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Community Networks Wellington Newsletter June/Pipiri 2025

COMMUNITY NETWORKS WELLINGTON JUNE/PIPIRI NETWORK MEETING

Nau mai, haere mai!
Kei te tino karangahia koe / You are warmly invited to our
June/Pipiri Network Meeting

Date: Wednesday 18th June 2025
Time: 11am—12pm (join us for morning tea from 10:40am)
Venue: St Peters Church 'Garden Room' 211 Willis Street (*Entrance is on Ghuznee Street*)

To RSVP click here: [18th June 2025 Network Meeting](#)

Or for more information contact Debbie Delaney
by email at: office@cnw.org.nz or visit www.cnw.org.nz

ONCE A WEEK SOUP KITCHEN TO HELP HOMELESS IN PORIRUA

A soup kitchen has been set up in Porirua to help support those dealing with homelessness in the city.

On a cold windy Monday evening, E Kai had its first event in the CBD, providing pumpkin and lentil soup with Rēwena bread to those in need.

The soup kitchen is the only service of its kind in the city and is run by Ngati Toa Rangatira's iwi authority Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira, Porirua City Council and WELLfed an adult education programme which specialises in cooking.

Toe-Te Roopu Wahina social services is run by Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira. General manager Steven Johnson said the soup kitchen was focused on support for those who were homeless.

"This initiative is set up to be able to provide a warm inviting space, where food is just the entry for those people to come in for us then to be able to put a wider wraparound service to support them where we can."

He expected demand in the soup kitchen to increase as winter approached.

Shane Tepania had been dealing with homelessness until WELLfed helped him out. He said they helped him get a job and a house. "Without them I'd probably be back on the streets."

The soup kitchen would be very important to people, particularly in the colder months, he said. "If we can make a change, make a difference, wow, it's beautiful really just to see."

E Kai will run every Monday from 4 Lyndsey Place in Porirua between 5pm and 7pm.

Scoop.co.nz

FIND FOOD ASSISTANCE IN YOUR COMMUNITY

<https://www.zerohunger.org.nz/find-a-community-food-organisation>

While our map is comprehensive, it is not exhaustive and we'd encourage you to look at the [Ministry of Social Development's Community Food Services Directory](#).

UPCOMING RADIO SHOWS

28 May 1.30pm - [Community Law](#)

Radio show host Judith Parkington talks to Sati Ravichandiren, Rōia Hapori/Community Lawyer with [Community Law Wellington](#). He gives some background on Community Law and spotlights the Prison Advice Service they offer to people in (primarily) Rimutaka Prison.

4 June 1.30pm— [Kilbinie/Lyall Bay Community Centre](#)

Host Judith Parkington talks with Kathryn Easter, co-ordinator at Kilbinie/Lyall Bay Community Centre. We hear about the importance of the centre within this community and the programmes they run to keep folk connected.

Replays 11 June 1.30pm

18 June 1.30pm—[Kites Trust](#)—Host Madeleine Clarke speaks with Kites about their services and how to access them. **Replays 25 June 1.30pm**

Join us at 1.30pm, (every second Wednesday) on [Wellington Access Radio](#) 106.1FM

Listen to previous shows :

<https://www.cnw.org.nz/nga-whakahirahira-a-nga-mema--members-highlights.html>

If you would like to be involved in our radio show contact office@cnw.org.nz

HOW CAN YOU APPROACH AI WITH AN EQUITY LENS?



Are you curious about using AI without compromising your values? In this episode, Farra Trompeter, co-director, chats with Meena Das, founder of Namaste Data, to unpack findings from the AI Equity Project and offer practical advice for non-profits navigating this evolving technology.

[Listen Here](#)

PRIVACY COMMISSIONER ISSUES COMPLIANCE NOTICE TO ORANGA TAMARIKI

May 28, 2025

Press Release – Office of the Privacy Commissioner

A compliance notice has been issued to Oranga Tamariki for failing to comply with the requirements of the Privacy Act.

The Privacy Commissioner has also taken the step of publicly releasing the [Compliance Notice](#) itself.

Privacy Commissioner Michael Webster says while Oranga Tamariki has taken positive steps to improve its privacy practices, considerably more improvement is needed.

“Oranga Tamariki has one of the most important roles in New Zealand – to help safeguard the wellbeing of our children, particularly those children in their care. Improving its privacy practices will contribute to the safety and wellbeing of children, their whānau, caregivers, and foster parents.”

Transparency about the nature of the Compliance Notice requirements is in the public interest and is an important accountability mechanism.

We all have a stake in ensuring Oranga Tamariki improves its privacy performance.”

The notice has been issued in response to a series of privacy breaches reported to the Commissioner that have caused serious harm to whānau and tamariki.

It relates to the [storage and security of personal information](#), and its unauthorised [disclosure](#).

Under the compliance notice, Oranga Tamariki will need to make privacy improvements including improving staff skills and capability, and strengthening three areas:

1. Information access settings
2. Oversight of service providers
3. Accountability and reporting of privacy incidents.

These improvements will need to be completed by 31 March 2026.

