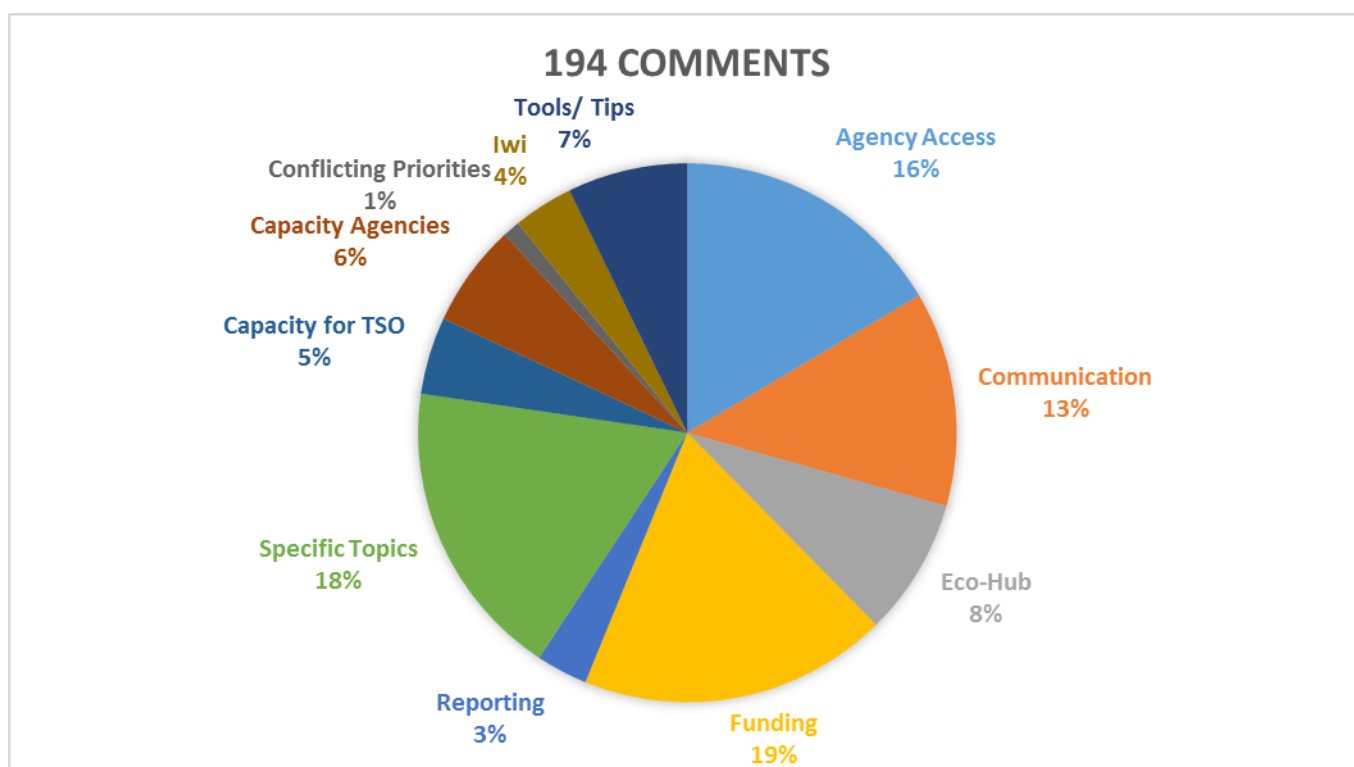
The first networking event was held on 29th November 2016 at Environment Canterbury in Christchurch. The event was well attended with 60 people representing the community based/Third Sector Organisations (TSO), government agencies and philanthropic organisations.

The objective of the event was to establish relationships, build capacity and share resources. This was achieved through a series of interactive sessions:

- Linking with Central, Regional, and Local Government Agencies (and Rata Foundation) what support is available and who to talk to
- Liaising with Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu- When and how to go about it
- Share resources and Top Tips on running a community based/ TSO
- Environmental Issues/topics of interest (fresh water, volunteers, urban, sustainability, monitoring, pests, covenanting, funding)
- Future Networking Opportunities- what's already happening and how to add value

Each table discussed these topics and fed back their main points to the larger groups. All information was captured on post-it notes which were then entered into excel by topic. A total of 194 comments were provided, these were then analysed to find the high level themes which are shown in the pie charts below. The raw data is listed in Appendix 1.

