

Seniors' Conference 2011: Agents of Change

Session Title:	8 Provision of knowledge & mentoring utilising senior people
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Summary of Discussions:

COTA can provide a service and central point of contact

There are many senior people with skills & knowledge willing to provide a service – they want to be utilised and they want to belong and be connected

A subgroup would be formed to develop the opportunity (under the umbrella of COTA) but link with Councils

Issues - legalities of insurance and indemnity etc

Insights

Provide an age exchange.

- There is a group of senior people who have expertise (knowledge & skills) and wish to impart that to others
- They need the umbrella of COTA (or similar) to work with.
- They would probably source organisations (such as schools, Councils) rather than individuals

What will we do now? What needs to happen next?

Provide a knowledge and skills exchange

Starting Point

Form a sub-group under COTA to identify needs, research liabilities and source the proposal

A small group of Conference participants will volunteer if COTA wishes to proceed. COTA would need to ask if others are interested.