“I consider the notifiable privacy breaches reported to my office and the systemic privacy issues identified in an independent review to be significant. This is because the sensitivity of the personal information involved and the vulnerability of the individuals the information relates to is at the high end of seriousness”, Mr Webster says.

“Oranga Tamariki currently doesn’t have sufficiently robust systems and practices in place to appropriately protect the personal information it holds, as required under the Privacy Act, and there is ongoing likelihood of further privacy breaches.”

OPC began an investigation into the privacy practices and culture at Oranga Tamariki in 2022, and in May 2023 recommended it commission an independent review of its privacy practice and culture.

“That report was completed in April 2024 and confirmed our concerns about systemic failures in protecting sensitive personal information that Oranga Tamariki holds.

“In response to that review, Oranga Tamariki has taken steps to improve their privacy practices, including undertaking a privacy improvement plan, and this is a positive move towards helping keep sensitive information about the children they care for safe”.

“This is a good step forward. However, there is still a considerable amount of work for Oranga Tamariki to do to improve their privacy practices that goes beyond this plan to address the ongoing risk of further serious privacy breaches resulting in harm to individuals.”

Issuing a Compliance Notice, and publicly releasing it, will ensure Oranga Tamariki takes the steps necessary.

“We are all invested in the safety of the children in Oranga Tamariki’s care, and keeping sensitive information about children safe is critical.”

Content Sourced from [scoop.co.nz](https://www.scoop.co.nz)

Information and Resources from the Privacy Commissioner can be found on the link below

<https://www.privacy.org.nz/>

GET TECH SMART

WORK SMARTER, NOT HARDER: HOW AI CAN HELP YOU POWER UP

Running a community or voluntary organisation is incredibly rewarding — but let's not pretend it's not a lot. There's the outreach, the organising, the events, the reporting, the fundraising, the thank-yous, the newsletters... and that's all before you've had your second cup of tea!

Here's the good news: you don't have to do it all the hard way. AI (artificial intelligence) might sound like something from a sci-fi movie, but it's actually a super useful tool that can help you save time, cut down on admin, and get your message out faster — all without losing your unique voice.

Admin and Comms, Supercharged

It's not just newsletters — AI can also help speed up your everyday admin and communications. Here are just a few ideas:

- Write thank-you emails to donors and volunteers
- Summarise meeting notes or event feedback
- Draft press releases or funding applications
- Create social media posts tailored to different platforms
- Translate key info into other languages
- Generate reports or updates for stakeholders

You're still in control, but AI takes care of the first draft — which means you can focus on adding the human touch instead of starting from scratch every time. We cannot emphasise that you need to edit/adapt/correct your first AI draft of anything you create to ensure you are creating your own authentic voice to any piece of work.

Find Collaborators and Funders

I recently attended the Hapori Communities Conference in Tauranga and wrote the following for a session on creating a 'Braindump ideas' document when trying to find collaborators — this can also be adapted to see where you intersect with funders too!

Ideas on how to use ChatGPT to get stuff done faster in engaging other organisations:

1. Open your browser at <https://chatgpt.com/>
2. Type this in "Create a letter with 10 bullet points why [X organisation] and our organisation is

an amazing fit to collaborate — use this from [X organisation's website - here you copy/paste their page on their visions/goals] and this from ours [Copy/paste same thing from yours], from the point of view of a For Purpose / Not For Profit organisation talking to the CEO of business" or similar wording

3. The points are

- What you want — i.e. 10 bullet point letter; introductory letter; 'seeking a meeting' letter; 'proposing an interest in collaborating' etc.
- Using info from both websites to look for alignments
- Who's talking — i.e. you, a For Purpose; Trust; Community Garden; etc.
- To whom — i.e. CEO, financial officer, grants admin; etc. this directs to what kind of vocabulary will be used.
- Direction/Tone — i.e. an amazing fit, how being disparate companies benefit each other; conversational tone; in the language of banks; to a crown minister; etc.
- You can also dictate how many words if you want

4. This creates, in mere seconds, a document you can use with your team or whomever to use as a springboard to kōrero around.

5. It's a time-economic way to choose 10 companies who are not seemingly aligned and seeing if there's an amazing opportunity.

6. ALWAYS re-edit to make sure it's what YOU want.

Work Smarter, Not Harder

AI isn't here to replace you — it's here to support you. Think of it like a digital co-worker who's really good at writing and organising (but doesn't need lunch breaks). With just a bit of experimenting, you'll find it's an absolute time-saver. So if your to-do list is growing longer than the biscuit queue at your AGM, it might be time to give AI a try. You'll be amazed how much time you can save — and how much more energy you'll have for the parts of your work that really matter.

Work smarter, not harder. Your community deserves the best of you — not the burnt-out version. Let AI help you shine!

Ngā mihi nui,
Patrick Davies, Engagement Officer
[Community Networks Aotearoa](#)

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PRESENTS

THE SALT PATH

A Movie Fundraiser

Come join us at the movies to support our work with young people. Goodie bags will be provided to everyone attending on the evening!



Wednesday 18th June

Please arrive by 5:30pm for
a movie start at 6:00pm



Lighthouse Cinema Cuba

29 Wigan Street, Te Aro,
Wellington 6011



To purchase tickets go to **Event Brite**
- Salt Path Youthline, or contact
office.wgtn@youthline.co.nz for more
information!

