



Targeted Engagement with Māori on Declaration Plan



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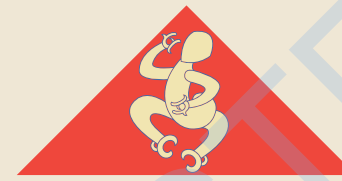
The National Iwi Chairs Forum Pou Tikanga, the Human Rights Commission and Te Puni Kōkiri led the **targeted engagement with Māori** on the development of a plan to implement the **United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples** between September 2021 and February 2022.



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Workshops



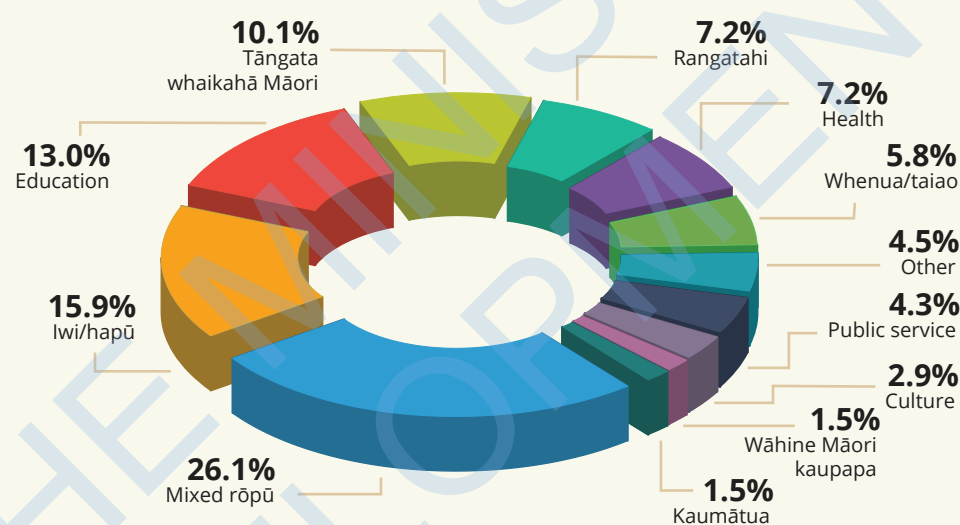
370 approx.
Participants



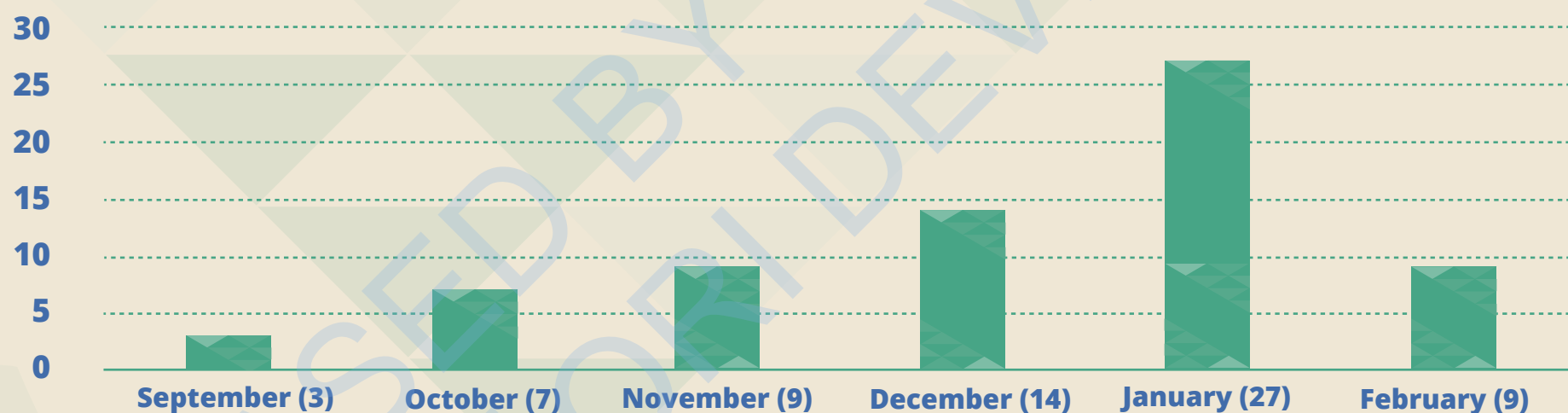
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Facilitators

Targeted rōpū representation

This is a high-level representation of the groups who participated in the workshops and it does not reflect the cross-section of perspectives within the participants. We are committed to paying particular attention to the views of wāhine Māori, tāngata takatāpui, tamariki and kaumātua in the remaining phases of this mahi.



Spread of workshops



Tino rangatiratanga

Tino rangatiratanga must be recognised, resourced and implemented from a whānau and hapū level.

Strengthening the rangatiratanga of tāngata whenua was the most consistent matter raised during the workshops and it applies across all the themes below:



Participation in kāwanatanga

Consistent call for stronger and sustained participation in kāwanatanga processes and decision-making



Education

The system creates inadequate outcomes for tamariki, rangatahi, whānau, hapū and iwi. **Needs independent kaupapa Māori institutions and governance**



Health

Support for a separate **Māori health authority** and clear need to address negative health outcomes in a Māori way



Cultural expressions and identity

Absolute importance of te reo Māori as the thread that binds te ao Māori together



Economic development and business

Māori are entrepreneurs. We need to build an economic base that is fast growing, socially responsible and a way of achieving aspirations



Land, resources and the environment

Taiao and everything that encompasses is central to Māori identity and wellbeing



Provision of information about Indigenous / Māori rights

Lack of education and knowledge of Indigenous rights and Te Tiriti is a **barrier to their realisation**. Indigenous rights do not diminish other rights



Justice

Call for fundamental change to mitigate the impact of the current system on tāngata whenua



Housing

Homelessness for Māori is unacceptable. Housing issues are inextricably **connected to rights to whenua**



Equity and fairness

Inequities and inequalities experienced by Māori across a range of contexts exist despite the guarantees in **Te Tiriti and the Declaration**



Te oranga o te whānau

Healing past and current traumas must **start with whānau structures**