



Waka Toa Ora Charter

The signatories to this Charter agree to work together to promote, protect and improve the health and wellbeing of people and whenua.

We believe that by working together, we will achieve more than we could separately.

Principles

We agree that the following principles will guide our actions:

- Te Tiriti o Waitangi is the founding document of Aotearoa – New Zealand and central to health and wellbeing in this country.
- Health is a state of physical, mental, spiritual, social, environmental, cultural and economic wellbeing for all individuals, whānau and communities. Healthy places put wellbeing and equity at the centre.
- All people, groups, organisations and sectors have a role in preserving, replenishing and creating healthy places.
- Successful collaborations are based on openness, trust and accountability, and where the individual role, identity and autonomy of each party is respected.
- The Ottawa Charter provides a common framework for health promotion internationally.

Protocols

We undertake to:

- Communicate and consult with one another using appropriate methods and allowing reasonable time for response.
- Promote a commitment to health and wellbeing locally, nationally and internationally.
- Meet regularly to address issues of mutual concern, develop priorities and plan the activities of the Waka Toa Ora initiative.
- Develop cross-sectoral and inter-agency strategies setting out how we will undertake planned activities.
- Contribute to the initiative according to our means, and value the differing contributions made by each sector, organisation, group and person.
- Recognise differences in resourcing and seek to enable each other's participation.
- Ensure our own organisation's policies and programmes have a positive impact on health and wellbeing.
- Respect existing networks and partnerships and seek to work alongside them.
- Jointly monitor and evaluate our impact on an annual basis through the Charter signatory forum.
- Share responsibility for the outcomes from our joint activities.