

NEXT ANNOUNCES NEW FELLOWSHIPS

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NEXT Fellows from cohort one and cohort two at a hui in the Hauraki Gulf.

NEXT Foundation has announced its second cohort of Fellowships.

The seven recipients will be supported for a year in development of their leadership, connections and understanding of innovation and systems change in their environmental or educational area of interest.

“This is a diverse, dynamic group of leaders, rising to the challenge of some of the critical issues facing Aotearoa New Zealand,” says Jan Hania, who is leading the Fellowship project on behalf of NEXT.

“Each of them is passionate about their area of interest and expertise, and it is a privilege to support them as they embark on a journey to make impact in improving the wellbeing of the environment and people of Aotearoa.”

NEXT supports the fellows with introductions and exposure to systems change leaders, to for purpose and philanthropic connections in New Zealand and offshore, through mentoring and sharing of experiences, and with funding – all centered around a project the fellow is passionate about.

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JIMMY MCLAUCLAN

Business Development Leader, Methodist Mission Southern, Dunedin

Why I am interested in the early years

I'm the Kaiwhakawhanake Pakihi (Business Development Leader) for Methodist Mission Southern – a social and educational service provider based in Dunedin. I'm responsible for the design, development and resourcing of evidence-based programmes and services. My current projects include self-regulation and oral language initiatives for preschool and primary school children, speech-language communication programmes for youth and adults, virtual reality learning tools for prison-based and community learners, transitional housing models for rangatahi, and data-driven capability building services for other social service providers.

The NEXT fellowship will allow me to focus on achieving impact at scale. I want to learn more about how early years' initiatives can be supported to make positive life-course impacts in a much bigger way.

Jimmy's project

Developing frameworks, resources and tools to help philanthropic and Government funders achieve impact at scale in initiatives focusing on the early years.



LESLYNNE JACKSON

Manaaki Tairāwhiti Lead, Gisborne

Why I am interested in social justice

I am motivated by the principles of social justice, and lead Manaaki Tairāwhiti, a place-based initiative in Tairāwhiti. Having worked for government and NGOs, I am passionate about community development, systems thinking and sharing learning with others. I was born and raised in Tairāwhiti, am a mother of two and a new grandmother and do volunteer work for various local community groups.

The NEXT fellowship will allow me to focus my project to enable families and communities to make sense of their local social services landscape. To investigate whether it is possible to build a template that (a) makes it easier for people looking for help to find what they need and (b) generates insights that enable communities to collaborate and plan for greater effectiveness of helping services.

Leslynn's project

To enable families and communities to make sense of their local social services landscape and be able to actively engage in enabling their own wellbeing.

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ROSE CHALLIES

Executive Officer of the NZ Nature Fund

Why I am interested in strategic philanthropy

For the last 20 years I have been working in Europe addressing a range of complex social and environmental issues and supporting those wanting to bring about change. What I found was that much of the potentially world changing work was not being done by those who could talk the loudest or were familiar to the public. Instead it was being carried out by people who knew the needs they were addressing and were quietly tackling the hard stuff at the root of the issue. This often included courageous individuals diving into complex, multi-need, broken-system situations.

The philanthropists, funders and businesses I worked with wanted to connect with these individuals but they struggled to find them. This was leading to resources not getting to those making the biggest impact, and donors/funders often feeling like they weren't getting to the crux of change. A key issue was a lack of social/environmental accountability. The real impact being made was not measured and often people were over-claiming their achievements. As a result it was very difficult for resource holders to see who was making the biggest difference. Robust, meaningful measurement with 'big picture' context, gives donors/investors the information they need to invest their resources in the people and the work that will create change.

The NEXT Fellowship is giving me the opportunity to bring this work to life; to enable the means to show who are making the real impacts required for our world going forward, and to provide opportunities for philanthropists to give to them. With the planet seeing unprecedented decline and an estimated 1000x the natural rate of extinctions, and much of New Zealand's native flora and fauna disappearing fast, the priority will be on enabling philanthropic giving opportunities with impact-making conservation projects.

Rose's Project

Providing opportunities for strategic, impact-led philanthropy by: robust, meaningful measurement of environmental impact; sector-leading examples of those making the change the world needs; and opportunities for philanthropists to connect with them.

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SHANA MALIO-SATELE

Partnered Delivery Manager, Child Youth Wellbeing, Accident Compensation Corporation, Wellington

Why I am interested in my fellowship project

The passion behind my interest in my fellowship project, connects to who I am today, and where I have come from.