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CINEMA**

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

FACILITATOR DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR—PART-TIME BLUEPRINT FOR LEARNING (BLUEPRINT)

- Part time role + Based in Wellington + Kiwisaver
- Extra annual leave + Paid wellbeing days + \$250 per year for your wellbeing
- Work life balance encouraged + Hybrid work model

About Blueprint

Blueprint for Learning (Blueprint) is one of New Zealand's largest training providers in mental health and addiction, dedicated to both workforce development and community training. We aspire to enhance the wellbeing of people and communities through inspirational learning.

Blueprint is best known for our range of mental health training. We are NZQA registered, demonstrating our commitment to quality, productivity, and customer satisfaction.

Blueprint is part of the Wise Group, a family of peak performing charitable entities working in areas from frontline service to software development.

Blueprint is guided by a Kanorau charter to ensure equity and belonging are a core principle of how we work. An example of this is our Rainbow Tick accreditation.

The Benefits | Ngā āhuatanga kei a mātou

- Hybrid Working Model + Work life balance encouraged
- Fifth week of Annual Leave (after 12 months employment)
- Paid wellbeing days (2 per year)
- Increased Kiwisaver contribution
- HealthNow payment card - \$250 per year to support the health and wellbeing of your whanau
- Perk and perk plus discount app
- EAP Programme

The Role | Mō tēnei tūranga mahi

We're looking for an organised Facilitator Development Coordinator to support the quality and consistency of our workshop delivery across Aotearoa. In this role, you'll lead the onboarding, coaching, and development of our contracted facilitators, ensuring they are well-supported and aligned with Blueprint's standards. This includes

observing workshops (online and in-person), providing feedback, and coordinating training events.

Find out more about this role or apply [here](#)

DRIVER TRAINING VOLUNTEER ROLES AT CHANGEMAKERS

REFUGEE DRIVER TRAINING VOLUNTEERS WELLINGTON

Job Description

Help a former refugee gain their driver licence in 2025. It's fun, rewarding and life-changing!

We are currently seeking driving practice volunteers who are:

- A patient, confident driver
- A holder of a full NZ Driver's licence for at least 2 years
- Available to volunteer for 2 hours a week in Wellington City (2 x 1 hour practice sessions) until the learner is test ready (usually 12-20 weeks).

We provide;

- A dual control car (you don't have to use your own)
- Training from a driving instructor
- Ongoing support

Find out more about these roles or apply [here](#)

DRIVING VOLUNTEER WELLINGTON AND LOWER HUTT

Job Description

If you are:

- at least 21 years old
- have held a clean NZ full licence for at least 2 years
- have some patience, confidence and creativity!

We would love to hear from you!

We are looking for some female volunteers to help another woman from a refugee background to get their licence by practicing with her once or twice a week. You will be matched with someone who lives nearby so that you can easily meet her at her place (all the practices will be in her car).

In return, you will make a positive difference in the life of woman from a refugee background and her family, receive training and support throughout your placement, increase your understanding of another culture and contribute to improving driver safety on the road.

Find out more about these roles or apply [here](#)

We need your support for our annual “Blankets Campaign” 24 May—8 June

EKTA'S BLANKET CAMPAIGN 2025

6TH YEAR

SUPPORT US

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATION

HELP US MAKE A DIFFERENCE

24 MAY 2025 - 8 JUNE 2025

BANK INFORMATION

EKTA'S ACCOUNT: 06-0229-0872755-00
Include Ref BC25 and your Email Address

CONTACT-US@EKTA.NZ | MANJIT : 021 131 7644 | MOHAMMED : 021 103 4250
WWW.EKTA.NZ | FACEBOOK.COM/EKTANZINC

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WELLINGTON SIKH SANGAT

A \$40 donation will help give one (500 gsm blanket) and 2 pairs of thermal socks to a needy person in the Wellington region.

This year Ekta will be distributing 400 blankets and 800 pair of thermal socks, a 25% increase over last year.

We need to raise \$16,000 to meet this cost. Your assistance can help make this possible.

Find out more email—contact-us@ekta.nz
EKTA's Bank details: 06-0229-0872755-00
Please Include Ref BC25 and your email address

NOTICES

EMPOWERING FAMILIES: INCREASING CERTAINTY AND PREVENTING DEBT IN THE WORKING FOR FAMILIES SCHEME

The Government wants to hear public views on a set of proposals for improving Working for Families. The intention is to make Working for Families more accurate which would help prevent families from going into debt.

One of the main proposals is to make improvements to the way Working for Families entitlements are calculated. This would involve switching from asking people to estimate their income for the year ahead, to instead calculating entitlements by using actual income earned and over a shorter period, such as a month.

The full discussion document below also seeks feedback on some aspects of families' experiences as they move between a benefit and work.

Making a submission

To help make the submission process easier, Inland Revenue has produced a set of documents to help you. These are:

[An information sheet](#), which summarises the full discussion document.

A short set of [summarised submission questions](#) seeking feedback which focus on the topics of most interest to families receiving Working for Families.

