

Future prospective partners: Institute for Discourse, Culture and Communication, Auckland University of Technology

Allan Bell, Director of the Institute, advised that they have received some good news regarding WIP funding: National Library has agreed to fund \$90k towards the 2013 survey. This is a reduction in funds from \$150k, but a success in the current financial environment after a great deal of work. AUT administration has also now offered to underwrite some of the internal costs of facilities and staffing. MSN, which has a global relationship with WIP, is still in discussions about contributing towards the project for 2013 round as well. There is however likely to be a shortfall and there is still a need for additional funding support in order for the Institute to undertake WIP 2013.

Jordan and Ellen then met with Philippa Smith and Charles Crothers regarding the World Internet Project 2013. The status and timeline of the project, as well as changes which are being implemented from feedback from Council and NetHui, including both methodological changes, to be online as well as phone, and changes to questions, including on technology assistance.

The ongoing relationship was discussed as well, including NetHui collaboration and Internet research more broadly, with a view to formalising a strategic partnership with InternetNZ. Discussions on a strategic partnership can be advanced including WIP project support for 2013 as necessary, dependant on outcomes of WIP funding negotiations with the private sector.

Recommendations

1. THAT this paper be received.
2. THAT the Chief Executive be authorised to execute strategic partnership agreements with NetSafe, the 2020 Communications Trust, and Creative Commons Aotearoa NZ.
3. THAT Council approves one year funding packages as part of the strategic partnerships for the following sums:
 - 2020 - \$125,000
 - NetSafe - \$125,000
 - Creative Commons - \$20,000
4. THAT the Chief Executive be granted authority to negotiate a strategic partnership with AUT Institute of Discourse, Culture and Communication and to explore the need for a one-year funding package to help with the delivery of the World Internet Project New Zealand survey in 2013.

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