

# Ako Aotearoa Northern Regional Forum

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Tūhono: Connecting Traditions and  
Futures in Tertiary Learning

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# Programme

Note: This programme is subject to change

Time	Action
8.30	Registration, Tea/Coffee
9.00	<b>Tainui speaker</b> Mihi Whakatau
9.05	<b>Saylene Tanielu-Ulberg</b> , MC, Ako Aotearoa Welcome, overview of the day
9.10	<b>Dr Joe Te Rito &amp; Dr Mei Winitana</b> , Ako Aotearoa Ako Aotearoa's Mātauranga Māori Programmes
9.25	<b>John Clayton, Kuao Wawatai &amp; Hinerangi Murphy</b> , Te Whare Wānanga o Awanuiārangi Indigenous Approaches to Innovation
10.05	Interactive session
10.15	Morning Tea – Te Paramanawa o te Ata
10.45	<b>Helen Lomax</b> , Ako Aotearoa; <b>Derek McCormack</b> , Ako Aotearoa Board Co-Chair Future Direction of Ako Aotearoa
11.40	<b>Dr Ēnoka Murphy</b> , Te Whare Wānanga o Awanuiārangi A personal indigenous reflection of ako
12.10	<b>Mel Wall &amp; Karen Fisher</b> , The University of Auckland “It’s not as bad as I thought”: Teaching Te Tiriti o Waitangi in a required course
12.55	Lunch – Tina
1.40	<b>Dr Marvin Wu</b> , Ako Aotearoa; <b>Mere Berryman</b> , University of Waikato Activating Aotearoa Histories: Giving effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi in education through the Education and Training Act (2020)
2.10	<b>Dr Shailesh Lal</b> , University of Waikato Weaving and Wading: Adapting tertiary teacher practices for Pacific students

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2.40	Interactive session
3.00	Afternoon Tea – Te Paramanawa o te Ahiahi
3.10	<b>Vijay Pillay</b> , New Zealand Skills and Education College Pacific-centric and Fonofale approach
3.40	<b>Impacts of AI &amp; Indigenous Data Sovereignty Panel</b> – Chaired by Phil Alexander-Crawford, Hanga Aro Rau — Albert Bifet, University of Waikato — Nick Agar, University of Waikato — Paul Brown, University of Waikato
4.15	<b>Saylene Tanielu-Ulberg</b> , Ako Aotearoa Closing remarks
4.30	<b>Dr Joe Te Rito</b> , Ako Aotearoa Poroporoaki
4.35	Drinks and nibbles

# Ako Aotearoa

The National Centre for Tertiary Teaching Excellence



## Ko wai tātou

### Who we are

**All our services aim to improve the way people deliver high-quality teaching and learning. That's because we want to bring about lasting change in the tertiary education sector to enhance learner success. Effective networks and strong relationships are important to us and how we work together to achieve this.**

Ako Aotearoa holds a unique position in the tertiary education sector. We provide advocacy and leadership on all aspects of teaching theory and practice. Our goal is to encourage and enable excellent educators to support the growth of capable and skilled learners who can contribute to our communities and society.

We support educators, teams and organisations to frame all that they do around the success of their learners, including in workplaces, universities, wānanga, institutes of technology and polytechnics (Te Pūkenga), independent tertiary enterprises, and in adult and community education.

## Ko ā tātou mahi

### What we do

#### Te Akoranga Ngaio | Professional Learning and Development

Delivering high-quality, relevant, evidence-based professional learning solutions is an important part of what we do.

We contribute to the growth of skilled, culturally capable educators, managers and support staff.

Every year we run a wide range of professional learning and development programmes throughout New Zealand. They focus on topic and skill areas relevant to educators working in a wide range of tertiary contexts.

These workshops and courses are available online, face-to-face and/or in-house.

Visit [ako.ac.nz/professional-learning](https://ako.ac.nz/professional-learning) to view our full public schedule.

## Te Whatu Kairangi | Aotearoa Tertiary Educator Awards

Te Whatu Kairangi (previously the national Tertiary teaching Excellence Awards) celebrates outstanding educators and trainers across the entire tertiary education sector who are making a difference to learners, their whānau and communities.