You may also be interested in a set of answers to [frequently asked questions](#) about the proposals.

COMMUNITY LAW CLINIC

At Newtown Community Centre
Wednesday June 4th, 11am - 12pm

[Facebook](#)

Have a legal question? Come and meet with rōia/ lawyers from Community Law for a free drop-in clinic.

These clinics are free, and occur from 11am-12pm, the first and third Wednesdays of each month.

KNOW YOUR STUFF

Saturday 7th June, 11am - 2pm

[Facebook](#)

Know Your Stuff is hosting their monthly Newtown drug checking clinic! Bring them your gear, settle in for some high quality harm reduction yards, and find out what's in your stuff.

Drug checking is free, discreet, non-judgemental, and 100% legal so come and say hi!

RAINBOW SELF-DEFENCE CLUB

Newtown Hall, 71 Daniell St, Newtown
Saturday 24th May 12pm-2pm/Fortnightly

[Instagram Link](#)

Energia Defence is a Queer & Trans focused, all-minority inclusive self-defence project. Facilitated by Jay, who has experience in both kickboxing and strength training, the club is open to all ability and experience levels. BYO towel, water bottle and fist wraps (if you have them). Recommended donation \$5-10.

FROM STUDENT VOICES TO CITYWIDE ACTION: HOW WCC ARE MAKING THE CITY SAFER

Never underestimate your ability to influence change in the city. Take it from two Victoria University students who led an online survey four years ago about safety in the city, and kick-started a chain reaction of initiatives for sexual violence prevention in Pōneke.

Read this [Our Wellington story](#) to find out what we are doing to continue this mahi at Wellington City Council.

WELLINGTON WOMEN'S HEALTH COLLECTIVE LOW COST, CONTRIBUTION, BASED COUNSELLING

Book Online at <http://www.wwhc.org.nz/services>

Or call us on 022 323 5008

COMMUNITY SEMINAR

Understanding Change, Loss & Grief

📅 Wednesday, 18th June

🕒 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM

📍 Newtown Community Centre

🎫 \$40 (includes workbook + light refreshments)

Change and loss are part of life, yet grief can be difficult to navigate. Join us in a safe and supportive space to explore how grief affects us and those around us.

🗨️ **In this interactive session, you'll:**

- Understand the meaning of grief
- Explore the impact of change and loss
- Identify styles of grieving
- Discover supportive strategies for yourself and others

REGISTER NOW

Jess Ferroni - Seasons for Growth Trainer & Coordinator
seasons@wn.catholic.org.nz 021 374 405



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TE PĀ MARU: TRANSFORMING LIVES THROUGH ALCOHOL HARM REDUCTION

Te Pā Maru, Wellington City Mission's residential alcohol harm reduction unit, has recently celebrated the first anniversary of its operations, including a Managed Alcohol Programme.

This programme supports people who have a severe addiction to alcohol and a history of chronic homelessness to find and maintain a safe and secure home.

Read more about this service on [Our Wellington](#).

MONDAY NIGHT SPACE AVAILABLE AT THISTLE HALL

A weekly Monday evening space is available on Mondays at Thistle Hall beginning 7 July until the end of the year. Please share with anyone looking to host a regular class or meeting. Enquiries to office@thistlehall.org.nz

NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR NGĀ TOHU REO MĀORI 2025

Te Taura Whiri i te Reo Māori, the Māori Language Commission, is calling for nominations for Ngā Tohu Reo Māori 2025 – a celebration of those who are championing the normalisation and revitalisation of te reo Māori.

This year, the awards have been refreshed to align with five internationally recognised pillars of language revitalisation. The updated categories reflect the full spectrum of mahi New Zealanders carry out daily, weekly or monthly to uplift te reo Māori – from inspiring new learners and using the language every day, to leadership, awareness, and innovation in te reo Māori.

You can nominate a person, kaupapa or organisation. Nominations are **open now until 11.59 pm, 29 June**. Visit [Te Taura Whiri website](#) for more information or to make your nomination.

Eligible work must have been completed between 1 May 2024 and 1 May 2025. The winners will be honoured at a special event on the evening of Friday, 7 November 2025, in Wellington.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS TE WHANGANUI-A-TARA FUNDRAISER QUIZ

Thu, 12 Jun, 6:30pm - 9:30pm
The Shepherds Arms Hotel, Wellington
Welcome to the Special Olympics Te Whanganui-a-Tara fundraiser quiz – a night brimming with excitement, laughter, and a dash of friendly competition!

This event is all about having a blast and raising funds for our amazing athletes to attend the National Summer Games 2025 in Christchurch.

[Find out more or book your spot here](#)

EMPOWER HER NETWORKING - WOMEN IN BUSINESS - JUNE

Thursday, 19 June, 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM
Online

Monthly Topic: Building Multiple Income Streams
Empower Her, female networking group that offers a welcoming and safe environment for women of all business backgrounds and experiences

Cost: NZ\$22.20

[Find out more or book your space here](#)

LE LALELEI O LE LAUMUA 2025

Friday, June 6, 6:30am - 9pm
Oasis Church Hutt City
237 Cambridge Terrace Lower Hutt, Wellington

Celebrate Samoan Language Week with Wellington's Siva Samoa groups: Anamua Fou Dance, Tofi o Tamatane & Tautua Dance!

