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Edgar Cahn Open Space Workshop
**Notes from Discussion on
Timebanking and Organisations
(sorted into themes rather than chronologically)**

Discussion begins with round of introductions revealing a very diverse group

How do we get organisations involved? (Belinda Meares, TB Hurunui)

- ☒ such as libraries, Mens Shed . . .
- ☒ Christchurch City Council is now joining Lyttelton TB to trial out ways in which TB can be utilised to gain benefits for both Council and community.

Hurunui Youth Programme are members of TB Hurunui. Exchange egs:

- ☒ HYP members offering "tech labs" in libraries – help with devices
- ☒ TB members cooking meals for HYP camps

(Tony Moore, CCC) There are a host of organisations who would be interested in outcomes for community – organisations who have strong customer interface and green ideas who care about community outcomes and are filling the niche for customers who care about these things too.

Is there information for organisations to show them how it could work for them?

(Tony Moore)

Yes, but more needed. Each organisation's fit with TB needs case-by-case consideration

Don't underestimate the power of video to tell these stories.

(Gen de Spa, Addington TB) explains idea of St John Ambulance partnering with TB's

- ☒ 2/3 workforce are volunteer – these volunteers could be reimbursed their hours in Time Credits which in turn are used in the community, effectively creating many more ways the community can support St John other than by giving money ie. Someone helping a St John volunteer is also helping St John with volunteer sustainability.
- ☒ Around 60% of emergency ambulance call-outs are not emergencies and many of these can be attributed to the breakdown of communities. Ambulance officers see people in their homes, and often can assess their need for more social interaction.
- ☒ By promoting and supporting the growth of TBing, thereby rebuilding communities, St John is likely to see a reduction in resource use over the longer term.

Marty suggests partnering TBing with service providers like NZ Care, Disability Services

John Grant (Skillwise) relates a story about the Ministries of Health, Education & Social Innovation trialling a pilot programme for a person with autism, finding funding to buy him a spa pool which had massive effects for the individual, increasing his calmness and reducing agitation and aggression. However, the pilot went no further as there was a fear this meant every autistic person in NZ would need to have a spa pool fully funded. These organisations are often risk averse and suffer from tunnel vision.

Discussion follows that rather than seeking to change the economic system and current paradigm of ideas from above, the change will come from below. Various organisations will become involved with TB, such as the CCC, and will lead the way in showing other, perhaps larger organisations how it can work. Create the changes and the economic shift will follow.

Incorporating organisations whose volunteers may feel no need of recompense, but can double their effectiveness by donating their credit to a Community Chest.

Start at project you need and work backwards
ie. CCC helped in organising this event

- paid for hire of hall
- admin hours paid to TB
- delivering newsletters

Edgar Cahn has joined the group & is asked for his perspective on getting large and government organisations to take part in TBing.

- Visiting Nurse Service - 3000 members; has created systems of support and friendships and given people the ability to ask for help without feeling like taking charity.
- Elder Care
- Youth courts - jury of peers (former offenders)
- 'Clusters' or federations of TB's; allows for smaller groups that know each other, have common purpose and have ownership in the creation of the TB whilst also have access to skills of all other TB's.
- Be sure the organisations know the outcomes are reduced isolation, reduced loneliness, increased trust, and overall made a positive change
- Timebanking is the capacity realisation of the community

Other ideas. Edgar's refinement is to structure offers into skills clusters, eg.

- A. Birthday Party, (puppet shows)
- B. Homework Hospitality,
- C. Tutoring,
- D. Veggie Distribution.

- Dream Clubs - savings pool style investment of time in different peoples' dreams

Small businesses - development of expertise

- clusters of organisations who can support businesses to capacity build
- visuals of business community supporting TB (eg, posters in windows)
- Voluntary organisations who need the skills businesses can offer

- ☒ Mens Sheds
- ☒ Hybrids – eg Lyttelton breakfast café (pay with combo of \$ & time credits)

Governance advice

- ☒ Best TB's have a steering group of individuals who take on different functions
- ☒ three month term so no guilt when want to get out, and don't feel like you are signing your life away
- ☒ videos on TBUSA site to share, Long Beach TB best
- ☒ Tangible Time Credits
- ☒ SPICE list of things Spice Credits

NEXT STEPS: producing storytelling information for organisations to show how it can work for them