

Whanaungatanga as a tool of Engagement

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Whanaungatanga – what do we mean?

Ngata Dictionary: Relationships, kinship, relation

What is whanaungatanga in a local government context?

Building upon and adding value to kinship ties, knowledge, networks, formal and informal relationships

How is whanaungatanga implemented

Internal (informal) – colleagues/Maori staff

Explore relationships with;

- marae,
- kohanga and kura kaupapa ,
- kapa haka, sports clubs etc.
- Treaty claimants

What can be circulated through these networks

- How? appropriate distribution channels?

Implementation cont....

Internal formal: staff, councillors

Ensure communications/consultation with Maori goes through RDC's Kaupapa Maori unit

New developments; Internal Bulletin Board

All consultation with Maori posted to an internal bulletin board.

Details include, consultation matter, time period, who is being consulted, iwi contacts and project leader

Aim: to be aware of who is being consulted about what, by whom

Other Internal relationships and forums

Te Arawa Standing Committee	Policy and advisory	All Council departments
Te Pukenga Koeke o Te Whare Taonga	Cultural advice on taonga	Museum
Iwi consultative Group	Consultation advice	Planning department
Ngati Whakaue Protocols Group	Gifted lands reserves	Parks and Recreation
Kauae Cemetery Trust	Ngati Whakaue cemetery lands	Parks and Recreation
Pukaki Trust	Safe keeping of Pukaki	Council/Museum
Tuhourangi Protocol	Communications	Parks and recreation

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External Relationships

Te Roopu Kaitakawaenga

- Govt and non-govt professionals
- Professional role includes a focus on Maori in their district and/or region
- Team up to share networks, advice, information and generally inform each other about each others processes
- Example - Marae workshops

External Relationships

Te Puku o te Ika – Regional/Territorial authority cluster groups

- Meet at least twice a year as a collective group
- Ongoing communication between individuals
- Share networks, communication, consultation, training, strategic and/or policy project information
- Excellent mechanism for furthering personal and professional development

Importance of Whanaungatanga

- keep current about the changing Maori political landscape eg claims, marae developments, perceived barriers, new legislation and initiatives
- Insights how council matters are viewed and how they impact upon groups eg marae, land claimants, runanga, service providers eg health, social services, recreation
- Develop and maintain networks to distribute important information