[Find out more or buy your tickets here](#)

TŪ ORA FREE VACCINATION CLINIC

6th June, 12:00 - 2:00pm [Facebook](#)

The Tū Ora Vaccination Team are at [Newtown Community Centre](#) every fortnight to help our community get protected with the latest immunisations. Come and meet the friendly team who can check what you need and get you sorted!

ARTICLES OF INTEREST

[EMPOWERING PASIFIKA COMMUNITIES: STRENGTHENING WELLBEING THROUGH COMMUNITY-LED SOLUTIONS](#)

“This report summarises the Pasifika Suicide Prevention Community Fund initiatives that Le Va administered from April 2020 to May 2024, with a focus on prevention activity and implementation strengths, informed by the seven critical elements for the successful implementation of community-based suicide prevention initiatives for Pasifika peoples in Aotearoa New Zealand (Faleafa et al., 2021). The purpose of this report is not only to highlight the key successes of these initiatives, but also to celebrate the hard work, dedication, and collaboration of the diverse communities, partners, and stakeholders involved.” *Source: Le Va* [Read full article here](#)

[HOW RACISM AFFECTS HEALTH](#)

“A healthy society depends on everyone having the building blocks of good health: secure and decent housing, a good job with enough pay, high-quality education and healthy neighbourhoods. These foundations give people a solid frame to withstand life’s shocks and challenges. Right now, too many people do not have equal access to the building blocks of health largely because of where they live and their socioeconomic background. People living in the most deprived 10% of areas in England can expect to live between 7.7 (women) and 9.4 (men) fewer years than people in the least deprived.” [Read full article here](#)

[PROMOTING GOOD MENTAL HEALTH IN CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS: BEST PRACTICES IN PUBLIC HEALTH](#)

“Children and young people’s mental health is a critical public health concern, with depression and anxiety among the most common conditions in EU/EEA countries. Mental ill-health symptoms can go unrecognised, and without timely intervention, mild to moderate symptoms can escalate into more severe disorders. With support from the European Commission, the OECD has identified and evaluated 11 best practices for preventing mental ill-health and promoting good mental health.” [Read full article here](#)

AWARENESS DATES

JUNE/PIPIRI

2 June - King's Birthday Observance
<https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/new-zealand/kings-birthday>

6 June—Eid ul Adha 2025 in New Zealand starts on 6 June 2025 and ends on 8 June 2025. Eid ul Adha is known as the Festival of Sacrifice in the Islamic faith and Muslims worldwide. Eid ul Adha 2025 date in New Zealand observes every year in the month of Dhul Hijjah and the Islamic date of 10. Bakra Eid is also called [Eid Al Adha](#) in the Arabic world.

9—15 June—Coeliac Awareness Week in New Zealand. The theme for 2025 is "Coeliac Disease is Different for Every Body," highlighting the wide range of symptoms and complications. <https://coeliac.org.nz/coeliac-awareness-week/>

15—21 June—National Volunteer Week in New Zealand in 2025 . This week is a time to celebrate and recognize the contributions of volunteers across Aotearoa, according to Volunteering New Zealand. The theme for this year is "Whiria te tangata - weaving the people together," highlighting the way volunteering strengthens communities and builds connections. <https://www.volunteeringnz.org.nz/news-events/news-post/celebrate-volunteering-during-national-volunteer-week>

15—22 June—Elder Abuse Awareness Week
[https://www.ageconcern.org.nz/Public/Public/News and events/Campaigns/World Elder Abuse Awareness Day.aspx](https://www.ageconcern.org.nz/Public/Public/News%20and%20events/Campaigns/World%20Elder%20Abuse%20Awareness%20Day.aspx)

15 June World Elder Abuse Day [See more here](#)

18 June—Autistic Pride Day
Every year, organisations from across the globe celebrate [Autistic Pride Day](#) on June 18 with a variety of events. The aim of this day is to raise awareness amongst those who are not on the autistic spectrum disorder so they do not see autistic people as requiring treatment, but as unique individuals.

20 June—Matariki <https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/new-zealand/matariki>

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES



TOITŪ TE TIRITI

Allen + Clarke's [Jaqui Ngawaka](#) will host our guests – [Kathie Irwin](#) and [Jen Margaret](#) – who will share powerful and practical kōrero to help you strengthen Te Tiriti honouring including:

- What we're experiencing in our communities
- Reflections on organisational Te Tiriti honouring.
- Practical strategies and actions you can take
- Live Q+A (Time permitting)

Thursday 12 June 2025
12:10 p.m. NZT

[Register Here](#)

TE ARO ZERO WASTE JUST SEW REPAIR CAFÉ

Saturday, 7th June 2025

1.00pm – 4.00pm

Te Aro Zero Waste Centre (Sustainability Trust)

Come along to our June Just Sew session for 2025.

Repairing rather than buying new is a great way to take climate action in your own life – and learn new skills along the way.

Bring along 1-2 clothing or lightweight household items (cushion covers etc) for repair – all needles, thread, and sewing machines will be supplied. We will supply a selection of patches and buttons, but you are also welcome to bring your own if you have something specific in mind.

