



## THE CRU DIRECTOR'S CHAIR: September 2008

Greetings from my barely warm Director's chair! Thanks to all those of you who have so warmly welcomed me and wished me well in this challenging but exciting position. CRU cannot and does not want to engage in this transition process alone, as we need the wisdom, experience and support of you all.

For the next 2 months CRU will continue to be in what I call "intense gathering" mode: gathering information and ideas from a range of old and new allies that will assist CRU in discerning **what** it needs to do now and in the future and **how** it will do that in order to be more potent, effective and relevant. Already there has been some productive feedback and ideas and I look forward to hearing more. CRU needs to ask the sorts of questions that will drive this process to the breadth and depth it needs to go, with the view to melding the answers into a particular and unique response that will ultimately become the future CRU.

One such point of gathering is CRU's AGM and 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations on the 20<sup>th</sup> October. Your presence and support is welcomed as we look back over the past 20 years and take from those reflections the energy, lessons and wisdom that will guide us through the next 20 years. Furthermore I would love to meet you face to face.

It is my intent to give a monthly report in order to remain open and transparent. We need, however, to remind everyone that it is a twelve month process that will concentrate on different issues and groups at different times. This will call for a select range of in-house, small and large group processes and strategies over that period, but always in the spirit of influencing and benefiting the wider community. If in the meantime you wish to meet with me on an individual or organisational basis, do not hesitate to contact us.

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