Chart 1. Comments clustered by topic/theme



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Chart 2. Agencies Access for TSOs

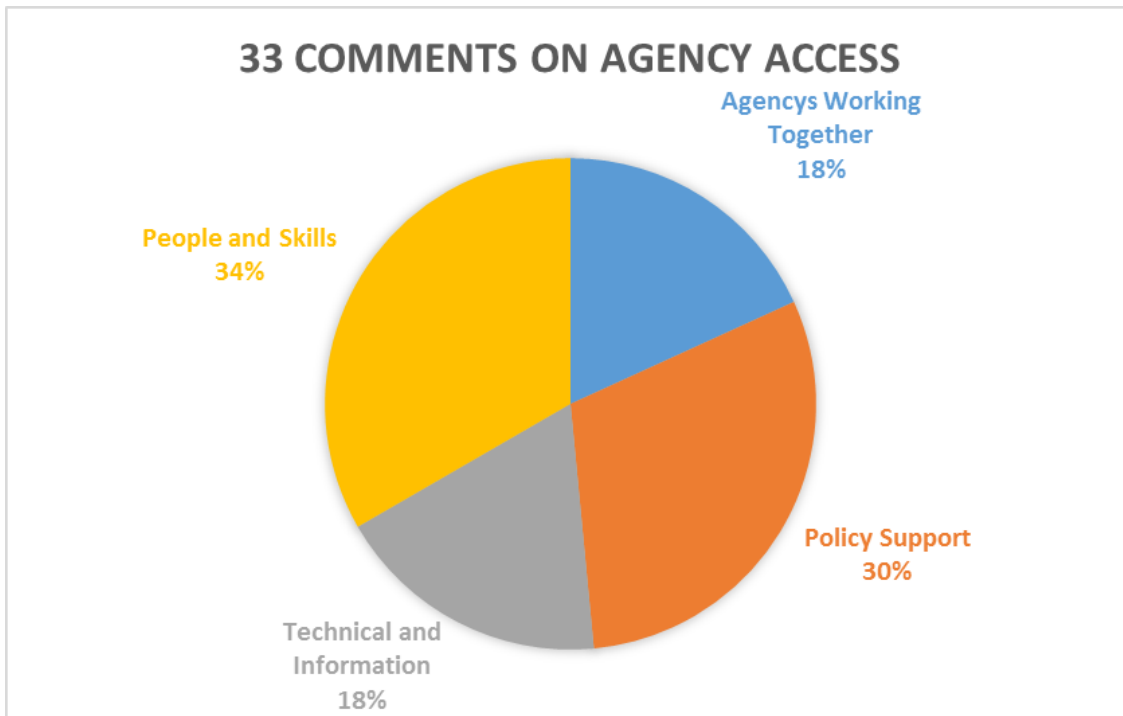