As the youngest of four children, I grew up in a family that placed significant importance on education. My parents believed that the only way to change things, was through education. I am both blessed and privileged to be a first-generation University graduate in my family. Both my parents and older siblings made many sacrifices for me to be able to be successful in the New Zealand education system. I have experienced first-hand the positive impact that systemic change in education can have on an individual and as a result, the whanau/aiga and family.

I have completed my Bachelor of Laws, Bachelor of Arts, Master of Arts, Master of Literature and a PG Certificate in Social and Community Leadership at the University of Auckland and I have worked in the youth, community, and workforce development space for over a decade.

I was incredibly lucky to be a recipient of a Vodafone New Zealand Foundation *World of Difference Award* in 2015, which spurred me on to be involved as a committee member on the Peter McKenzie Committee (J R McKenzie Trust) and on the Minister of Youth Partnership Fund Board.

The NEXT Foundation fellowship will allow me to combine my passion for education excellence, interest in personal narrative (storytelling) and work around positive youth development (leadership) for young Pacific people into one project. The fellowship will help remove barriers that would have otherwise prevented me from having both the time and thinking space needed to develop such a big piece of work.

Shana's Project

Developing a conceptual and evaluation framework for youth led community development, specifically focussing on community organising as a vehicle for systemic change. (Case Study: MYSTORY Programme, Otara, South Auckland).

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DR ERUERA TARENA

Ngāi Tahu (Ngāi Tūāhuriri), Christchurch
Executive Director, Tokona te Raki, Māori Futures
Collective

Why I am interested in an indigenous approach to social innovation

I am the Executive Director for Tokona te Raki: Māori Futures Collective, a Ngāi Tahu-led futures lab to empower rangatahi to realise the future of their dreams and influence partners to transform how they engage rangatahi and their whānau. The lab shares future focused insights so rangatahi can determine their own future, equip them with the tools to lead change and connects them with partners so they are designing systems that work for them.

I am currently involved in a range of data projects mapping our current education systems performance for Māori (mapping barriers/boosters), mapping rangatahi journeys through education/employment and a range of projects focused on the future of work for Māori and preparing for the transition to a future skills-based economy.

I have experimented with a range of social innovation frameworks created by non-indigenous people to fix broken systems that were imposed upon us. I believe we need to move beyond Western frameworks to fix broken Western systems that don't work for us and instead trust our own tupuna wisdom and culture as the source of our future solutions.

The NEXT fellowship will help me develop an indigenous conceptual framework which helps us understand what's occurring and a practical process to help us lead through change.

My project will focus on building an indigenous kawa (protocols, practices, and processes) for Māori to reclaim our tupuna wisdom and embrace a future-focused mindset to create solutions addressing our greatest challenges. This includes the development of process, tools, resources, guides, training modules and an online learning platform so this indigenous approach is packaged as a gift to the world.

Eruera's Project

Developing an indigenous approach to social innovation and systems change.

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JULIA ARNOTT-NEENE

Strategy, Insights, Co-Founder, Auckland

SAIA MATAELE

Management Consultant at PwC, Co-Founder of PeopleForPeople, Auckland

Why Julia and Saia are interested in digital empowerment

Julia: I am an international insights and communication strategist, passionate about technology and people. I have worked in New Zealand, Australia, the United Kingdom and the United States. I am dedicated to looking at how technology will impact the most amount of people for the better, advocating progress that reaches the whole society. I have recently co-founded PeopleForPeople, a youth-led Pacific Social Enterprise with the mission to strengthen Digital Empowerment in Aotearoa.

Saia: I am of Tongan and Fijian descent, and a proud South Aucklander from Mangere. I am passionate about enabling and connecting people and achieving equitable outcomes.

I am currently a Management Consultant at PwC, providing advice and support for clients both in the Private, Public and Not for profit sectors.

Outside of work, I am actively involved in community initiatives (with a focus on Maori and Pacific leadership, and Youth) and in the start-up scene, both in Aotearoa and in the Pacific.

Julia and Saia: The NEXT fellowship will allow us to work on a project committed to strengthen Digital Inclusion in Aotearoa. By combining our skills as an accelerating and compounding unit we believe we will have the ability to create effective system change. We will combine our efforts to increase capacity, strengthen accountability, create neurodiversity, access a wider pool of networks and achieve more impact.

Julia and Saia's Project

A joint project strengthening digital inclusion in Aotearoa New Zealand so that people can engage in the many benefits available such as education and collaboration.