



National Oral History Association of New Zealand,  
Te Kete Kōrero-a-Waha o Te Motu

## **ORAL HISTORY IN THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY: VOICES OF IDENTITY IN A GLOBALISED WORLD**

### **NOHANZ Conference 2011**

 **2 - 3 April 2011, Rotorua, New Zealand**

### **CALL FOR PAPERS**

The 21<sup>st</sup> century is predicted to be a time of enormous change - changes that might involve large-scale migration, new technologies and adaptation in the ways people live. Climate change, peak oil and economics are forces that affect ordinary people but, at a global scale, are hard to comprehend or influence.

Faced with huge change in an increasingly globalised world, it seems that individuals and communities are looking back with growing interest to their roots and to past experience. Is this nostalgia for times past or are communities seeking to affirm their local identity and collective voice? Are there lessons to be learnt from how people responded to change in the past? Are past customs and practices becoming more relevant again?

At the NOHANZ 2011 conference we will explore changes and directions in oral history, ten years into the 21<sup>st</sup> century, including the ways in which oral history is being used and promoted by individuals and organisations, innovative ways of collecting and presenting interviews, and uses of new technologies. The following sub-themes are envisaged.

#### **Indigenous voices**

In recent decades, indigenous peoples have been rediscovering and asserting their cultures and identities. How is oral history contributing to this process of change, particularly for Māori, Aboriginal and Pacific Island peoples?

#### **Identity and change**

Oral history is often about aspects of identity and often involves reflections on change – whether a local history, the story of a social movement, or an individual's life experience. How are these aspects being explored?

#### **Innovation**

How are new technologies being used to make oral history more accessible and what are the implications to oral history practice? What new opportunities revolve around digital technology, including web-based oral history databanks, website-published material and E-books.



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### **Australia – NZ connections**

In 1990 the Australian government gifted \$1 million to the people of New Zealand to establish the Australian Sesquicentennial Gift Trust for Awards in Oral History. The gift marked the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi; the treaty signed between the Māori people of Aotearoa (New Zealand) and the British Crown. In 2010 only, awards under this fund are being granted specifically to projects that explore connections between Australia and New Zealand. Recipients of these awards, whose projects will be in progress at the time of the conference, will be invited to give brief presentations about their projects.

### **Call for papers**

We invite proposals for papers addressing any aspect of the above theme; either as:

- 20-minute presentations, or
- 5-minute summaries about recent projects, including projects still in progress.

Proposals should include:

- a title
- an abstract of 200 – 250 words
- the duration of your presentation (as above)
- a brief biography (no more than 100 words)
- postal address, email address, and phone number.

Please send your proposal to:

2011 Conference Organising Committee  
NOHANZ

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*Or post:* c/-PO Box 3819, Wellington

**Closing date for proposals: 31 October 2010**