<https://sustaintrust.org.nz/our-events/just-sew-june-2025>

MENSTRUAL MATES – NO STRINGS ATTACHED

Saturday, 7th June 2025

10.00am – 12.00pm

Te Aro Zero Waste Centre (Sustainability Trust)

We've partnered with [Endo Warriors](#)

[Aotearoa](#) and [Wellington Timebank](#) in the fight against period poverty.

Please drop in for a morning of making reusable period products, kōrero and empowerment. There is opportunity for everyone to get involved and experience is not necessary.

Tea, coffee and baking provided.

<https://sustaintrust.org.nz/our-events/menstrual-mates-june-2025>

EMPLOYMENT LAW

This workshop is offered in partnership with Community Law Wellington and Hutt Valley. Come and learn about the employment law and how it relates to volunteers.

Where: Teams

When: Tuesday 10th June 2025

Time: 10.00 am - 11.00 am

Fees: Free

Facilitator: Rose Powell, Senior Associate, Firm-Russell McVeagh

Rose advises on the full range of employment issues, including personal grievances, issues regarding confidentiality and restraints of trade, independent contractor issues, large-scale business restructurings, the impact of corporate transactions on employees and advice on obligations arising under the full spectrum of employment and health and safety legislation.

[Register Here](#)

THE BOARD'S ROLE IN FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT (GOVERNANCE MATTERS 5)

Date: June 10 Time: 6.30pm to 7.45pm

Presenter: [Carol Scholes](#)

Cost: FREE

The Board's Role in Financial Oversight
All board members are required to make wise decisions on behalf of the organisation. If you can't read your organisation's financial statements, you are missing a large part of the information you need to know to ensure good judgement. It is no longer enough to just have a treasurer who knows what is going on. All committee members are required to know how to read their financials and to take the right meaning from your financial position.

[Register Here](#)

Harnessing Applied Neuroscience in Practice: Understanding Nervous System States

Dr Lori Desautels



Professionals working with Children and Young People play a pivotal role in helping them to navigate challenges, build resilience, and foster well-being. Incorporating insights from neuroscience into both the education setting as well as clinical practice offers a powerful way to deepen our understanding of behaviour, emotional regulation, and the therapeutic relationship. By recognising how the nervous system responds to stress, relationships, and environments, we can design more effective interventions that promote healing and growth as well as better educational and mental health outcomes.

In this engaging webinar, Dr Lori DeSautels will explore how professionals working with children and adolescents - can apply insights from Applied Educational Neuroscience (AEN) to better understand the impact of the nervous system on behaviour and learning. AEN integrates neuroscience, psychology, and pedagogy, offering practical strategies that clinicians and educators can apply to improve outcomes for Children and Young People.

Dr. DeSautels will provide evidence-based tools and strategies to help you to:

- Understand the Role of the Nervous System in Behaviour: Learn how stress, trauma, and environmental factors influence nervous system states, and how this affects emotional regulation, cognitive functioning, educational outcomes, and interpersonal relationships.
- Recognise and Respond to Activation: Gain practical skills for identifying signs of nervous system activation in clients to enhance your therapeutic approach.
- Empower Neurodiverse Clients: Develop affirming, individualised strategies to meet the unique needs of neurodiverse clients and promote their strengths.
- Neuroplasticity - the brain's ability to adapt and reorganise itself
- Engage Families in the Process: Learn techniques to guide families in using co-regulation and stress-reduction strategies that support emotional health beyond School, or therapy sessions.
- Enhance Therapeutic Outcomes: Integrate neuroscience principles to improve client engagement, emotional regulation, and long-term behavioural change and learning outcomes.

Why Neuroscience Matters

The nervous system plays a central role in how Children and Young People experience their world, relationships, and stressors. Without awareness of how nervous system states influence behaviours and emotional responses, therapeutic efforts can miss the mark. By understanding the science behind these processes, clinicians and educators can design interventions that target the root of dysregulation, fostering better outcomes for clients. Whether you work with children, adolescents, or adults, this webinar will equip you with cutting-edge insights and practical tools to deepen your understanding of behaviour and improve outcomes for your clients. By grounding your practice in neuroscience, you can empower clients to heal, grow, and thrive.

Dr Lori DeSautels has been an Assistant Professor at Butler University, Indianapolis since 2016 where she teaches undergraduate and postgraduate programmes in the College of Education. Prior to joining Butler, she served as an Assistant Professor at Marian University, where she founded the renowned Educational Neuroscience Symposium, now in its 16th year and attended by thousands of educators and clinicians worldwide.



Dr. DeSautels is also the author of several acclaimed books on educational neuroscience and behaviour, including *Connections over Compliance: Rewiring our Perceptions of Discipline*. Her expertise and engaging teaching style have made her a sought-after speaker worldwide. Lori joined us from Las Vegas in 2024 to deliver *Connections over Compliance* as a live webinar to her first-ever New Zealand audience. Following some fantastic feedback, we are pleased to welcome her back as part of our 2025 programme to share her expertise on Applied Educational Neuroscience.

