



FORUM RESOURCES NETWORK

Chris Simmons



Travels from:	Auckland, NEW ZEALAND
Areas of expertise and interest:	business development; corporate culture; leadership; management; organizational structure; strategic planning
Programs offered:	forum officer training; forum retreats; forum training; management retreats and meetings; moderator coaching; moderator training; retreat facilitation; strategic planning
Partial client list:	WPO Seattle, EO Kolkata
Has worked in:	AUSTRALIA; CHINA; HONG KONG; INDIA; INDONESIA; IRELAND; MALAYSIA; MEXICO; MOZAMBIQUE; NEPAL; NEW ZEALAND; PAKISTAN; SAUDI ARABIA; SINGAPORE; SOUTH AFRICA; SOUTH KOREA; THAILAND; UNITED ARAB EMIRATES; UNITED KINGDOM; UNITED STATES
Accreditations:	EO; WPO
Years in forum:	9
Years as moderator:	3
Years as forum officer:	4
Years as facilitator:	20
# of facilitations:	60

Biography

After a decade in the corporate world as an organizational restructuring specialist, Chris Simmons established Benchmark Communication Ltd. in 1993. The firm uses benchmarking and best-practices resources to help companies make significant improvements in their business processes, leading to more satisfied customers, better financial results and greater employee satisfaction. Chris also owns and directs Explosion Interactive Marketing (a virtual technology and interactive marketing consultation firm) and most recently, Site-Creata (a browser-based, do-it-yourself web site development firm).



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In 2004, Hudson Highland Centre for High Performance (Chicago, IL) tapped Chris as an expert resource. He is in great demand as a leading-edge management consultant in New Zealand, Australia and Asia.

In 1998, Chris recognized the value of peer-to-peer learning and became a founding member of YEO's Auckland chapter. During his three-year tenure as chapter president, membership grew from four members to 35, and a strong board and core fundamentals were put into place.

Chris became a forum trainer in 2000. He joined the International Forum Committee for YEO in 2003 and was instrumental in launching new EO chapters in Bahrain, Saudi Arabia and South Africa. Recently, Chris has taken on the role of Global Forum Committee Chairperson for EO and is now responsible for the future development of the forum concept within EO.

Chris resides in Auckland, New Zealand. He is a keen water-skier and the proud father of two young children.