

# COLLABORATIVE AOTEAROA NEWSLETTER

December 2023



Tēnā koutou katoa, and welcome to our final Collaborative Aotearoa newsletter for 2023. Gosh, what a year it has been for everyone across the sector, and certainly for us and our team here at the Collaborative.

This week members of the Board and operational team were honoured to be able to attend the pōwhiri in Palmerston North where Amarjit Maxwell was welcomed as CEO of THINK Hauora. We appreciated being part of this important milestone, warmly hosted by THINK Hauora and their wider whānau. We know you will all join us in wishing Amarjit all the very best and know that she will continue her amazing mahi and vision with her new team whilst continuing her connection with the Collaborative



Whaea Merle & Amarjit



**Koral Fitzgerald**  
*Change Leader*

Koral joined the team early December, following almost a decade working at Canterbury Clinical Network (CCN). Koral began her health career as a radiation therapist in Ōtautahi Christchurch then spent a decade managing CanTeen, supporting young people living with cancer. She is enthusiastic about her identity as Tangata Tiriti, actively encouraging others to uphold our collective commitment to Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

Ny started in November and brings with her a diverse background and experience in Primary Care, Finance and holds a Bachelor Landscape Architecture and Design. She has come to Collaborative Aotearoa from a Quality Accreditation and Health Care Home position in Tū Ora Compass Health Network. Ny is enthusiastic in building relationships with people, so they are equipped with the tools and knowledge to help people persevere through adversities for themselves and deliver quality health care services to the communities they serve.



**Ny Brunenberg**  
*Change Lead  
Digital Health*

**[See more information on the team page of our website here.](#)**

We are delighted to announce the appointment of Jess Morgan-French as the Interim CEO of Collaborative Aotearoa. Jess joins us from her significant mahi at GPNZ, bringing a wealth of experience, extensive sector relationships and a strong commitment to our kaupapa.

With a profound focus on Te Tiriti principles, Jess is dedicated to supporting and facilitating the delivery of timely and equitable care to whānau within primary care. Her background encompasses, practical implementation of the healthcare home model, coupled with extensive expertise in PHO management and operations.

Based in Tai Tokerau, Jess is enthusiastic about infusing her infectious energy into the mahi here at Collaborative Aotearoa. Her invaluable knowledge, rich experience, and networks within the sector will undoubtedly be instrumental in advancing the organisational objectives.

We eagerly anticipate Jess's arrival, scheduled for late January.





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## Health Care Home Wānanga Roadshow

Be part of the conversation in re-imagining the Health Care Home model of Care, and learn more about Collaborative Aotearoa's other programmes  
**Digital Health and Collective Action with Communities**

*Sessions are one full day and in-person only. It will include templates and resources to take away. Certificate of Attendance and CPD points will be awarded.*

If you are a General Practice Team or PHO, come along to learn more about Collaborative Aotearoa and the Health Care Home Model of Care.

Hear from clinical experts in their field and your local network on Equity and Te Tiriti o Waitangi, working LEAN, the patient whānau voice, as well as the Health Care Home Domains.

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## Te Tiriti o Waitangi e-Learning modules

Embark on a journey of understanding with this online Te Tiriti e-learning module - a collaboration between Ruku Ki Te Ako and Collaborative Aotearoa - which is FREE for a limited time.



This innovative platform invites you to delve deep into the essence of Te Tiriti o Waitangi, fostering a connection to its historical significance and contemporary relevance. With immersive multimedia content, and expert-led guidance, this module empowers learners to navigate the nuances of Te Tiriti, embracing its principles for a more inclusive and harmonious Aotearoa.

Each of the three modules are 20-25 mins duration .  
Follow the link here [Te Tiriti modules](#)



ruku ki te ako

Collaborative Aotearoa has finished the year off with a lot of changes in our team. We are so excited to start 2024 off with our new team members Koral and Ny and of course the arrival of Jess. We also would like to take the opportunity to farewell Chris Rickard. Chris joined us earlier in 2023 as the project lead for our conference and was an instrumental part of the team that brought this incredible event together. We thank you Chris, and we will miss you.

Meri Kirihimete me te Hape Nū ia  
(Merry Christmas and a Happy New  
Year) from our whānau to yours!  
Keep safe, keep well and we look  
forward to working with you in  
2024