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Webinar Details:

- 📅 Tuesday 15th July 2025, 8.00am - 2.00pm (NZ Timezone)
- 💰 \$280 (incl. GST). Price includes downloadable presentation notes
- 📞 Contact the Compass Seminars team on 06 7591647 or office@compass.ac.nz

3 Ways to Register:

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THE INTERSECTION WORKSHOPS

Fri, 6 Jun, 9am - 4pm
The Dowse Art Museum and Dowse Square
Lower Hutt

If you know Aotearoa history — and feel the weight of it — but you're unsure how to show up in everyday moments with integrity and impact, this workshop is your next step.

In celebration of Matariki, we're calling in those who are ready to do more than just know — those who are ready to act.

Join us for an immersive, transformative wānanga series designed to move you from passive awareness to active, accountable allyship.

WORKSHOP ONE - 6 JUNE 9-4

A full-day wānanga to weave relationships, build trust, and grow accountable allyship through values-based connection, storytelling, and Indigenous-led practice.

WORKSHOP TWO - 18 JULY 9-4

A dynamic day of kōrero, games, courageous conversations and collective action to deepen allyship, explore accountability, and grow relational skills grounded in Te Tiriti o Waitangi.
Cost: Free or koha

Who is running it?

The Intersection is a collaboration between Sarah Morris (Pākehā, Ngāpuhi), and Jewelz Petley (Te Rarawa, Ngāti Kuri) who will co-facilitate the workshops. Sarah lives in Te Awa Kairangi and is a policy and social change consultant with an interest in accountable allyship. Jewelz Petley (Te Rarawa, Ngāti Kuri) based in Tāmaki Makaurau is a social change advocate with a strong focus on equity, allyship, and Te Tiriti-led practice.

[Sign up here!](#)

TE TIRITI O WAITANGI – A VISUAL HISTORY (NON-MĀORI)

Fri, 13 Jun, 9am - 1pm
Gain an introductory understanding of Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

This workshop is for Non-Māori only, to ensure cultural safety for participants.

[A version of the workshop designed for Māori is also available.](#)

This course provides a brief visual history of Te Tiriti o Waitangi for beginners. The content includes an overview of events leading up to the signing in 1840, what the Tiriti says, the consequences of colonisation, and Tiriti-related policy in the tertiary education sector today.

[More details about this event](#)

GOVERNANCE BYTES 2025

Strengthening Board Performance: Tools for Growth and Accountability

Wednesday, 4 June 2025

6:15 pm 7:45 pm

Don't miss this opportunity to future-proof your board's impact, with tailor made tools for accountability and growth.

Governance for a Changing World: Climate and Sustainability Leadership (Rescheduled from May)

Tuesday, 17 June 2025

12:00 pm 1:30 pm

This FREE workshop connects the dots between climate change and thriving communities. Join us to build a sustainable future for your organisation and those you serve.

(Rescheduled from May 2025)

Diversity Matters: Building Boards that Make the Most of All We Have to Offer (*Free Session*)

Wednesday, 2 July 2025

6:15 pm 7:45 pm

Join us for a FREE workshop on diversity - ensure your organisation reflects the communities it serves and create a culture of inclusion that drives real change

[Find out more or book your space here](#)

SMART NEWTOWN JUNE FREE CLASSES

Intro to spreadsheets, Manage my health
Using zoom, Trade Me

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FROM SAD BLOKES TO WELL MEN:

CHANGING THE FOCUS IN MALE SUICIDE

IT'S TIME FOR A SERIOUS RETHINK IN HOW WE PREVENT MALE SUICIDE AND TO TAKE SUICIDE IN MEN OUT OF THE TOO HARD BASKET



9 June

9am - 4.30pm

Hear from award winning & internationally respected suicide prevention specialist - Barry Taylor

From anxious boys through to lonely old men: Tracking male suicide across the lifespan

Are traditional notions of masculinity meeting the needs of men in 2025? How the changes in men's roles and identity contribute to suicide in men.

A vision for men's wellbeing: An holistic approach to conceptualising men's wellbeing and key mental wellbeing messages for men.



Registration (GST excl.):

Earlybird¹: \$295

Full: \$370

1. Ends 11 May



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FREE MENTAL HEALTH MH101 WORKSHOP - 27 JUNE 2025

Blueprint for Learning will be bringing our MH101 workshop to Wellington on **Friday 27 June 2025**. We have room for more participants and warmly welcome you to register and to share this information amongst your networks. MH101 is free to attend and is full of valuable information, practical advice, and wellness tips to give participants the confidence to recognise, relate and respond to people experiencing mental health challenges. The details are:

- **Workshop:** MH101
- **Date:** Friday 27 June 2025 (9am-4.30pm)
- **Venue:** Salmond House, Level 1, 57 Vivian Street, Te Aro, Wellington 6011
- **Registration:** Click [here](#) to register
- **Cost:** FREE (lunch included)

Blueprint for Learning has funding through Te Whatu Ora to facilitate MH101 online and in-person workshops for frontline government agency staff, social services staff, and members of the community who are not trained in mental health or addiction and are not registered health professionals. Staff and volunteers in these organisations are eligible to attend these free workshops if they are likely to come into regular contact with individuals experiencing mental distress in their day-to-day work. During the workshop you will be supported to:

- recognise signs of mental wellbeing and of mental health challenges
- use Te Whare Tapa Whā to support mental wellbeing
- relate to what people with mental health challenges are experiencing
- respond supportively to mental distress

Our experienced facilitators bring a huge amount of professional and personal experience to the day, running interactive activities and stimulating discussions that bring the learnings to life. Each participant receives a workbook full of reading material and a support directory, plus a certificate of attendance (we have the top NZQA rating). Access to an e-learning refresher is also provided after the workshop.

