

Short Courses

VICTORIA UNIVERSITY OF WELLINGTON PROFESSIONAL AND EXECUTIVE DEVELOPMENT

Engaging with Pasifika

Pacific peoples are a dynamic and vibrant peoples with a long-standing special relationship with New Zealand. Over decades they have made a significant contribution to the social, economic, cultural and sporting life of New Zealand.

However they also feature in the lower part of New Zealand's socio-economic, justice, education and health statistics. Mainstream agencies in their efforts to engage with Pasifika have often seen Pacific communities as 'a hard to reach group.'

This course is designed to help participants engage more effectively with Pacific families and their communities. It offers practical, proven approaches that will contribute to effective interpersonal relationships to improve participants' understanding of Pasifika communities, participants' ability to connect with Pacific peoples, and to inform their ability to develop policies and strategies aimed at Pacific communities.

Course Objectives:

- Appreciate the diversity of Pacific peoples
- Appreciate the influence of Pacific peoples socio-economic context
- Understand shared Pacific cultural values and motivational drivers
- Learn how to engage effectively with Pasifika
- Identify and apply practical tips and strategies
- Learn how to work collaboratively with Pasifika to achieve a shared strategic goal.

Course Outline:

- General New Zealand and Pacific context
- Why this is important
- Self-Awareness – The package you bring
- Cultural models of engagement
- Underlying shared Pacific cultural values and motivational drivers
- Building connection - Understanding and adapting your own communication style to establish and build a connection
- Practical tips and strategies – including important Dos and Don'ts
- Practical scenarios
- What next? – Extending the learning - Navigating the cultural currents of the Pacific

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At a glance...

Engaging with Pasifika

Dates:

Thursday 20 Feb, 9.00 am – 4:30 pm

Thursday 17 Sep, 9.00 am – 4:30 pm

Fees:

Full Fee: \$595.00 (excl. GST)
 Early Bird Fee: \$535.50 (excl. GST)
Contact us about group discounts

Venue:

Rutherford House, 23 Lambton Quay, Pipitea Campus Wellington

For full course information and to enrol visit:

<https://ped.wgtn.ac.nz/courses/1083-engaging-with-pasifika>

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Facilitators:

Holona Lui & Trish Lui

Holona and Trish Lui specialise in building cross-cultural effectiveness to support high performance in teams and organisations, through coaching and facilitation of customised development programmes.

They draw on more than 20 years of learning and development, and communications experience that includes team, leadership and management development for a wide range of government, private and not-for-profit organisations. Equally important, their professional intercultural focus is combined with their own personal experience of 30 years as a cross-cultural couple and family, and seven years as a cross-cultural business.



Trish holds a Bachelor of Arts (English Literature and Education, Victoria University of Wellington) and Certificate in Te Ara Reo Māori Level 4 from Te Wananga of Aotearoa. Trish's previous roles include: Programme Director for the New Zealand College of Management, which had a joint venture with Victoria University of Wellington for the Centre for the Study of Leadership. Trish is also part of delivering the Victoria University's 'Aspire: Women's Leadership Development Programme'.

Holona holds Bachelor of Arts (English Literature, Victoria University of Wellington) and a Diploma in Teaching (NZ). Holona's previous roles include: Manager, Communications for the Ministry of Pacific Island Affairs, Senior Presentation Director for Television New Zealand and secondary teaching, including English as a Second Language. Holona is also a self-published author of 'Keeping it REAL, Mentoring with Cultural Intelligence'.

Testimonials:

"This course is fantastic. We all came away with new tools for working in the Pacific up our sleeves as well as gaining some really useful insights into our own practice and communication styles. The presenters created a really engaging, thought-provoking environment that encouraged positive discussion and self reflection. I can't recommend this course highly enough. Thank you."

Participant, Wellington