

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

TUIA LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME

The Waipā District Council's has advised Te Rūnanganui o Ngāti Hikairo that it has opened applications for the **Tuia Leadership Programme** to Rangatahi in our rohe. The programme has been going for some time and is a long-term, intergenerational approach to developing the leadership capacity of young Māori in communities throughout New Zealand. This kaupapa emerged from the Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs and has had some outstanding levels of success for the rangatahi involved.

The programme involves local Mayors selecting a rangatahi from their district to mentor on a one-to-one basis, to encourage and enhance leadership skills. Availability permitting, it can involve monthly informal meetings and attendance at formal occasions. The relationship provides both partners with the opportunity to gain a deeper insight into inter-generational issues, cultural values and experiences faced in these times.

The Waipa District Council Mayor is keen to facilitate and encourage a stronger 'youth voice' to be heard at Council.

The eligibility criteria and a more thorough description of the programme is provided in the **Tuia 2025 prospectus** attached. In a nutshell however, nominees must be:

- Aged between 18 and 25
- Be actively involved in contributing to the wellbeing of their community at some level
- Be able to commit to being involved in this part-time programme for a minimum of 12 months
- Have support from others to participate in the programme (whanau/hapu/pakeke/employers/ community etc.)
- Be open minded and willing to contribute to discussions and workshops
- Be well organised and have the ability to manage their time and commitments effectively
- Be innovative, self-managing and adaptable.

The young person selected must also be available for the first wananga at the beginning of March 2025.

The expressions of interest must be made **no later than Tuesday 28 January 2025.**

The Applicants are required to prepare a letter/email that advises some standard information:

- name, contact details, age etc plus some background on things like iwi affiliation
- summary of their schooling, their community activities, or passions, their sporting or cultural involvement
- summary of their plans for the future and most importantly **why** they want to be involved and **what** they want to achieve.
- They may also wish to include some references or name some referees.

Applicants will be a short-listed and then interviewed in the week following 28 January 2025.

Te Rūnanganui o Ngāti Hikairo encourage our Rangatahi to apply for this opportunity. If you are interested in applying, then we are willing to assist any Rangatahi in their preparation of their application. Please let us know if you require any support. Contact details are provided below.

A requirement of the application is that Rangatahi obtain support of their iwi. If you require this support then please email your application to the Secretary, Kurutia Seymour and we will review then draft a letter of support customised to your application.

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