Recent changes include the introduction of Le Moana Mua, the new Pacific award, and a revitalised Groups criteria in 2023, plus the new Te Tohu Reo Māori Award for te reo Māori educators in 2024.

Visit [ako.ac.nz/te-whatu-kairangi](https://ako.ac.nz/te-whatu-kairangi) to learn more, including how to enter, dollar amount of awardee grants, and past recipients. The Prime Minister's Educator of the Year Award, along with an additional \$10,000, is granted to the awardee whose portfolio best exemplifies the overall criteria.

## Ko te Rangahau me te Auaha | Research and Innovation programme

Our new approach is guided by the Ako Aotearoa Research and Innovation Agenda (AARIA), with a strong emphasis on innovation and collaboration with the tertiary sector. The programme focuses more closely with objectives two and three of the current Tertiary Education Strategy and aims to:

- support the tertiary education system and contribute to better tertiary teaching and subsequently better learning outcomes for ākonga/learners
- share research and innovation findings in ways that support teaching and learning/education and training, as well as supporting the interests of any collaborating organisations or entities
- provide opportunities for collaborative work and networking that benefits all involved and contributes to building research capability.

## Pūtahi Mātauranga | Knowledge Centre

Our website-based Knowledge Centre has over 1500 free resources available to those working in tertiary education, vocational and workplace training. This wide range of practical resources support staff to build teaching and learning practice to benefit learners.

The evidence-based tools, guides, videos and other outputs are developed from our research, projects and other initiatives. We encourage people to download from [ako.ac.nz/knowledge-centre](https://ako.ac.nz/knowledge-centre) and share widely.

### Our Manako programme

Ako Aotearoa's Manako team focuses on building educator capability to enhance cultural capability and Language, Literacy and Numeracy (LLN) success for all learners. 'Manako' means "aspiration" and "hope" in te ao Māori.

Some key components to the Manako programme include the Dyslexia-Friendly Quality Mark and the Tapatoru Ako Professional Practice Award. The programme also involves high-quality professional learning and development courses and workshops, online educator pathways hosted on Pathways Awarua plus leading work on learner agency and digital literacy.

### Huihuinga Tāngata | Strategic forums and sector events

We are proud to run strategic events in priority areas of tertiary education in Aotearoa. These events include the Regional Forums hosted by our Northern, Central and Southern Hubs, and Tuia Te Ako (our national Māori tertiary education hui). We also collaborate, sponsor and contribute to a range of sector events organised by other groups.

Find us on:

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### Connect with us

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Ruth provides leadership covering the territory from Taumarunui and Hick's Bay to Cape Reinga, the most densely populated part of the country, with the greatest number of tertiary organisations. She assists the growth of culturally capable educators, working in collaboration with many people throughout the northern region, with whom she has formed valuable relationships over the past fourteen years.

## Te Pātaka Mātauranga Māori | Storehouse of Māori Knowledge

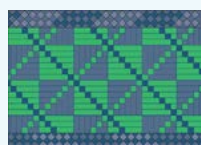
Since June 2022, our Pātaka or storehouse has been making it easier for visitors to our website to find content relating to Mātauranga Māori, Kaupapa Māori, success for Māori learners and building cultural capability. Visit [ako.ac.nz/te-pataka-matauranga-maori](https://ako.ac.nz/te-pataka-matauranga-maori) and explore the Pātaka's four kete:



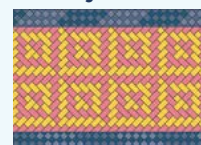
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Kete of Māori Resources



Te Kete Āheitanga Ahurea Māori  
Kete of Cultural Capability  
Pathways



Te Kete Hāpai Akoako  
Kete of Professional  
Learning and Development



Te Kete Huihuinga Tāngata  
Kete of Events

### Communities of Practice

We facilitate two online communities of practice (CoP): our Manako CoP is for educators in the adult language, literacy and numeracy space. You are welcome to join at [facebook.com/groups/alnacc](https://facebook.com/groups/alnacc) and participate in the discussions. Our Neurodiversity CoP is for anyone with expertise or interest in neurodiversity. Contact Graeme at [Graeme.Read@ako.ac.nz](mailto:Graeme.Read@ako.ac.nz) if you'd like to join. We are pleased to support the development of other CoPs in the tertiary sector, whether it be within your own organisation or across institutions.



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