



An introduction to Kia Kotahi Partnership in Design (KKPID)

Kia Kotahi Partnership in Design is a framework which promotes a Te Tiriti o Waitangi based model of partnership throughout design processes. As a values-based framework it puts people and whānau at the centre of hauora (health and wellbeing) service design.

Co-design is not consultation, nor is it applying an equity lens or adding cultural design elements. Kia Kotahi Partnership in Design is a co-design process based on equal partnerships and meaningful engagement throughout the entire lifecycle of a project or initiative.

The framework has had positive feedback from project participants. One advantage of this framework is the ability for community, providers, and funders to be both learners and experts in their own right, particularly during the whai whakaaro (mindful listening and learning) and wawata (dreaming) stages. It starts by putting community at the centre, rather than predetermining the problem or opportunity and then consulting with the community.

Collaborative Aotearoa is available to support socialisation of the tool – please contact us at admin@collab.org.nz to request an initial 30min phone or Teams connect.

Background

Collaborative Aotearoa was delighted that Canterbury Clinical Network (CCN) identified Collaborative Aotearoa as the preferred kaitiaki/guardian of the Kia Kotahi Partnership in Design (KKPID) framework, following the Network's permanent closure as of April 2024.

Canterbury Clinical Network (CCN) was formed as a collaborative of health professionals, mana whenua, lived experience advisors, and cross-sector partners and operated for over a decade.

CCN led the KKPID development during 2021 in Waitaha / Canterbury simultaneously with Pae Ora ki Waitaha, a co-design project to explore how the Waitaha health system can better support the pae ora (healthy futures) of all members that community, so they can stay well and be in control of their own hauora. The driver for this work was the Te Whatu Ora Waitaha review of healthy lifestyle services.