



Hon Alfred Ngaro

Minister for the Community and Voluntary Sector

Invites you to a cross parliamentary event to hear

Dr Dhananjayan (Danny) Sriskandarajah

Secretary General and CEO of CIVICUS – the World Alliance for Citizen Participation

Speaking on

Citizen Participation in a Rapidly Changing World
A global perspective on issues that affect us in New Zealand

7.15am to 8.30am on Thursday 11 May 2017
Grand Hall, Parliament Buildings, Molesworth St, Wellington

A light breakfast will be served

In association with Hui E!, ComVoices, and Philanthropy New Zealand

Cost: \$35 per person (GST Inclusive)

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- 5pm, Thursday 4 May 2017

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About the Speaker



Dr Dhananjayan (Danny) Sriskandarajah, is Secretary General and CEO of CIVICUS, and a well-known international commentator on civil society issues.

Danny was previously Director General of the Royal Commonwealth Society (RCS), a large NGO devoted to Commonwealth affairs based in London, and the first non-British and youngest person to head the 140 year old organisation.

Before his appointment to the RCS Danny was Deputy Director of the left-leaning think tank, the Institute for Public Policy Research (UK).

Born in Sri Lanka, Danny's family migrated to Australia when he was young. After winning a Rhodes scholarship in 1998 Danny studied at Oxford for an M.Phil., followed by a D.Phil., and then studied at the University of Law (UK).

In 2012, he was named a Young Global Leader by the World Economic Forum.

About the topic

What we in New Zealand refer to as “the community and voluntary sector” exists in every country to a varying degree. Internationally the term used is “civil society” for several reasons;

- it is more meaningful than “NGOs” (non-government organisations) that means different things to different people
- it links to the concept of active citizens – civic life and citizen participation
- it links to the United Nations mandated rights – freedom of expression, freedom of association, and the freedom of citizens to form associations to pursue shared activities and aspirations.

CIVICUS is the most extensive global network of people involved in or supporting civil society.

- It links together and involves people from around the world in having their say on global issues such as climate change.
- It ensures representation of civil society in global negotiations such as the sustainable Development Goals.
- It is able to speak out, to governments and the wider world, when civil society is under threat.

As CIVICUS Secretary General Danny brings a global perspective to issues that affect us here in New Zealand;

- the continuing desire of the sector to build a more positive working relationship with government
- steadily-increasing regulation and compliance requirements faced by community organisations and charities
- the greater role the sector could have in shaping policies that better meet the needs of citizens and communities.

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