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Celebrating 90 years of working with and supporting people on the margins of our world through social services and advocacy

Community Organizing - a glimpse into the heart of the work

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This fall, Sr. Maribeth Larkin, SSS, was interviewed by **Queensland Community Alliance** about her four decades of work as a community organizer. She and Joe Chrastil are the Regional Organizers for the **Industrial Areas Foundation (IAF) Northwest**, and provide direct support and training for the leaders and organizers of organizations partnering with IAF in Washington, Oregon, Canada, Australia and New Zealand. Sr. Maribeth's passion for community organizing sprung from her early work in the 1970s within the **Dolores Mission Parish** in East L.A., and the **United Neighborhoods Organization (UNO)**, and the incredible individuals and groups whose paths she crossed there.

A transcript of her interview is available at (video issue is being resolved):
[oldcommunityalliance.org/an interview with maribeth larkin](http://oldcommunityalliance.org/an-interview-with-maribeth-larkin)

To learn more about IAF Northwest and their current actions and projects, please visit:
iafnw.org/about-iaf-northwest

Sr. Maribeth will be participating this April in "**Weaving Hope with a Faith That Does Justice**", the **Interfaith Social Justice Convening Day** detailed below. She will lead a discussion on effective change strategies that can be used in our congregations and communities.

The video to the right was created by Sr. Maribeth's colleagues in New Zealand at **Alliance Aotearoa**, a group she has collaborated with since 2013. She shared that it focuses on their effort to build a broad-based community organization in Aotearoa, the Maori word for New Zealand which means "**Land of the long white cloud**".



Alliance Aotearoa
<https://vimeo.com/235255941>

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