**Expression of Interest in a volunteer role with the Acorn Foundation Distributions Committee**

Thank you for your interest in the Acorn Foundation. The Acorn Foundation was founded in 2003 in the Western Bay of Plenty under the Community Foundations model that has existed for more than 100 years in North America. Community Foundations practice place-based philanthropy, and there are currently 17 foundations in New Zealand under our peak body, CFNZ.

Acorn’s purpose is to connect generous local people with causes that matter in our local region. We have more than 400 donors, with nearly 350 who have set up endowment funds to benefit the community – many of them through a gift in a Will and others through a donation while they are alive so they can see their contribution in action.

Since Acorn’s inception in 2003, the foundation has given away more than $10M to charitable organisations or via scholarships and awards, with $2M of that support coming in 2021. This funding has helped hundreds of charitable organisations that are important to our donors and vital to the well-being of the WBOP. Acorn’s Distributions Committee plays an essential role in assisting our staff to evaluate applications, spend time with recipients and build a deep understanding of the needs of the community.

In 2022, we are seeking two additional volunteer committee members to round out our hard-working, enthusiastic and involved existing committee of eight members (3 Trustees and 5 community members) with one or more of the following characteristics:

* Youth, 18 – 24
* Migrant lived experience
* Disability lived experience, carer or close family member

**Please fill out the following information and return it along with a current CV and recent photo to Acorn Foundation CEO, Lori Luke, at** **lori@acornfoundation.org.nz****.**

We will be creating a file for each person who provides an expression of interest to build our pipeline of passionate, talented volunteers. Feel free to call the office at 07 579 9839 with any questions about our process.

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| **Name** | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Address** | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Mobile Phone** | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Email** | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Employer** | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Job Title/Vocation** | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Length of time in the WBOP** | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Qualifying Characteristic/s** | Click or tap here to enter text. |

The Acorn Community Foundation benefits from having staff and volunteers who represent the local community. Our aim is for our governance and management to be supported and enhanced by people with different backgrounds and interests, to ensure that we have a depth of experience and a diversity of perspectives that will benefit Acorn. Please help us by providing the following optional information:

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| **Ethnicity** | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Age** | Click or tap here to enter text. |
| **Personal interests**  | Click or tap here to enter text. |

1. **Describe your involvement in the Western Bay of Plenty community:**

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1. **What skills would you bring to Acorn?**

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1. **Why are you interested in volunteering with Acorn?**

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1. **What do you see as the major challenges facing the Acorn Foundation over the next several years?**

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