Margreet Stronks **Tel: 021 0293 4907**

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* A highly capable professional with 30 years business & community development experience
* A clear strategic thinker with strong analytical, planning and facilitation skills
* Innovative and resilient with proven ability to overcome and resolve difficult situations
* Extensive experience in organising, managing, networking and fundraising
* Well-developed people management and leadership abilities
* Experienced in setting budgets, financial management and reporting
* Well established track record in seeing projects successfully through to completion

### Employment history

2011- 2017 **Director Primary Consultant,** **Margreet Stronks Consulting** Project management, career coaching**,** professional supervision, strategic planning

2005 - 2011 **Owner Consultant, MANA Consult**

Executive coaching; career coaching (WINZ Netherlands); professional supervision; stress management and vitality advice; dialogue and group facilitation

Recent projects include:

Diad’Eem, providing dialogue in the wider community: 2008-2011

MANA Workshops during Waka Presentation Festival, Leiden Museum: 2011

1998-2006 **Owner Consultant, MHJ Consulting**

Professional supervision, training, process facilitation and consultation, funding

Additional:

2004-2006 The Village Connection

2001-2002: Consultant, ‘de Tiltenberg’ Conference Centre, Vogelenzang, NL

1997-2001 **Director, OSCAR Development Christchurch (ODC)**

220+ families, 7 locations, 26 staff, annual budget $450k

Responsible for contract negotiations, government, local government and business sector; funding and financial management; personnel and organisation, training, supervision and staff support; development and implementation of pedagogic policies; development and execution of general policies and procedures, reporting to Board of Management

1994–1998 **Manager and Fieldworker, OSCAR Network**

Managed up to 10 staff, support and fieldworks, serving over 30 locations

Responsible for community development from interest to incorporated OSCAR service; reporting to Board of Management; fundraising and financial management; development and execution of educational programmes for staff and communities; HR; project manager for sport, art, music programmes; marketing and public relations

1992-1994 **Researcher, Initiator and Coordinator, Network Out of School Programmes**

Appointed by the Christchurch City Council to investigate, establish and facilitate a professional network for out of school programmes in the wider Christchurch area

1989-2015 **Founder** **and Trainer, Wom\*ns Space, Christchurch**

Design, development and Delivery of programmes for women, incorporating art, music, movement, meditation. Initially developed as an 8 week programme, ran at WEA and Hagley Community College till 1993. Now on request as workshop or training

1986-1987 **Founder and Coordinator, OSCAR in St Albans, Christchurch**

Research, community facilitation and development of Out of School Care And Recreation (OSCAR). Successfully established the first incorporated professional Out of School service in New Zealand, the pilot for consequent OSCAR services.

### Additional experience

2005 - 2016  **Health and Well Being Consultant**, Chair Massage Consults; Training, Workshops

2004 - 2011 **TPStoel Network meetings and training** for TP practitioners in the Netherlands

1996 – 2001 **Treasure Trove Trust,** **Founder and Developer** of the Play Library for 5 -12 year olds

Pre 1996 **YWCA Christchurch, Tutor,** Life skills, childcare-and-development to young people

**JH Construction,** Partner, Manager, Designer, Christchurch

**Occupational Therapy** **Department Christchurch Public Hospital**

Rehabilitation of people with head injuries and strokes, including testing driving ability

### Professional development

2005/15 **Professional Development and Supervision,** NOBCO, EMCC, TPNL, ICF

2005/06 **Post Graduate Diploma: Coaching for Life, Career and Business** ALBA Academy, NL

2004 **Chair Massage Certification**, TouchPro Institute, Rotterdam

2000/02 **Supervision in the human services I, II & III**, University of Canterbury

2000 **Evaluation in the community sector,** University of Canterbury

1998 **Professional supervision,** George Sweet, Relationship Services, Christchurch

1996 **Adult teaching, Stress management, Conflict resolution**, Nona Milburn, Christchurch

Pre 1996 **Research, Marketing, Funding, Mediation 1 & 3, Leadership 2 & 3, AVP**, various institutions

**4 year Diploma** of **Child Care, Development, Arts and Crafts (NXX),** The Hague

**Diploma of Teaching** De Ruyter College, The Hague

### Community involvement

2017 **Packe Street Park Community Garden**, Co-Chair  
1996 - 2016 **Packe Street Park Community Garden**, Member and Supporter

2011 - 2016 **The Gardener’s Cottage**, Permaculture development, Host Helpxers/Wwoofers  
2006 - 2010 **Johan’s Tuin**, Initiator and Coordinator of a Community Garden, the Netherlands

1996 - 1999 **SARA – St Albans Residents’ Association,** Chairperson responsible for developing and funding projects like: resource centre, community worker, choir, Packe Street Park ($325,000.00)

### Awards

2002 **MNZM, member of New Zealand Order of Merit** for services to youth and community

1996 **Christchurch CIVIC Award** for services to OSCAR

### Excerpts from written testimonials Full transcripts available on request

“The OSCAR network has been built on a solid foundation of high standards, community development and passion. This is due to the commitment and vision that Margreet had, and made real – quality, affordable and safe childcare for all children in our country.

**Pamela Hughes, Coordinator, OSCAR Network**

“ I wanted to take full advantage of Margreet … to assist in the research design, particularly the participatory aspects of the research processes, and to make good use of her excellent skills in facilitation and coaching. “

**Hazel Ashton, PhD candidate. Thesis:** [**Village Connections**](http://www.village-connections.com/previous/indexe298.html?PageID=6)

“I have personally experienced [her] informed, determined yet endlessly charming lobbying, and the resilience with which she has fought for the rights of children who often lack a voice...

Margreet was also a significant figure in her community... her wise counsel, her hard work and her vision for a better future lie behind a range of enduring services... she generated universal respect...

Strategy is second nature to her; this explains the impact and endurance of what she has achieved in the community.

**Tim Barnett, Former MP Christchurch Central**