More information about the workshop is available on our website: <https://www.blueprint.co.nz/workshops/4-mh101/>

BUILDING INTERCULTURAL COMPETENCY

Designed by the Centre for Applied Cross-cultural Research, this course develops the knowledge, skills and attitudes that prepare professionals to work effectively with people from cultures other than their own, including clients and co-workers.

This 1-day workshop includes discussion, peer learning, and practical activities. The programme uses action-learning principles. This practical course allows you to use real-time activities to test out and extend individual cultural competency.

What you'll Learn

- Develop the knowledge, skills and attitudes needed to operate in an increasingly multicultural world.
- Recognise your own cultural lens and how you apply it in everyday life to your cross-cultural interactions.
- Use real-time activities to test out and extend your cultural competency.

Discounted course fee: The fee for this workshop is usually \$895 but thanks to the generous support from the Ethnic Community Development Fund we have been able to offer a large discount to our members.

Limited Numbers: The numbers for this course are limited to be in quick to secure a place. Registrations are limited to one person per organisation.

Where: Rutherford House, 23 Lambton Qua

When: Tuesday 12th August - 9.00am - 4.30pm

Food: Lunch, morning and afternoon tea provided

Fees: Members - \$65.00 Non-Members - \$95.00

Facilitator: Sam Pobog-Jaworowski, MSc, ICF Accredited Coach: Sam is passionate about creating systems and spaces for diversity to thrive and for people to discover more authentic ways of relating to one another. She has a background in Cross-Cultural Psychology, Learning and Organisational Development. Sam has extensive experience as a facilitator and a coach in public, private, and not-for-profit sectors.

Full refund if workshop cancelled, 50% refund if you withdraw before 5th of August. No refund if you withdraw later than **5th August**.

[Register Here](#)

FUNDING

Community and Volunteering Capability Fund Sector leadership priority /Tahua Āheinga Hapori me te Tūaotanga Opens 7 May 2025 Closing 4 June 2025
<https://www.communitymatters.govt.nz/community-and-volunteering-capability-fund>

Four Winds Foundation

Four Winds have a paper-based application that needs to be received at their office by 4.30pm on or before the last working day of the month. They are considered at the following month's meeting (generally held on the last week of each month). A maximum of four applications per applicant will be considered in any 12-month period regardless of grant outcome and only 1 application per month will be considered. [Find our how to apply here](#)

Lottery Community Fund / Te Tahua Whakatinana Papakāinga (round 1) Opening 9 July 2025 , closing 6 August 2025 <https://www.communitymatters.govt.nz/lottery-community>

Support will be given to service providers that demonstrate collaboration, are actively engaged and contributing to the following social outcomes in their community: Vulnerable people are supported, Building food resilience systems, Māori, Pasifika and Ethnic Communities are empowered, connected and achieving their aspirations.

Lottery Community Facilities Fund / Te Tahua Hapori Ngā Whakaurunga Open from 1 June 2025 Lottery Community Facilities provides grants: to improve or build new community facilities, or for feasibility studies to work out if plans to improve or build community facilities can be achieved and will benefit the community. <https://www.communitymatters.govt.nz/lottery-community-facilities>

NZCT - Always Open - Our grants criteria

Find out what we do and don't fund for the purposes of sport, motor vehicles, salaries, social activities, advertising, and education. See the Criteria Here Website <https://www.nzct.org.nz/grants/>

The Lion Foundation

The Lion Foundation are pleased to welcome applications for funding. Before you apply please check that you are eligible and that your project matches their [criteria](#). or [Find out more here](#)

The Tindall Foundation The following Programme Areas have been identified as a focus for donations: supporting families & social services; enterprise and employment; caring for our environment and preserving biodiversity; strengthening the 3rd sector; promoting generosity and giving.

Always open EMAIL: admin.ttf@tindall.org.nz
WEB: <http://www.tindall.org.nz>

Wellington Venues Subsidy

This subsidy helps local community groups hold special events in certain Council-owned venues. Applications accepted at any time - **Always Open** Decision: Two weeks after the end of the month of application Find out more [here](#)

DIA Funding

<https://www.communitymatters.govt.nz/>

Wellington City Council Funding

<https://wellington.govt.nz/community-support-andresources/>
[community-support/funding](#)

Hutt City Funding

<https://www.huttcity.govt.nz/people-andcommunities/>
[community-funding/funding-calendar](#)

Porirua City Funding

<https://poriruacity.govt.nz/services/communitysupport/>

Nuku Ora Funding

<https://www.nukuora.org.nz/funding/grant-fundingoverview-for-wider-wellington-region/>

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