



## **Community of Interest Charter between the NZICT Group and Computer Clubhouse**

November 2009

- 1. Computer Clubhouse Trust and NZICT hereby establish a charter to collaborate to develop opportunities for the respective organisations to work together. As part of this charter the Computer Clubhouse Trust will be described as an “NZICT Community of Interest”.**

The intent of this charter is to enable both organisations to meet the objective of their respective constitutions, while identifying common areas of interest and development, which may lead to a mutual programme of activity.

- 2. The term of this agreement will be from 16 November 2009 and will be reviewed on a six monthly basis at a meeting between representatives of both organisations to measure success and discuss potential new areas of opportunity.**

- 3. Purpose & Objectives**

The purpose of the charter is to work together to develop the ICT industry and its participants, with the goal to leverage quality ICT to grow the ICT industry and increase New Zealand’s global competitiveness.

The objectives of the charter are to:

- Promote ICT skills development among an emergent labour force.
- Facilitate coordination and liaison across the ICT sector, training providers and non-Government bodies in growing ICT skills in New Zealand.
- Explore joint ventures to fund such initiatives.
- Provide the basis for ongoing dialogue for developing other mutual opportunities including sponsorship, programmes of work and promotions.

- 4. Organisation**

- NZICT may assign one of its board members, to be responsible for liaison with the Computer Clubhouse Trust Executive, in conjunction with the CEO.

- A representative of Computer Clubhouse Trust will be invited annually to attend a NZICT Board meeting.
- The term NZICT Community of Interest may be used by the Computer Clubhouse Trust in its marketing and promotional activity.
- The Computer Clubhouse permits the NZICT Group the use of the Computer Clubhouse logo, and assigned benefits as detailed in the Computer Clubhouse Boards sponsorship and partner's policy.

## **5. Operation**

- Both organisations continue to reserve their right to develop their own policy positions on relevant issues, but where possible will endeavour to consult with each other to develop an agreed industry position. This would include sharing draft submissions in advance to encourage collaboration and identify common areas of interest or different perspectives.
- Confidentiality: From time to time it may be necessary to share information between each Party that is privileged and or confidential. In this case the Party shall mark the information, be it electronic or otherwise "confidential". Each Party will agree in this case not to disclose or make public such information in any form to any other person and or organisation.
- Amendment: This Charter may be amended at any time by agreement in writing (including email) between the Parties.
- Disputes: If any dispute or difference cannot be resolved between the Parties by active, open and good faith discussion, the Parties will enter into mediation. However, this Charter may be terminated immediately by either party should this Memorandum be seriously breached.