



# Understanding Te Ao Maori

## Purpose

To deliver a targeted one-day induction workshop to elected members of councils that support the development of meaningful and inclusive relationships with Iwi and Tangata Whenua within Te Rohe o Tai Tokerau.

## Background

Effective engagement with Māori is enshrined in New Zealand law and should be a key part of any local government decision-making process. Starting from an analysis of the Māori world view (Te Ao Māori), this one-day workshop works through ways to form meaningful relationships with Māori. This workshop also places contemporary Treaty settlements and Māori land decisions in an historical context, and discusses current issues affecting Māori.

## Programme objective

An introduction to Te Ao Māori for New Zealand local government elected representatives to improve understanding and awareness of:

- › Māori culture and beliefs;
- › Māori traditional and contemporary organisational structures;
- › contemporary issues for local government;
- › Treaty settlements;
- › Māori land;
- › the legislative obligations for Māori involvement and engagement; and
- › ways and means to engage and form meaningful relationships with Māori.

## Target audience

Anyone in local government who will benefit from the development of meaningful and inclusive relationships with Iwi and Tangata Whenua within their region.

## Workshop fees

\$7950, excl. GST for up to 20 participants as part of an in-house council event.

## Workshop timings

This is run as a one-day workshop or adapted to suit your needs.\*

\*This course can be run over a half or a full day, and can be tailored to specific council situations.