

Ian Thomson



Ian is a qualified Electronic Engineer with over 25 years experience in the Telecommunications industry with Ericsson. He has solid understanding of the technologies that make up the ICT sector, especially in the broadband, wireless and Internet areas. He is experienced at Project Management, Account Management, Business Development, Contract Management and Strategy Development.

He has been actively involved in Digital Divide projects for the last 10 years in New Zealand through the NGO organization, the 2020 Communications Trust and has initiated and implemented more than 20 projects.

Ian has broad ICT experience at International, National and Local Government levels and works with many community groups on the implementation and effective use of ICTs. He has worked at the grass roots with Maori tribes, remote communities and has several active projects in the Pacific Islands.

He attended both UN Summits on the Information Society as a New Zealand Delegate and had made submissions to several Government ICT Policy and strategy initiatives.

Ian is a member of the Community Informatics Research Network (CIRN) the Pacific Islands Internet Society (PICISOC) and the ICT in Education SIG of PICISOC.

Ian has a strong interest in OLPC and has been working on starting a series of pilot projects in the Pacific Islands.

His most recent appointment is as the Rural Internet Connectivity System (RICS) Coordinator at the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC)