

Ako Aotearoa Central Regional Forum

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Reconnecting and collaborating: Addressing current sector challenges
and supporting strategies for the future

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Welcome

Tēnā koutou katoa i te āhuetanga ki ō tātau tini mate kua riro atu i a Hinenuitepō. Waiho rātau mā ki a rātau; me tātau mā ki a tātau. Tihei mauri mate; tihei mauriora! Kāti, piki mai, kake mai rā ki tēnei hui whakawhitiwhiti mātauranga. Mā tāu rourou, mā tāku rourou, ka anga whakamua ai tātau, ka angitū ai ā tātau whāinga me ā tātau mahi.

On behalf of Ako Aotearoa, we are delighted to welcome you to the Ako Aotearoa Central Regional Forum. After a successful Northern Regional Forum in March, we are very much looking forward to continuing our discussions this time around in Wellington.

Today's Forum provides a platform for sharing the challenges you have faced in recent times and for sharing strategies you have found that work, as well as promising developments. We invite you to connect with colleagues from other organisations and disciplines who may have very different perspectives and contexts, but actually share many similar challenges. Some of the solutions may well be in the room, and this Forum will allow you all to extend your network of opportunity, influence, and partnerships.

The Forum will also help Ako Aotearoa to further understand the needs of the sector, and help to guide us in our mahi to support the work you do.

We hope that you will enjoy this opportunity to connect, collaborate, and explore promising possibilities and new ideas that we can work on together.

Nāku te rourou, nāu te rourou ka ora ai te iwi. With your basket and my basket, the people will prosper.

Nāku noa, nā,



Helen Lomax
Director | Tumuaki



Graeme Read
Sector Services Manager
Central Hub

Programme

Time	Action
8.45	Tea, coffee and networking
9.15	Dr Joe Te Rito - Mihi Whakataau
9.20	Pale Sauni - Housekeeping and introductions
9.30	Helen Lomax, Tumuaki Director - Next 3 years
9.45	Dr Joe Te Rito, Deputy Director Māori – Mātauranga Māori
	THEME ONE: WELLBEING
10.00	Roy Rodriguez, NZQA – The Education Code of Practice 2021
10.20	Maria Hayes, Asure Quality – A Real World Journey through the Code of Pastoral Care
10.40	Wellbeing kōrero/talanoa, with feedback from attendees
11.00	MORNING TEA
	THEME TWO: DIVERSITY
11.20	Sara Williams, TEC – TEC Capability Focus: Disabled & Neurodiverse Learners
11.40	Dr Damon Whitten, Ako Aotearoa – Dyscalculia
12.00	Diversity kōrero/talanoa, with feedback from attendees
12.20	Dr Mei Winitana, Ako Aotearoa – Māori Kaupapa Projects Update
12.30	LUNCH
	Icebreaker activity

Time	Action
	THEME THREE: ONLINE TECHNOLOGY & LEARNING
1.15	Laurence Zwimpfer, Digital Inclusion Alliance Aotearoa - Digital engagement for all: are we there yet?
1.35	Michael Grawe, Pathways Awarua – Introduction and Educator Pathways provided by Ako Aotearoa
1.55	Online Technology and Learning korero/talanoa, with feedback from attendees using Mentimeter
	THEME FOUR: RE-ENGAGING LEARNERS
2.15	Iain Morrison, Kiwi Can Do – When every other learning experience has failed them
2.35	Aiono Manu Fa’aea, Consultant – Engaging Pacific Learners
2.55	Re-engaging kōrero/talanoa, with feedback from attendees
3.15	Pale – Overview Summary
3.40	Poroporoaki and karakia
	Tea and coffee

Ako Aotearoa

The National Centre for Tertiary Teaching Excellence



E tautoko ana i te hapori

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, 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 (on application and review) and/or in-house. The public schedule for 2023 is available on our website.

Te Whatu Kairangi | Aotearoa Tertiary Educator Awards

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

The significant changes to these awards introduced in 2022 aim to celebrate the outstanding mahi being done in Aotearoa by tertiary educators and trainers from right across the sector, no matter what they teach or train.

In 2023 two further changes broaden inclusivity further - the Pacific Le Moana Mua Award has been added (replacing the Pacific endorsement) and the General award now has separate criteria for Groups that celebrates collaboration across one or more organisations.

All information at: ako.ac.nz/te-whatu-kairangi including how to enter, dollar amount of awardee grants and past recipients. The Prime Minister's Educator of the Year Award, 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

From 2022 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 1300 resources available free 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 and share widely.

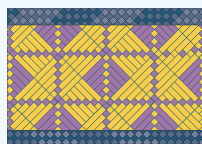
Our Manako programme

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

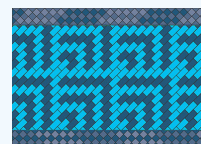
Some key components to the Manako programme include the Dyslexia-Friendly Quality Mark and the Tapatoru Ako Educator Practice Awards. The programme also involves a wide range of high-quality professional learning and development courses and workshops, Māori cultural capability and Pacific cultural centredness online pathways, and leading work on Learner Agency.

Te Pātaka Mātauranga Māori | Storehouse of Māori Knowledge

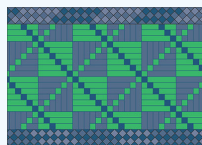
Launched in June 2022, this welcoming new Pātaka or storehouse makes it easy for our web visitors to find resources and information that relate to Mātauranga Māori, Kaupapa Māori and Māori learners. The Pātaka is accessed via four kete, each of which offer ways to build cultural capability both in tertiary education and in general:



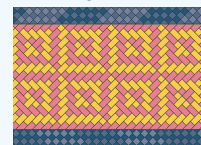
Te Kete Rauemi Mātauranga
Kete of Māori Resources



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

Huihuinga Tāngata | Strategic forums and sector events

We run strategic events in priority areas of tertiary education in Aotearoa, such as Tuia Te Ako (our Māori tertiary education hui), and Pacific Tertiary Education Fono. In collaboration with others we influence community development, provide knowledge of effective practice, advance thinking, and explore future direction. We collaborate, sponsor and contribute to a range of sector-wide events organised by other groups.

Communities of Practice

We support communities of practice within the tertiary sector, both internal and external to Ako Aotearoa. We can help with the development of communities of practice within your own organisation, as well as across institutions. Ako Aotearoa facilitates two communities of practice: our Manako CoP is for educators in the adult LLN space. You are welcome to join this community at facebook.com/groups/alnacc/ and contribute. Our Neurodiversity CoP is for anyone with expertise or interest in neurodiverse conditions. If you'd like to join, email Graeme at Graeme.Read@ako.ac.nz

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Graeme has lived in the Manawatū all his life. He has been active in the tertiary education sector for 15 years, including teaching roles from foundation through to degree levels. In 2016, he received his Master's Degree in Adult Literacy and Numeracy Education. Graeme welcomes the opportunity to meet and discuss how Ako Aotearoa can benefit your organisation.



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