

TREATY APPLICATION IN COMMUNITY GROUPS

Learning by doing

Kotare Trust and the **Treaty Resource Centre** are pleased to announce an innovative course supporting community groups wanting to apply the Treaty of Waitangi in their own organisations. It will be offered in Auckland, based on a model of Treaty application being developed by the Treaty Resource Centre. The purpose of the course is not only to promote understanding of Treaty application but also to develop a community of practitioners who can support each other.

Because the emphasis is on learning by doing participants will need to be in organisations that want to take action to extend their Treaty engagement. Specifically, participants will be expected to undertake tasks between each of the course sessions.

Learning depends on reflection on practice. While it is recognised that organisations may not be able to undertake application strategies in all four areas during the year, it is expected that they will attempt some of them.



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Course Structure

The course is structured as follows (actual dates negotiated to suit participants):

Day 1 (early December 2008): reviewing basics about Treaty of Waitangi, introducing a model for applying it in organisations

tasks – simple, organisation self-audit, prioritising organisation's **equity** issues

Day 2 (mid-February 2009): approaches to addressing equity issues

tasks – action on equity, prioritising organisational issues in relation to 'knowing self'

Day 3 (2-3 months later): approaches to organisational **self-awareness**

tasks – action on self-awareness, prioritising organisation's issues for 'working with other'

Day 4 (2-3 months later): approaches to '**working with other**'

tasks – action on 'working with other, prioritising organisation's issues for developing Treaty relationships

Day 5 (2-3 months later): approaches to developing **Treaty relationships**

tasks – action on developing Treaty relationships; overall reflection

Day 6 (2-3 months later): reflection on the work, the model, the programme, how to support each other in the future

Requirements

Thanks to funding support from the ASB Trust, there will be no fees for this course, but each organisation involved will be expected to:

- have already made a commitment to applying the Treaty
- make a commitment to trying some strategies over the year between the first and last sessions of the course
- release 2-3 people to attend all the sessions and support them to undertake some tasks in the organisation (summarised above); these people may be in governance, management, staff and/or member roles, paid and/or unpaid

Contact

If your organisation might be interested, please contact Christine Herzog asap; email is easiest (coordinator@trc.org.nz), also phone (09 274 4270).