Chart 3. Communication with Government Agencies/ Funders

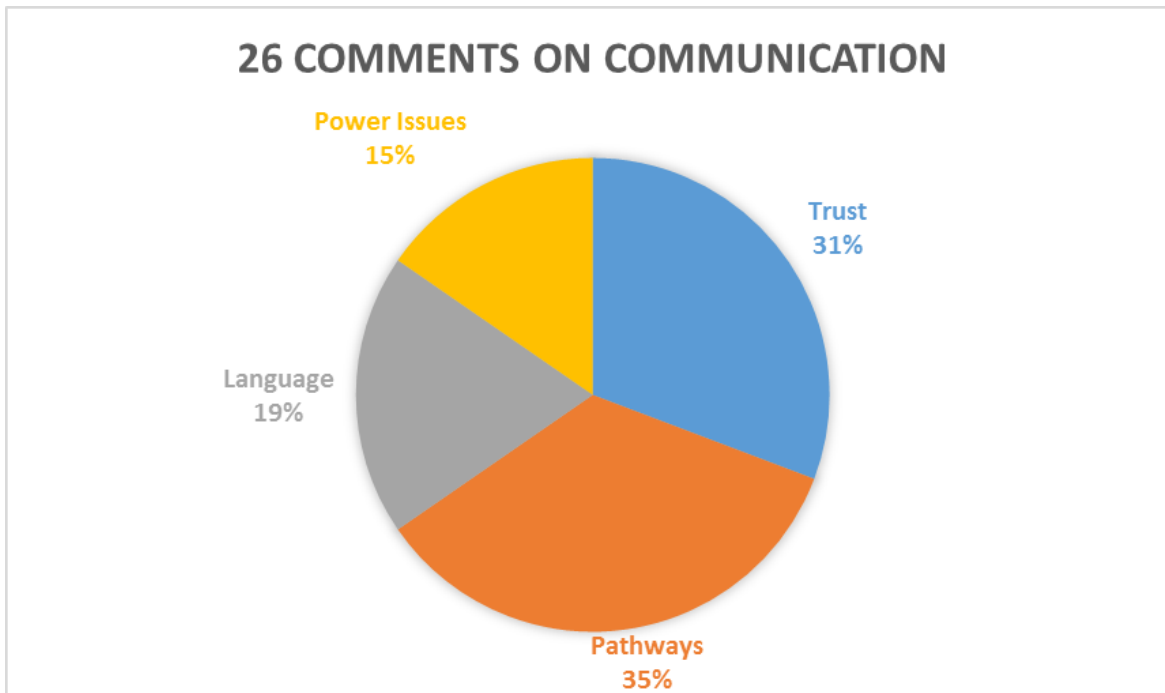


Chart 4. Funding Needs and Barriers

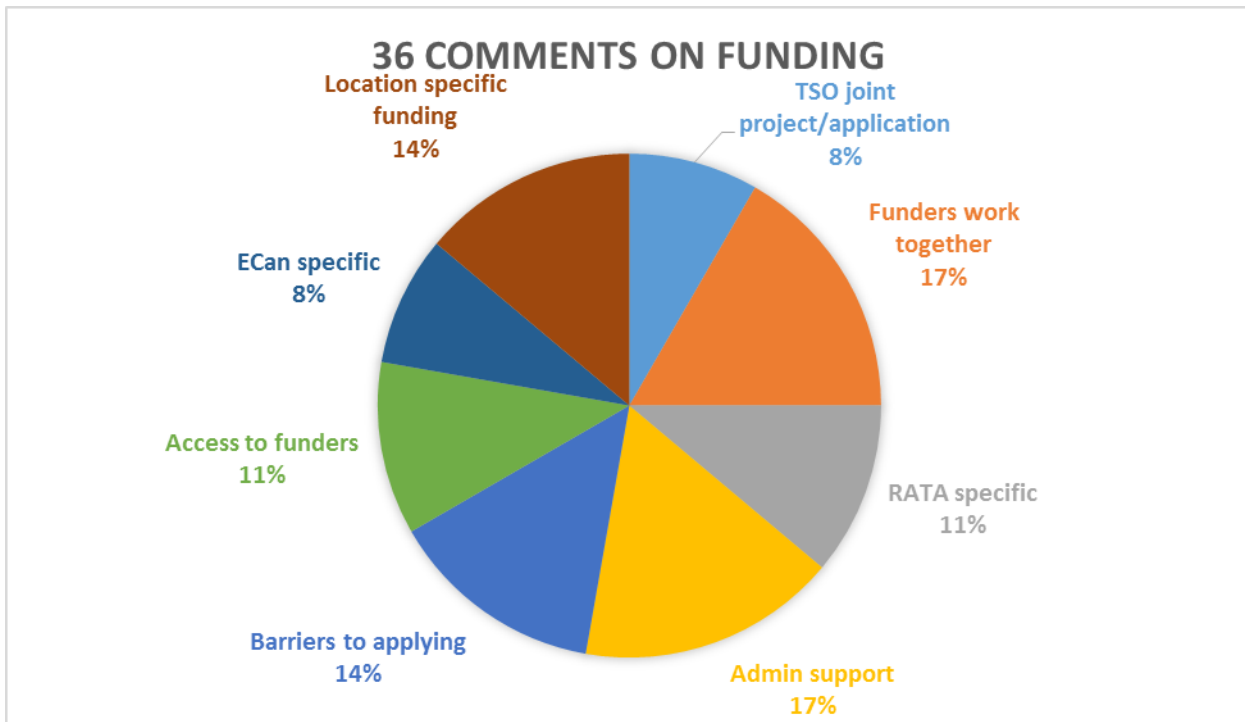
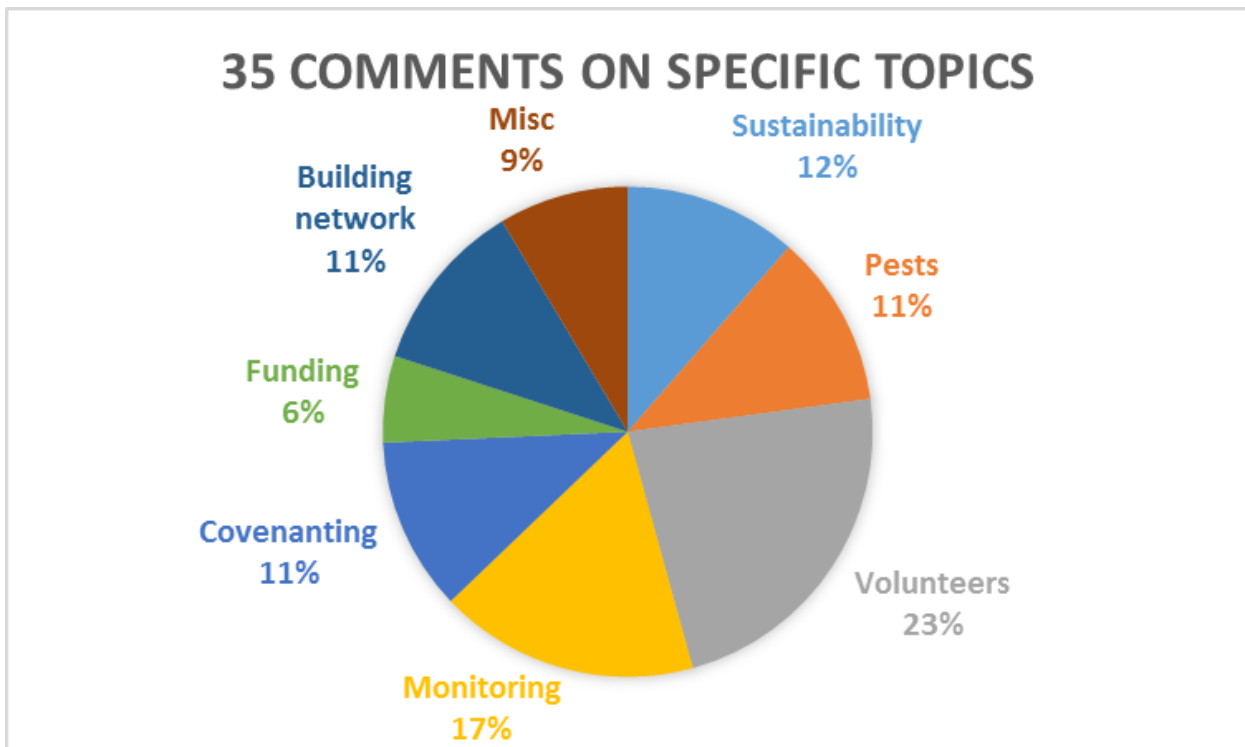


Chart 5. Specific Environmental Topics



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General comments/themes:

- One of the biggest benefits of the day was a chance to connect in a casual, open atmosphere.
- The food was yum
- There is general enthusiasm to hold another event
- There are lots of issues around accessing information, people and resources that surfaced across all the themes.
- Some themes are inter-related, trust, power imbalance and knowing who to contact for example. Some of the issues can be addressed through better relationships and opportunities for “bumping space”.
- Establishing an ECO- Hub only represents 8% of the overall comments, however, it is clearly the solution in many peoples mind. From an agency perspective, more information is needed to understand what people want and how it will work.
- Funding is a big topic that needs more unpacking, but one that people are very keen on.
- People are keen to continue the conversation on specific environmental topics

Next Steps:

Actions	Due Dates	Person
Seek interest from TSO and agencies to be on steering groups for future events. Propose Event 2 on Eco-hub and Event 3 on funding.	15 Jan 2017	Ali ECan
Establish steering group and start discussion/concept development for Event 2 on Eco-hub	15 Feb 2017	Steering group
Hold Event 2 on Eco Hub	Mid-March 2017	Steering group
Establish steering group and start discussion/concept development for Event 3 on funding	Jan-TBC 2017	Brenda CCC
Hold Event 3 on Funding	TBC	Steering group
Establish steering group and start discussion/concept development for Event 4 topic tbc	June 2017	TBC

Appendix 1. See Networking for the Environment Event 1 Raw data Post-It.pdf