

Healthy Homes Initiative

In this week's
ePānui: Stories
of Engagement

*A korowai of
mahi across
the motu*



**RIPPLE
EFFECTS**

**Sparking education
beyond small groups**

*Waiho i te toipoto, kaua i te toiroa: Let us keep close together, not wide apart.**

*Māori whakatauki



Kia ora

A note from our ePānui coordinator

Engagement is the result of crucial elements being woven together to empower whānau and communities to take charge of the health of their whare.

In last week's ePānui, we explored the mahi of organisations that exemplified the element of Trust.

We learnt how from a strong foundation they were able to deliver on the unique, nuanced needs of whānau in their rohe. Through trust, we saw some incredible outcomes achieved.

Today we discover the next element in our series, Engagement, which puts the

deliverables from Trust into the hands of whānau.

Through support, education, connectivity and capacity building, Engagement sees whānau flourish in their ability to independently manage their whare as a healthy home.

To date, organisations have engaged 135, 000 members through the Healthy Homes Initiative.

In today's ePānui we discover how three organisations are demonstrating Engagement.

Enjoy the read!

Ripple effects

Whaiora Whanui Trust's community workshops in the Wairarapa have achieved something beyond engaging a select group of whānau.

They have sparked a ripple of knowledge through a community in a collaborative way, leading to greater connectivity and understanding.

What began as community workshops to a select group has led to a range of organisations identifying the value in sharing Healthy Homes knowledge.

Whaiora has been thrilled to see groups reach out "asking [Whaiora] to present the information to their groups" where there is also great need.

In addition, Whaiora has been working with Te Puni Kōkiri, critical repairs program, to support and educate whānau through their journeys, sharing Healthy Home maintenance knowledge.

This is also a fantastic example of collaborating with other government ministries.

Whaiora acknowledges the impact national support has had.

"Though we are a small, local team, the mahi is supported nationally and the relationships that have been built in the Healthy Homes Initiative collective has given national support to our local whānau."



Engagement

Education that builds capacity

Sustainability Options in the Bay of Plenty has a strong focus on building partnerships and working in collaboration with other organisations to get the best outcomes possible for each whānau.

From working with Plunket staff to local kaupapa Māori partners, the team is spreading a stronger, unified message throughout the rohe.

Sustainability Options has invested in more than 30 community workshops and training of other community organisations to create a stronger, unified message.

They know that “hearing the same message from differing services reinforces the key education points that we are seeking to provide.”

These include normalising key aspects of a healthy home such as knowing our whares need to be much, much warmer and that having mould is not desirable or acceptable.

Sustainability Options has also worked closely with kaupapa Māori partners to provide educational workshops to whānau and trained other community organisations,.

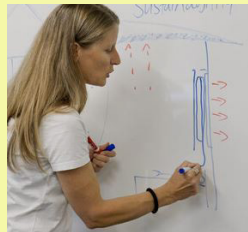
This work empowers others with knowledge to then confidently impart to the whānau they mahi with.

Partnerships have also been established with:

**Plunket
Local kaupapa
Māori partners
Variety Club
Greenside
Brighter
Common Kind
Winstone Wallboard
The Warehouse
Curtain banks
The Clothing Project
Salvation Army
Habitat for Humanity
Good Neighbour**

Through these connections, whānau have been supplied with beds, bedding, cots, heating, insulation, heat pumps, Gib, blankets, curtains, clothing, food, labour and more.

As Sustainability Options identifies:



Jo Wills running a Sustainability Options workshop..

“This gives whānau an all round service, providing them with a hand up, not a hand out.”

“Education is a powerful tool that can be used and passed on throughout generations. We empower the whānau to take charge of their whare for the health and well-being of their whānau.”



Engagement

Education that builds capacity

Te Piki Oranga in the Marlborough District has identified a breakdown in engagement that is impacting whānau - and is making plans to improve it.

Education doesn't start and stop with whānau, it's also critical for property owners.

Te Piki Oranga is establishing an initiative to benefit whānau in rental accommodation after noticing an important group was missing at their tenancy services meetings.

While many health and social service providers and MBIE were in attendance, property managers weren't present.

They have since learnt that there is a high turnover of people in these crucial roles. They've connected that what this means for whānau in rental accommodation is a lack of continuity of care.

"We've heard the stories if not experienced it ourselves, that it is normal to deal with different property managers within tenancy terms."

Te Piki Oranga is working to bridge the gap between real

estate and health and social service industries by creating resources for property managers and encouraging referrals to other sectors to help manage workloads and get whānau the right care.

In next week's ePānui we explore the element of *Wellbeing*.

"The ripple effect to whānau is a trail of unfinished maintenance plans on properties, inconsistency in property reports and gaps in communication ..."



Key contributor:

Safekids Aotearoa (Starship): support and provide a range of safety devices for tamariki.