

A New Economy for a New Generation

Special Session time/ date: Thursday 29th - morning

Main Presenter: Billy Matheson (20 minutes plus questions)

Bio: Billy Matheson is an advisor to Auckland Council on Social Entrepreneurship. He is an Industrial Designer (B.Des – Victoria University) by training and an Educator by profession (M.Ed-Massey University). Billy founded the ReGeneration youth leadership initiative with the support of the Enviroschools Foundation and the Tindall Foundation.

Title: The Social Innovation Ecosystem

Abstract: While New Zealand has a proud history of innovative social practice and social policy there has been very little institutional support for the new wave of Social Innovation and Social Enterprise despite the spectacular growth in other developed countries. While current thinking can seem hopelessly bifurcated between not-for-profit and for profit paradigms, the next generation of entrepreneurs are using the tools of business to solve tough social problems and relishing the challenge. This workshop will look at some of the drivers behind this change in New Zealand and participants will hear from a panel discussion featuring some of the young entrepreneurs who are developing innovative practices in this new and dynamic environment.

The Panel:

Several 'new generation' entrepreneurs – To be advised.