

GLOBAL CITIES CONFERENCE 2024 - PROGRAMME

Theme: Creating Connections, March 14 - 15, 2024. Venue: Marlborough Events Centre

GCNZ runsheet Day One: MARCH 14 2024

Time	Description	Speaker
10.30am	Registrations open	MC Chris Gallavin - Marlborough Events Centre
11.00am	Official welcome	Tangata whenua, and the Mayor Nadine Taylor Displays by local ethnic communities
11.30am	Keynote speaker	Rt Hon Sir Donald McKinnon ONZ GCVO, former Commonwealth Secretary-General, former Foreign Minister, chair of the Le Quesnoy Liberation Museum trust. Le Quesnoy is the sister city for Cambridge.
12.00pm	Lunch	
1.00pm	Diplomatic speakers Topic: Importance of citizen diplomacy through sister city connections	Australian High Commissioner, British High Commissioner, Chinese Ambassador, Japanese Ambassador, Korean Ambassador, and United States Ambassador
2.30pm	Resuming youth and student exchanges after a global pandemic, sharing ideas how to do this in a way that is safe and attractive to ratepayers and residents	Cr Jonathan Rosene and Marlborough student exchange alumni

GCNZ Runsheet Day One: 14 MARCH 2024

Time	Description	Speaker
3.30pm	Visit to Harling Park	Harling Park was designed and paid for by Blenheim's Japanese sister city Tendo.
5pm	Welcome reception at Ukaipo	GCNZ president Grant Smith. Dr Peter Meihana and Rangitāne presentation on Te Pokohiwi.
6pm	People back in town to free evening	

GCNZ Runsheet Day Two: 15 MARCH 2024

Time	Description	Speaker
9am	Welcome to day two	MC Chris Gallivan
9.05am	Overseas visitors	Speakers from Ningxia, Sister Cities Australia, and CLAIR Sydney
9.30am	Presentations on Post-Covid sister city activities	Whanganui-Toowoomba (Australia), Tauranga-Hitachi (Japan) Christchurch-Seattle (USA).

GCNZ Runsheet Day Two: 15 MARCH 2024

Time	Description	Speaker
10:45am	Morning tea	
11:00am	Workshop on building business ties in sister cities links and creating and maintaining connections through business links	Facilitator: John Christie, GCNZ Board member Panellists: Dave Tyney (Viscosity), John Inglis (NMIT), and Wellington City Council rep from mayoral business delegation September 2023
12:30pm	Lunch	
1:15pm	Workshop on strengthening sister cities in our own regions - engaging local ethnic communities	Chaired by Cr Jonathan Rosene
2.30pm	Afternoon tea	
2.50pm	Report on website and youth activities.	Breakout session on Capitalising on Local Identity Facilitator: Taylor Marston, GCNZ Board member, this session will explore how local identity can be used to increase the potential of sister city relationships.
4pm	Formal wrap-up	Marlborough Mayor Nadine Taylor
6pm	Buses to the awards dinner at Wither Hills	
7pm	GCNZ Awards Prize-giving and Special presentation to GCNZ Emeritus President Hiromi Morris	