

Māori ICT Development Fund Hui – Te Whanganui a Tara/Wellington

Location	Te Whanganui a Tara/Wellington, Brentwood Lodge, Wellington.
Date	Monday 16 November 2015
Start time	10am
Karakia	Warren Williams
Whakatau	Antony Royal (Chair, Expert Advisory Group)
Members of EAG	Warren Williams, Antony Royal, George Reedy,
Attendance	A total of 26 people, including 3 Te Puni Kōkiri observers and 3 members of the Expert Advisory Group
EAG presentation	Karakia / Mihimihi Presentation Question & Answers Karakia whakamutunga
Workshop 1 & Report back What is possible? Your thoughts on our thinking for the long term objective (Create pathways to...)?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase Māori participation in ICT • Ensure ICT underpins existing businesses. • Invest in people, internships, authentically Māori start-ups, new ideas, young people, businesses with coding/technology skills. Make it local it will be global. • We need to create opportunities not jobs. • Concentrate on widening skillsets and business skills (entrepreneurial skills). • Be aware of opportunities and awareness of education pathways. • Identify skills gaps through research • Partnership and collaboration is important. • Values/kaupapa. Relationship of language in rural community. • Targeted infrastructure for marae (quip grassroots). • Need to have language and culture otherwise just ICT Fund.
Workshop 2 & Report back How can this be achieved?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Māori built and operated platform. Equipped with tools to make content. Leverage existing programmes, collaboration and partnerships. • Invest in skills development, co-fund new enabling initiatives, subsidise advice for Tech companies. • Use technology in new ways, innovation hubs, global internships.

<p>Your thoughts on our thinking for the outcomes.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Māori language digital content, Māori ISPs, data-centre and e-commerce, speech to speech technology for Te Reo Māori. • Primary industry connect with hi-tech indigenous groups. • Fund research to undertake a stocktake of what needs to be funded. • Whānau digital technology ambassador programme • Digital archives and repositories. • National projects to promote awareness of ICT • Fund technology for land use not just ICT sector.
<p>Open Forum questions</p>	<p><i>Who will administer the Fund?</i> Unknown at this stage</p> <p><i>Will there be a registration of service providers?</i> It is unlikely.</p> <p><i>What are the timeframes for the Fund?</i> EAG noted the fund is expected to open for applications in March 2016.</p> <p><i>Will Ministers get feedback from workshops?</i> Ministers will get feedback about the workshops from the EAG.</p> <p><i>How much money is allocated per year?</i> The EAG has advised Ministers that the funding should be allocation to meet expected demand for the Fund. Largest expenditure in middle years. Proposed two stage process as well as considering 'seed' funding as well as multi-staged funding.</p> <p><i>Will it be procurement or grant model?</i> EAGs preference is for a grant model.</p>
<p>Other comments</p>	<p>70% of the Fund to Māori ICT industry with this amount split 50/50 with regions and main centres. Database of free mentoring to be made available Fund regional projects first, then national, global and hapū.</p>